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FREEZE EXEMPTION DENIED

The university has been notified by the federal Office of Emergency Preparedness that its request for an exemption from the wage freeze to grant salary increases retroactive to July 1 has been denied. The ruling contrasted with an exemption granted the University of Michigan, reportedly on the basis that some U-M employees had been granted raises before the freeze went into effect. Oakland's administration is studying the situation further and planning to resubmit its appeal.

HANDICRAFTS CLASS

Inexpensive, easy-to-attend one-day craft workshops covering rug hooking, stitchery, weaving and gift projects will be offered by the Continuum Center at the Meadow Brook Estate clubhouse during October. Members of the university community wanting more information should call Barb Hoffman, ext. 2146, or drop in to 263 SFH.

WILL HEAR NEWSMAN

Melvyn Newman, a metropolitan department reporter for the Detroit News, will address the introductory behavioral science class of Allport College today (Monday). His topic will be "Journalism as Description: The Case of the Pontiac Busing Crisis."

WORKSHOP ON CRIME

Jesse Pitts and Nahum Medalia (both sociology and anthropology) were co-chairmen of a workshop on Social Causes of Crime during a recent conference on "Crime and Justice," sponsored by the Wayne County Democratic Committee.

Did he say 'bawdy'?

The Renaissance Ensemble will open its fall season of concerts at 8 p.m. Thursday in Varner recital hall. Under the direction of Lyle Nordstrom the group will present music from several countries and periods, including early German, Renaissance France and Elizabethan England.

The program, which Nordstrom describes as "vigorous and often bawdy," was added to their repertoire last year during a tour to

Washington, D.C., and elsewhere in the East. Nordstrom says the Ensemble so liked the program that they chose to repeat it on their home campus.

In keeping with the tradition of the Renaissance Ensemble, only authentic reproductions of instruments of the period are used in performances. These include such oddities as crumhorns, zinks, and kortholts, as well as the more usual recorders, viols and lutes.

MBT gets \$10,000

Meadow Brook Theatre has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the National Endowment for the Arts, a new public and privately-supported agency for cultural affairs. It was one of 36 professional theatre groups sharing more than \$1.5 million in grants.

In commenting upon the flexibi-

lity of the program, Ruth Mayleas, director of the endowment's theatre program, said, "Categories of support cover both artistic and administrative areas and include staff development, new play production, company training programs, regional touring, educational and community service projects, and production support."

Draft law renewed

When the Senate got through with their long hassle over the renewal of the military draft, anxious students across the nation received the word as "good news and bad news."

Good news was the clause permitting all college students who have draft deferments to keep those deferments until graduation or age 24, and another designed to safeguard the rights of registrants before local draft or appeals boards. The result, according to an analysis in the Detroit News last Wednesday, was that "most students entering college this fall will not face the draft until June, 1973, when the new draft law will expire and by which time

the Nixon administration hopes to have an all-volunteer army."

Bad news--at least potentially for some--was a stipulation that student deferments in general are eliminated for men entering college this fall and afterward.

SYNAGOG INVITATION

The Congregation of B'nai Israel extends an invitation to any of OU's Jewish students to attend Day of Atonement services on Sept. 29 as guests of the congregation. Those interested may contact Edward Avandemka at 335-4709.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR REVISED

The following revised university calendar (fall, winter, spring and summer semesters) has been proposed by the Office of Student Affairs for the 1971-72 academic year. An attempt was made to maintain regular vacation holidays and study periods before final examinations. The suggested spring and summer sessions will be seven weeks instead of eight, with 90-minute periods instead of 75. By the end of the summer session the academic calendar will be back on its regular schedule.

Procedures will be announced soon for students who have special problems because of the calendar revisions. For example, a special allowance would be made for a senior who has made a commitment for graduate school, job or other situation beginning in early January.

