

JANUARY 25, 1977

PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW BEGINS

The OU Board of Trustees has begun its presidential review with January 13-14 interview sessions with key administrators and deans. Procedures for interviews with faculty, students, and staff will be announced shortly.

The board named three of its members to a Presidential Review Committee at the April, 1976 board meeting. Members are Marvin L. Katke, chairperson, Richard H. Headlee, and Ken Morris.

In accepting the position as president in 1970, President O'Dowd asked for a periodic review of his performance.

Subsequently, in employment relations policies adopted on January 19, 1974, the board provided that presidential accomplishments shall be reviewed every five years. Donald D. O'Dowd is the university's first president, serving in that capacity since October, 1970.

A & S CONSIDERS EDUCATION CHANGES

The Committee on Instruction of the College of Arts and Sciences will hold an open meeting January 25 for departments in the college to discuss proposed revision of the general education requirements for the college baccalaureate.

The 3:30 p.m. session will be held in room 206 of Varner Hall. The proposed revisions include specifying the courses that will satisfy the distribution requirements and differentiating the number of general education credits required for various degree programs. For example, the proposal would require 40 general education credits for the B.A., 36 credits for B.S. degree candidates and 24 credits for B.A. and B.S. degree candidates who are in secondary education.

The revisions, in whatever form they are adopted, will affect incoming freshman and transfer students for fall, 1977. Interested persons are urged to attend.

OU, an official publication of Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan is published weekly during the school year and distributed free within the university community. Its content is under the editorial control of the Office of Public Relations.



OU NEWS

ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

EDGERTON HEADS MEETING

Professor Robert Edgerton of the School of Engineering was State Conference Chairperson for the Michigan Energy Conservation Conference held in Lansing, November 12 and 13. This conference, the first of its kind in Michigan, was held to assist the State Energy Administration in the development of a state energy conservation plan.

The conference was sponsored by the Michigan Energy Conservation Group (MECOG) with financial assistance from the State Energy Administration. Approximately 250 participants provided future guidelines through workshop sessions during the two days.

Edgerton has a PhD in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

WHITE PUBLISHES REVIEWS

William White, communication arts, edited the annual Walt Whitman Supplement for The Long-Islander, a weekly Whitman founded in 1838.

He also reviewed W.M. Gibson's The Art of Mark Twain and W.A. Sutton's Newdick's Season of Frost: An Interrupted Biography of Robert Frost for Library Journal; John Hohenberg's Pulitzer Prizes for American Notes and Queries; and wrote pieces on Gertrude Stein and Agatha Christie for Presenting Moonshine, on A.E. Housman's Poetry & Prose: A Selection, for The Book Collector (London), and Lindsay/Masters/Sandburg: Criticism from 1950-1975 for The Vision of This Land.

PHYSICISTS WORK ON OIL PROJECT

Norman Tepley and W. Donald Wallace, physics, are among the collaborators in a research project to tap the vast energy resources stored in Michigan's shale deposits.

According to some estimates, these deposits contain oil reserves comparable to those of the entire Middle East. However, because of the depth of the shale and other problems, no practical means to extract the oil has been found.

The OU professors are among the authors of a major energy research proposal funded by the federal Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA).

The proposal was submitted by the Dow Chemical Company and the Michigan Energy Resource Research Association, a consortium formed with the assistance of Governor William Milliken. Its purpose is to develop energy research proposals and attract ERDA funding to the state.

For their part in the effort, Tepley and Wallace are collaborating with Professor Robert L. Thomas of Wayne State University to use ultrasonic techniques to study the elastic properties of shale.

The research will begin at OU and at WSU in the fall of 1977. Shale samples will be provided by the Dow Chemical Company.

The Dow scientists are considering setting off a series of underground explosions to break up the shale, but in order to proceed, the researchers want to know the elastic properties of the oil bearing rock. The ultrasonic technique is the classic means

(cont. on page 3)

ART EXHIBIT IN O.C.

The Oakland Center scheduling office will sponsor an art exhibition and sale from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Exhibit Lounge of Oakland Center on Wednesday, February 2.

The art exhibition and sale will be presented by the Ferdinand Roten Galleries, Inc. The exhibition includes more than 600 original prints by such masters as Picasso, Daumier, Goya, Miro, Hogarth, Zox, Krushenick & Matisse, as well as works by many of today's American artists, some famous and some not yet famous. Prints are on sale for \$10.00 and up.

OU SPORTS ACTION

With the winter sports season half over, the Pioneers' basketball, swimming and wrestling teams are gearing up for their final contests against Great Lakes Conference challengers.

The men's basketball team has a 4-12 record (0-4 in the conference), while the women's team has compiled a perfect record of 12-0. The women are 4-0 in the conference.

