

OU NEWS

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"Alice!" goes to Ohio

The Student Enterprise Theatre from Oakland University will perform Alice!, an original musical, as one of six entries chosen for the American College Theatre Festival regional competition to be held January 5-7 at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

In addition, Beth Taylor, an OU student from Warren, has been selected as one of the 10 finalists for the prestigious Irene Ryan Award. Some 400 students were originally entered in this acting competition. Ms. Taylor portrays the White Queen in Alice! Her final audition for the Ryan Award will be held in Dayton on January 5.

The Barn Theatre cast will present Alice! at 9 p.m. on January 7, the last of the groups to perform in the regional competition. The final placement has been awarded traditionally to the play given the best chance of advancing to the finals to be held this spring in the Kennedy Center for the

Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Ten plays will be chosen for the finals.

Regional competitors were selected after the plays were viewed and judged by a committee of experts in each region. Other Michigan schools competing in Dayton are Wayne State University and the University of Detroit.

Alice! has been certified by the judges as an original play. It was prepared for the stage and given original music by two Oakland University students, Paul Marvin of Pontiac and William McCarty of Bay City. The work is based on Lewis Carroll's popular Alice Through the Looking Glass.

The all-student cast will rehearse December 26-31 before leaving for Dayton. For additional information call 377-2246.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

New insights into children's fighting behavior are being gathered by a husband and wife research team from Oakland and Wayne State Universities.

The two-year study on interpersonal conflict behavior is supported by a \$112,400 grant from the National Science Foundation. The principal investigators are David and Carolyn Shantz, associate professors of psychology at Oakland University and Wayne State University, respectively.

With the cooperation of the Rochester School System the professors are videotaping the activities of four groups of boys and four groups of girls, all between the ages of 6 and 7. There will be 12 students per group, and the one-hour sessions will be held once a week for nine weeks starting in mid January.

The professors will observe the children's behavior and code all conflicts that occur and the interactions within the groups during the conflicts.

Among the questions are what issues children fight over, the range of strategies used to resolve interpersonal conflicts, whether the issues and/or gender and

previous experiences of the children alter their strategies.

In addition, the professors are assessing the social-cognitive abilities of the children to learn how these abilities govern their behavior in conflict. For example, do students with poor ability to make inferences about others' intentions, feelings, and thoughts use more direct and immature strategies in conflicts than do children with a better ability to "read" people?

The Shantzes say interpersonal conflict can be construed as a situation in which each participant is confronted with the problem of figuring out how to resolve a dispute in his or her favor.

Social-cognitive skills involve a child's ability for perspective-taking, and interpersonal problem-solving. In short, their ability to "read" others.

Little research has been done on interpersonal conflict behavior because it must be studied, initially at least, by observing children in natural settings where their actions are not constrained.

POTPOURRI

Oakland University is offering 34 credit evening courses this winter semester at the extension site at Shrine High School, 3500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak.

The diverse offerings include Motivation and Work Behavior and Legal Environment Business, two courses in the Master of Science in Management sequence at the university.

Among the timely undergraduate offerings are courses on Black Politics (PS 103), the Politics of the Middle East and North Africa (PS 332), Juvenile Delinquency and Social Control (SOC 323), Drug Abuse and Alcoholism (HRD 335), Managerial Finance (MGT 332), and Newspaper Editing (JRN 300).

Regular registration will be held the first nights of scheduled classes January 5 and January 9, 10, and 11. For information on registration fees and other courses call the OU Center for General and Career Studies at 377-4010.

Seventeen credit evening courses ranging from the sociology of crime and punishment to news photography and accounting are being offered by Oakland University this winter at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, Purdy at Frank.

Registration will be held in the center the first nights of classes January 5 and January 9, 10 and 11.

The classes are Man in Culture and Society (AN 102); Ethics and Personal Crisis (HRD 302); Assessment of Youth and Adults (HRD 362); Seminar in Probation and Correctional Guidance (HRD 469); News Photography (JRN 330); Basic Writing Skills II and III (LS 100) and (LS 101); Introductory Mathematics (MTH 121); and Problem Solving in Groups: Bioenergetics and Synectics (NCC 101).

Other courses follow: Interpersonal Relationships: Marriage, Family, and Divorce (NCC 252); Study of Religion: Contemporary Christianity (REL 200); Sociology of Crime and Punishment, (SOC 320); Managerial Accounting (MGT 310); Auditing (MGT 411); Leadership and Group Performance (MGT 431); Contemporary Accounting Issues (MGT 616) and another section in Leadership and Group Performance (MGT 636).