FALL SEMESTER

September 21	Tuesday	Advising
September 22	Wednesday	Classes Begin
November 25-28	Thursday-Sunday	Thanksgiving recess
December 18-January 2	Saturday-Sunday	Christmas recess
January 3	Monday	Classes resume
January 7	Friday	Classes end
January 10-14	Monday-Friday	Final examinations

WINTER SEMESTER

January 18	Tuesday	Classes begin
March 2-5	Thursday-Sunday	Winter recess
March 6	Monday	Classes resume
April 25	Tuesday	Classes end
April 27-29	Wednesday-Saturday	Final examinations
May 1-2	Monday-Tuesday	

SPRING SESSION

May 3	Wednesday	Registration
May 4	Thursday	Classes begin
May 29	Monday	Holiday
June 3	Saturday	Commencement
June 11	Wednesday	Classes end
June 22-23	Thursday-Friday	Final examinations

SUMMER SESSION

June 26	Monday	Registration
June 27	Tuesday	Classes begin
July 4	Tuesday	Holiday
August 11	Friday	Classes end
August 14-15	Monday-Tuesday	Final examinations

SOLVING FAMILY PROBLEMS

Dr. Thomas Gordon, clinical psychologist and author of the book *Parent Effectiveness Training*, will conduct a Town Hall Meeting on Friday, Oct. 1, in the Gold Room. It will run from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission

is \$2.50. Anyone interested in improving parent-child communications may benefit from Dr. Gordon's "no-lose" method of solving problems within the family. A discussion period will follow his talk.

WIN A STEREO

It's annual meeting time again for members of the OU Credit Union. This year's gathering will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, in the Varner Recital Hall. Grand prize for the annual drawing is a stereo outfit now on display at the Credit Union. Other door prizes include a portable TV and smaller stereo radio. Members of the university community and their families who are not Credit Union members are urged to join so they can participate in the meeting.

CE CLASSES DELAYED

Because of the fall semester postponement, evening noncredit courses of the Division of Continuing Education will begin the week of Oct. 4 instead of Sept. 27 as previously scheduled. Come to 265 SFH or call ext. 2171 for information and to register. Faculty, staff, students, and their spouses are entitled to half-price tuition discounts if the course has reached a minimum enrollment.

PLACEMENT SEMINARS

All seniors who will graduate this year--January, April, June or August--should attend the Senior Placement Seminar to be held in Varner recital hall. The session at 4 p.m. Tuesday is for students whose last names begin with A through M; 4 p.m. Wednesday for those with names for N through Z. Information about senior credential files, employment outlook and career advising will be available.

STUDY GRANTS OPEN

Students interested in applying for overseas study grants under the Fulbright-Hays Act are reminded that the deadline for filing is Oct. 15. Approximately 540 graduate students will be accepted for this year's scholarship support. There are opportunities in many countries covering Europe, South America, Asia and the South Pacific. For more information or application forms contact Mrs. Joan Barnard, 307 Wilson, ext. 3783.

Hall to Become Conference Center

Meadow Brook Hall, the home of the benefactors of Oakland University, will be reopened this month as a resident center for professional and personal development.

The great mansion of more than 100 rooms is being renovated and remodeled through a grant of \$275,000 from the Trustees of the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. The Fund has maintained the estate since the death of Mrs. Wilson in September, 1967, and recently turned over the home and its furnishings to the university to fulfill the charge in her will that the Hall be operated as a "cultural center."

Meadow Brook was the home for more than 40 years of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, who gave their 1,600-acre estate and \$2 million to found the university, maintaining a life estate interest in the Hall and surrounding 127 acres. Mr. Wilson died in 1962.

Announcing plans for the conversion at a press conference in the Hall last Friday, President O'Dowd said the project will be administered by the Division of Continuing Education under Dean Lowell Eklund

Architectural planning for the conversion will be entrusted to the firm of Tarapata, MacMahon, Paulsen and Associates of Bloomfield Hills. The firm recently handled a similar conversion of Wingspread in Racine, Wis., the former home of the founder of Johnson Wax Co which has been turned into one of the country's most impressive conference centers.

Dean Eklund said Meadow Brook will embody the "universal recognition that the updating, relearning and unlearning on the part of adults is imperative to the survival of society."

The conference center will serve, he continued, a vast population of three cultures--rural, suburban and urban--as well as one of the major business and industrial complexes of the world.

