

# OU NEWS

October 31, 1978

## Ground-breaking ceremonies set

The first new classroom facility to be built on Oakland's campus since Varner Hall was completed in 1970 will be launched in ceremonies Thursday. Ground will be broken for Classroom-Office Building II at the site of the new building at 12:45 p.m.

University, local, and state officials have been invited to the ceremonies on the project east of the Oakland Center. The final go-ahead for the building was given at the October 25 meeting of the Board of Trustees, when the board approved \$7.4 million in low bids for the new energy-efficient building.

The new building will have an exterior of red brick and insulating reflecting glass for heat retention. The structure will be tied in with the university's Honeywell Delta 1000 computer. The building's variable air and lighting systems will be controlled automatically from the university's central heating plant.

Original plans for the building were begun in 1967 by the present architects, Tarapata, MacMahon and Paulsen Associates, Inc., of Bloomfield Hills. Total cost of the building, including furnishings and landscape services, is expected to be \$8.5 million. The cost of the project will be provided by the State of Michigan and the State Building Authority. The anticipated date of completion is fall, 1980.

OU president Donald D. O'Dowd said the new classroom-office

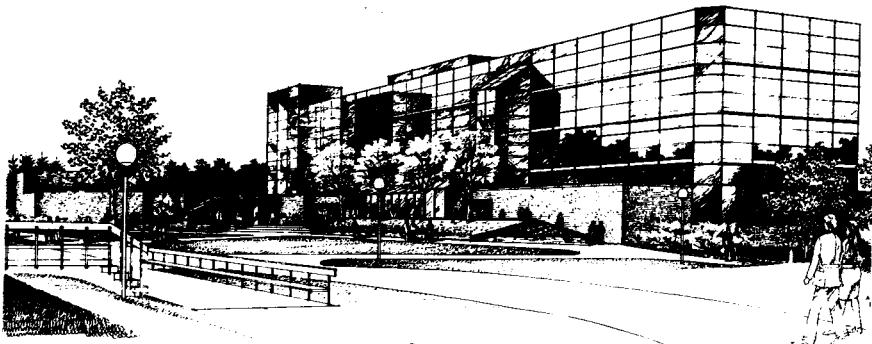
facility will "ease the terribly crowded conditions on our growing campus." Since the completion of Varner Hall in 1970, the university's enrollment has grown from 7,006 to 11,220 full and part-time students.

He said the university will now concentrate on its next building priorities. They are a \$9.8 million addition to the Kresge Library and an \$8 million science building. Architect's schematic plans have been approved for the library addition, but no state construction funds are available at this time for either project.

COB II will have five floors and 105,000 gross square feet. The building will be located between the Oakland Center and the Sports and Recreation Building, south of the residence hall complex and north of Kresge Library.

The office areas in the building will be of a modular type, with moveable partitions for flexible arrangements. The building will contain three lecture halls, and classroom space for use of all academic units. It will house the specialized functions of the School of Education, registration and records, the offices of the vice president for academic affairs and provost, and faculty offices.

The portion of Foundation Drive between Oakland Center and the Sports and Recreation Building will be closed permanently following the ground-breaking ceremonies.



Architect's drawing of Classroom-Office Building II

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Oakland has begun its 20th anniversary academic year with a record enrollment of 11,220 full and part-time students. The university's previous record high of 11,051 was set last fall. The 1959-60 charter class numbered just 570 students.

David C. Beardslee, director of institutional research, reports an undergraduate enrollment of 8,992 students compared with 8,577 in the fall of 1977. However, graduate enrollment declined from 2,474 students in 1977 to 2,228 this year.

His current report on students, in preparation, shows that much of the drop in OU graduate admissions comes in the education area. Engineering and psychology are among the OU master's degree programs to show increases in enrollment.

The trend toward an older student body continues, and 50 percent of all OU undergraduates are now 22 years of age or older. At the same time, OU is following a national trend with more women entering the higher education field, often in previously male dominated fields. Some 58 percent of all Oakland undergraduates are women. Beardslee's statistics show that OU undergraduate women account for 47 percent of the undergraduate management majors, 16 percent of the engineering majors, and 33 1/3 percent of all computer and information science majors.

Beardslee feels that the trend toward older student body is of benefit to OU. Older students tend to have a job, family, or other roots and tend to attend a school nearby. Oakland University is in a population area to draw those older students, Beardslee says.

Oakland University's record growth certainly reflects the continuing desire for higher education on the part of the citizens it serves, the director says.

Young men and women who were part of the "baby boom" could feed

graduate school enrollments in the next few years, Beardslee predicts. He explains that these persons are now part of the "young adult" boom. Once these young men and women get four or five years into their professions many of them will find that they will need further education for advancement in their careers.

**Jim Loudon**, planetarium lecturer at the University of Michigan exhibit museum and a popular lecturer for all ages, will discuss the chances of establishing manned orbiting space colonies in a November 2 talk at the university.

The 7 p.m. lecture will be held in room 201 Dodge Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by Sigma XI, the physics research society at Oakland.

Loudon is known in his lectures for translating complex scientific topics into easily understood terms, using slides extensively. In his OU talk, Loudon will discuss the difficulty of building and maintaining space colonies, the benefits that could be derived from them, and the possible time table for their construction.