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Oakland University Center for General and Career Studies at 377-4010.

JOBS

- **Director, Undergraduate Advising and Counseling, AP 8, Department of Student Services.** A Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance, higher education or student personnel, college level administrative experience in Counseling and Advising Programs is required. A Ph.D. is preferred. The director must be a "detail" person and be able to conceptualize, design, implement and evaluate programs in areas of his responsibility. Demonstrated skills in budget management, problem solving, computer languages facility, staff development, and academic leadership. Must meet established qualifications i.e., height and weight in proportion, and have no felony convictions.
- **Department Secretary, CT-3, Department of Student Services Records.** High school graduation or an equivalent combination of education and experience, minimum of two (2) years general office experience, one year must be secretarial experience including substantial public contact, completion of a typing test at the university typing standard and ability to take and transcribe dictation is required.
- **Lieutenant/Uniform Operations, AP VI, Department of Public Safety.** High school graduation, two years of service as a supervisory officer with a recognized department of public safety, current knowledge of police procedures with a university setting, Fire Safety and Alarm Systems, Traffic Safety, Records, Communications, Training, Budgeting, and Personnel Administration is required. One or two years college education preferred.
- **Technical Department Secretary, CT-4, Department of Biological Sciences.** High school graduation, one (1) year of college, two (2) years of general office experience, including one (1) year of secretarial experience and one (1) year technical typing experience, and completion of a typing test at the university typing standard is required. Two (2) years of high volume traffic experience may substitute for the college requirement.
- **Guest Room Attendant/Housekeeper, Meadow Brook Hall.** Completion of grade school education or it's equivalent.
- **Public Safety Officer, Department of Public Safety.** High school graduation, successful completion of an oral and psychological examination, a driving record acceptable to an insurance carrier and U.S. citizenship is required.

FOR YOUR INFO

- Faculty members from three Michigan universities will participate in the 17th annual History-in-the-Making Lecture Series to be held starting January 26 at the Village Women's Club, 190 Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The theme is "Africa: Strategies of Development in Today's World" with a focus on Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rhodesia, and South Africa.

The series will be held on six Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. starting January 26 and concluding March 4. Program sponsors are Oakland University and the Village Women's Club.

Among the speakers are James D. Graham, associate professor of history at OU, G.N. Uzoigwe, professor of history, Kenneth H. Shapiro, assistant professor of resource economics, Mudziuri Nziramasanga, assistant professor of economics, and Joel Samoff, professor of political science, all of the University of Michigan, and Michael Bratton, professor of political science, Michigan State University.

The program is open to all interested persons at a cost of \$25 for a women's club member and \$30 for non-members. Further information can be obtained by calling

the OU Conference Department at 377-3272, Mrs. Charles J. Meeske at 644-6298, or Mrs. Stephen Mihalich at 626-7754.

- President O'Dowd will be on leave from the Office of the President for the month of January, 1978, to devote full time to the university planning program.

He will work on the five-year plan that is incorporated in the Management by Objectives documents and on the University Planning Committee report, which is being designed to give direction to the future of the university from 1983 to 1993.

The results of this work will be shared with all members of the university later in the winter semester. He will seek comments, suggestions, and refinements from everyone on campus who may be interested in contributing to the plans for the university's future.

During the president's absence, Frederick Obear, vice president and provost, will serve as acting president. He will be prepared to deal with any issues that ordinarily would require the attention of the president.

- In the event of another serious snowstorm, announcements regarding the closing of the university will be made on radio stations WPON, WJR, WWJ, and WXYZ, and on television stations

2, 4, and 7. Other stations may carry the information via a special state police network.

When there is a possibility of closing the university during working hours, people should call the Hotline, 377-4650, for information. The Hotline normally carries news of campus events, but will be changed when classes are cancelled and the university is closed.

- Meadow Brook Hall will be closed Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. Regular tours will resume Sunday, January 8, when the mansion will reopen for tours every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.
- The Career Advising and Placement Office has received information regarding the Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Olin Fellowship Program for Women, which is a joint enterprise of the Monticello College Foundation and Washington University.

The Fellowship provides a stipend of up to \$2,500 per academic year depending on

need, and, in addition, includes full tuition. Any woman graduate of a baccalaureate institution in the U.S. who plans a career in higher education or the professions is eligible to apply.

Information regarding the program may be reviewed in the Career Advising and Placement Office, 201 Wilson Hall. Deadline is February 1.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the University Community,

We would like to wish you all the very best during the holidays. We thank you for your continued support and efforts on behalf of Oakland University and look forward to your return in 1978.

Jan and Don O'Donell