

OU adds web site so employers can 'shop' for grads

A new Web site feature of the Oakland University Placement and Career Services department gives students and employers an advantage by speeding up hiring and job-seeking processes.

The latest enhancement of Resume Expert Web allows employers to get complete resumes of candidates anytime. Before, employers could call Placement and ask to have candidates' resumes faxed to them.

Now, Placement provides

employers with a password to view the student database. They can also search for candidates by categories such as major, graduation date and skills.

"The new Web access is definitely a lot more efficient than the old process of having to call in and state a specific major, graduation date, and wait for someone to fax you a resume," said Jeff Martin, regional recruiting manager, Enterprise

Risk Services, Deloitte & Touche. "It's just more convenient all the way around. You can use it immediately."

Richard Casale, quality manager, Chrysler Corporation, said he likes to search the database of resumes himself so he can look for exactly the qualifications he has in mind.

The system also benefits job seekers by exposing their resume to employers worldwide, said Bob Thomas, director, Placement

and Career Services.

OU is among only a handful of Michigan universities offering this service, which started in early January.

The database contains almost 1,000 students and alumni. Employers can use the system free of charge. OU students and alumni pay \$25-\$35 to include their resumes in the database. Students can use the university's many computers to gain access:

The Placement office has six computers, for example. Non students or employers without computers can access the site from a public library computer.

Resume Expert Web also offers a tutorial for job-seekers to create resumes. And now, instead of weekly updates, job opportunities are listed usually the day they are submitted.

"This new capability is another example of OU's commitment to using technology to prepare students for success in a complex and rapidly changing workplace," Thomas said.

For information on signing up for the service, call (248) 370-3250 or visit the Web site at <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu>.

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Feb. 12.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Superintendent opposes MEAP test: Gary Doyle, superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools recently spoke out against the state's Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests, which are annually administered to students in the fourth, seventh, fifth and eighth grades. "I think the state should really consider getting out of this business," Doyle told the school board during his Supervisor's Report.

CLARKSTON

Tech center changes hands: The Oakland Schools board recently voted to take control of Springfield Township's Oakland Technical Center, Northwest Campus. Operations of the facility had been managed by the Clarkston School District.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Theater reopens: The Old Orchard Theater in Farmington Hills is slated to reopen Feb. 27. The three-screen cinema formerly owned by AMC has a new operator, the Great Eastern Theater Company based in Toledo, Ohio. The new owners will continue to show first-run films.

LAKE ORION

Auditorium awaits show: Students in Lake Orion are preparing to put on *West Side Story* in the new Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center. The show is slated for March 28-29 and April 3-4 and will mark the first student performance in the 840-seat auditorium.

NOVI

RV show returns: The 32nd Annual Detroit Camper and RV Show at the Novi Expo Center, 1-96 and Novi Road, began Feb. 7 and runs through Feb. 15. The event features more than

300 new recreational vehicles.

OXFORD TOWNSHIP

New library holds dedication: The Oxford Public Library, which opened its doors in December, recently held an official dedication. The ceremony included a performance by a 48-member youth chorus. The new 23,400-square-foot facility was built at a cost of \$3.2 million.

ROCHESTER HILLS

Girl dies in shooting: A 12-year-old girl died Feb. 6 in a gun shooting that allegedly involved her 14-year-old brother. The siblings were alone in their Rochester Hills house when the incident occurred. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are handling the case.

SOUTHFIELD

Robberies may be linked: Southfield Police and federal investigators suspect the same man is responsible for a string of armed robberies, including a recent one at Old Kent Bank in Southfield. The same man is thought to be involved in seven robberies in five communities, based on physical descriptions of suspects and a weapon.

TROY

Driver trainer continues: The Troy Board of Education recently voted to continue driver training in the school district. Students will have to pay \$100 each to supplement the cost of the program, which has been estimated at \$167,000 for 550 students. The state provides \$65 per student driver and requires that school districts match the amount.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Construction to begin soon: Construction at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road could begin late this year. The West Bloomfield Township board recently approved rezoning of a 54-acre site there that will allow construction of shops, offices and multiple-family dwellings. Plans call for construction of retail space, two restaurants, and about 100 condominiums.

— Compiled by staff reporter Nicole Stafford

New car navigators topic of OU seminar

Oakland University in Rochester invites the public to attend a free seminar about car navigation systems.

The program, which is being sponsored by Oakland University's Center for Automotive Research and slated for Feb. 13, features Roger Stevens, vice president and general manager of Magellan Driver Information Systems Corporation.

Stevens is expected to discuss the car navigation systems market and other technology trends, addressing not only the needs of consumers but also product concepts.

Stevens joined Magellan in 1997 when the company acquired the Driver Information Systems division of Rockwell Automotive, where Stevens served as a

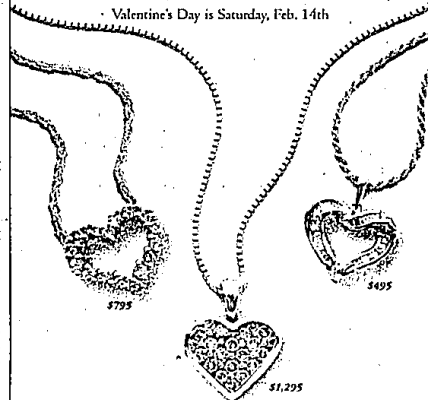
general manager and director.

The Riyadh International Airport in Saudi Arabia is among the communications systems on which Stevens has worked.

Oakland University's free seminar about car navigation systems will be held 3 p.m. Feb. 13, at 203 Dodge Hall of Engineering.

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