To assure maximum usage of the center, it will be available to daytime groups when resident groups do not have it fully committed. House tours will be scheduled for the university community, general public and interested groups.



Aerial View of Meadow Brook Hall Looking Northeast

The great size of the mansion--410 feet long and 150 feet at its widest point--will provide "breakout space" for groups up to 200, Eklund said. The living room will serve as a general conference room for resident groups and will accommodate seating for between 70 and 100. Two adjoining rooms, the sun room and library, will serve for smaller discussion groups.

The entrance hall will be used as a lobby for registration of conference participants while the massive two-story ballroom, accommodating 150, usually will be reserved during the day for nonresident conferees.

For resident groups lodging in the Hall, conference charges will cover sleeping accommodations, meeting facilities, services (strictly no tipping), meals and parking. Charges will vary slightly with group size and special services required, but are expected to range from \$30 to \$45 per person per day.

Eleven guest bedrooms, each with a bathroom reflecting the elegance of a bygone era, are being refur-

nished to handle two to four persons in each room. Twelve staff bedrooms for single accommodation also are being refurnished, and additional rooms which originally served as sewing, linen and pressing rooms are being converted to single bedrooms.

Dining will be handled in two separate dining rooms, one seating 50 and serving mainly resident groups, the other seating 100 and available to groups visiting during the day. Evening relaxation and refreshments will be available to resident conferees in The Pub, an original games room in classic English style with billiards, cards and darts.

Professional services available for conferences will include audiovisual equipment and operating staff, the talents of resource persons, consultants and speakers, and other support from university facilities and staff.

Eklund pointed out that there are approximately 80 residential confer-

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campus calendar

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Meadow Brook Hall

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Tuesday September 28	4:00 p.m.	Senior Placement Seminar (last names A-M)-- Varner recital hall
	7:00 p.m.	Classic Film Series, "Moonfleet" and Fisch- inger's shorts (reshown at 9:30)--201 Dodge
	7:30 p.m.	Fundamentals in Christianity (first class)-- St. John Fisher Chapel
Wednesday September 29	3:00 p.m.	Lecture/Concert Series--200 Varner Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Senior Placement Seminar (last names N-Z)-- Varner recital hall
	7:00 p.m.	Classic Film Series, Antonini's "L'Aventura" (reshown at 9:30)--201 Dodge
	7:30 p.m.	Communal penance service--St. John Fisher Chapel
Thursday September 30	8:00 p.m.	Renaissance Ensemble concert--Varner recital hall
Friday October 1	2:00 p.m.	Canoe races--Vandenberg Lake
	8:00 p.m.	Weekend Film Series, "The Committee" and "Flash Gordon V" (reshown at 10)--201 Dodge
Saturday October 2	1:30 p.m.	Cross country, Findlay College (away)
	1:30 p.m.	Soccer, Hope College (away)
	8:00 p.m.	Underground Film Series (reshown at 10)-- 201 Dodge
Sunday October 3	8:00 p.m.	Weekend Film Series, "The Committee" and "Flash Gordon V" (reshown at 10)--201 Dodge

ence centers throughout the United States and Canada serving as re-treats for adult groups to undertake intensive periods of study in professional, social and cultural interests which they recognize as urgent to their progress and responsibilities as individual workers, parents and citizens.

"Considerably more than a conventional conference center," Eklund said, "Meadow Brook is a sanctuary surrounded by acres of rolling countryside, but only a 10-minute walk from the educational, cultural and recreational facilities of Oakland University. As the only center of its kind close to a major city and on the grounds of a major university, the Hall's potential as a regional center for adult education is unmatched."

Meadow Brook Hall, built in the style of great manor houses of England, was completed in 1929 at a cost of more than \$3 million. Many of its architectural details were adaptations of several Tudor and Jacobean mansions, including 13 sets of chimneys whose bricks and stonework were custom fabricated for this project.

Some of the furnishings and details were incorporated from an unfinished mansion Mrs. Wilson and her first husband, auto pioneer John F. Dodge, were building in Grosse Pointe Farms when he died in 1920.

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