Coach Max Hasse's wrestling team is also having a winning season, blanking Dayton, 47-0 in one match, and also beating Adrian and Windsor. The grapplers record is 4-3.

All teams were in action on January 22, including the women's swim team. Both of Coach Corey Van Fleet's teams have made respectable showings in meets with U of M and in the annual East-West meet in Florida.

OIL (from page 2)

of measuring the elastic properties of any kind of solid, the OU physicists said.

The total research project will probably run in the millions while the OU research, a one-year effort, is funded for only \$10,000. But the work will provide one important segment in the mass of information that must be obtained if the overall project is to succeed, Tepley and Wallace said.

BALLEMASTER JOINS FACULTY

Jacob Lascu, balletmaster and resident choreographer of Dance Detroit, has joined the Oakland University faculty to teach ballet in the Department of Physical Education.

Lascu has studied classical ballet, character dance, and folklore in his native Romania with Floria Capsali Dumitrescu. He also studied with the Russian masters, Ivan V. Kirilov and Igor Smirnov, of the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow.

His extensive career includes his tenure as balletmaster, choreographer, and lead dancer with the Romanian Opera and the Romanian National State Ensemble, and as a teacher for ten years at the Choreography High School for professional dancers in Romania.

Since coming to the United States, Lascu has choreographed "Coppelia," "Rhapsody" by Rachmaninoff, and Gershwin's "Concerto in F" for Dance Detroit.

He has also choreographed for the Nonce Dance Ensemble, the Festival Dancers of the Jewish Community Center, the Toronto Regional Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theater.

He has just completed a piece for the Oakland Dance Theater which will be premiered in a concert February 24-26 in Varner Recital Hall.

PSYCHOLOGIST LECTURES

Gerald McClearn, professor of psychology and director of the Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado, will discuss the effects of genetics and the environment upon human behavior in a President's Club lecture, at 1 p.m., February 3 in the Gold Room of Oakland Center.

F.Y.I.....

- Applications for U of M Fellowships are now available in the Career Advising and Placement Office, 201 WH. Interested persons should contact Alan R. Scott, asst. director. Application deadline is Feb. 1.
- House for sale, 729 Cambridge Dr., pacific ranch, four bedrooms. Call Kenneth Moberg, 375-0260.
- A two-minute public service spot for the music department was aired recently on WWJ-radio and Betty White of the Continuum Center was the guest January 24 on the Dennis Wholley A.M. Detroit show.
- The OU Board of Trustees will hold its next meeting Jan. 26 at 8pm in Lounge II of OC.
- Jean S. Braun, psychology, made a recent appearance on the A.M. Detroit show on Channel 7. She participated in a discussion of the impact of parents working on children.
- The British University Summer Schools have announced the opening of Summer 1977 programs for graduate students, including school and university teachers, and undergrads who will have completed their junior year by June 1977. Programs will be held at Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, London and Edinburgh. Applications are available by writing: Study Abroad Programs, Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017. Deadline is March 1.
- The Friends of Kresge Library are sponsoring a book sale from 10am-3pm this week in room 313 of Kresge Library.

CALENDAR

January 25 - February 7

the arts

- 25-7 The Meadow Brook Art Gallery exhibits "Art in Architecture"
- 25-7 The Meadow Brook Theatre presents "Sleuth"
- 27-30 "The Lady From the Sea" will be performed by the Academy of Dramatic Art
- 28 The Advanced Afram Jazz Band will perform 8pm in Varner Recital Hall
- 6 OU Chamber Concert, 4-6:30pm, Varner Recital Hall
- 7 Student Recital, 8-10pm, Varner Recital Hall

student activities

- 26 Film: "Future Shock," sponsored by Campus Minister, noon, Abstention, 7 & 9pm, Vandenberg Hall Multi-Purpose room
- 29 Disco/Dance: sponsored by the GDI Society, 9pm-2am, Crockery OC
- 2 Film: "Bad Day at Black Rock," sponsored by Film Co-Op, 7:30pm, Vandenberg Hall
- 3 Lecture: "Nature-Nurture Revisited," Dr. Gerald McClearn, 1pm, Gold room OC, President's Club Lecture Series
- 4 Lecture: "Tactics and Strategies in Behavioral Genetics," Dr. Gerald McClearn, 3pm, Gold room C, OC, President's Club Lecture Series
- 5 Play: "Scenes From Shakespeare," 8pm, Vandenberg Hall, ADA

ou sports

- 26 OU wrestling team vs U of M, 10am
- 29 Men's and women's swim teams vs Western Ontario, 2pm
- 5 Northern Michigan Invitational wrestling tournament, 10am, Marquette, MI
- 7 OU basketball vs Ferris, women, 5pm, men, 7:30pm