**The Board of Trustees accepted \$329,064 in gifts and grants at its October 25 meeting.**

The largest source of funding was the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with seven grants totaling \$249,862.

Five NIH grants went to the Institute of Biological Sciences. The awards were for \$58,902 under the direction of Michael V. Riley for research on "Control of Corneal Hydration and Transparency," and \$24,345 for indirect costs related to that research, \$53,843 to Venkat N. Reddy for research on "Intra-ocular Fluid Dynamics," and an additional \$21,033 for indirect research costs. In addition, Reddy will direct a

**\$13,486 grant to support a study of "Proteins of Normal and Cataractous Lenses."**

The remaining NIH awards were of \$61,839 to John R. Reddan, for work on "Control of Cell Division in the Ocular Lens," and \$16,414 to Arun K. Roy for research on "Hormonal Control of Alpha-2U Globulin Synthesis in Liver." Reddan and Roy are members of the Department of Biological Sciences.

**One new full-time faculty appointment and two changes of status were approved by the Board of Trustees October 25.**

Two of the actions are effective immediately. They are the appointment of Lynne Williams as assistant professor of medical technology and a change in status for Mohammed S. Ghausi, Dean of the School of Engineering. Ghausi now has the additional title of John F. Dodge Professor of Engineering.

Francis Butterworth, biological sciences, will assume the additional duties of acting chairperson of the department from January 4 of 1979 through April 26 of that year.

**The Alumni Association's annual art auction will be held Friday, November 3 in the Crockery of the Oakland Center. All proceeds go to the Alumni Fund. Art from the Kingsley Gallery can be previewed at 7:30 p.m. with the auction starting at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person.**

Selections include oils, acrylics, sculptures, drawings, mixed media, graphics, pastels, water colors, and collage. Tickets may be obtained in advance by calling the Alumni Office at 377-2158 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# FOR YOUR INFO

**The University Library** would like to call attention to its display cases and cabinet in the public display area on the first floor. These facilities are an excellent means of exhibiting various materials relevant to course subjects or to create interest in university projects. The cabinet and cases are available to all student groups, faculty and university personnel. Exhibits are usually scheduled for two weeks to a month; there is no charge and objects are locked and insured. If you have a group of articles or books that would make an interesting display, please contact the exhibit coordinator, Marie Fredericks at 377-2471.

**John Clark**, president of the Midwest Solar Energy Research Laboratory, will discuss the objectives of the laboratory and future plans for solar energy research in the midwest at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, November 2, in room 239 Dodge Hall.

**The entire university community** is welcome to attend a demonstration of the Bibliographical Retrieval System (BRS) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 9 in the faculty lounge of the Oakland Center. The new system will allow library users to generate a comprehensive bibliography of research material related to their research topic through the computer.

**The North Central Association Accreditation Evaluation Team** will be on campus through today (October 31) and tomorrow.

**Mildred H. Merz**, University Library, was appointed to serve as chairperson of the membership committee of the Michigan Library Association for the coming year. She has also been appointed Associate Bibliographer for the quarterly bibliography in the *Journal Christianity and Literature*.

**Wendell Harris** has been appointed the Director of Special Programs in the Office of Student Services. Harris joined Oakland on October 1, coming from Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

**W.D. Wallace**, physics, presented a paper on "Ultrasonic Velocities in Oil Shale" at a Dow Chemical Oil Shale Research meeting held in Lansing, October 10 and 11. The work reported on was done in collaboration with Norman Tepley, physics, and R.L. Thomas of Wayne State. Arne Flones, a graduate student at Oakland also contributed to the work.

**Don R. Iodice**, modern languages and literatures, was the luncheon speaker at the International-Intercultural Studies Conference in Chicago, September 28. His topic was "New Priorities from International Corporations: Language and Cultural Orientation." Iodice also spoke the following day to faculty and students of the foreign language department at Northeastern Illinois University.

**Keith Stanovich**, psychology, Richard West and Denis Pollak have published a paper in the *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology* on "The effect of orthographic structure on word recognition in a visual search task."

**Donald Morse**, English, chaired a session on "The Experimental Mode of Jerzy Kosinski" at the fall meeting of the Michigan College English Association, October 20, at Eastern Michigan University.

**Arundhati (Ava) Tagore**, University Library, presented a paper on "Yama: The Personification of Death in the Mahabharata and Ramayana," at the Michigan-Ontario Universities Rotating South Asian Seminar (MOURSAS) held on Saturday, October 14 in the Oakland Center.

Richard Brooks, Philosophy, was among the speakers that afternoon. His paper was on "Recent Field Investigations of Reincarnation in India and Sri Lanka."

The 1978 Oakland University Planning Documents have been placed on reserve at the circulation desk in the University Library. Interested persons are invited to peruse these documents any time during library hours.

To commemorate the Centennial of William Cullen Bryant's death, the Library has on display rare editions of works by America's first major poet. The collection, in addition to several first editions of Bryant's poetry, includes samples of his letters and his History of the United States. The display contains a small selection of books owned by William C. Bryant, Modern Languages.

The library will be closed Thursday through Sunday, November 23-26. Regular hours will resume on Monday.

**Robert Swanson**, business affairs, gave the welcoming address at the annual meeting of the National Association of Educational Buyers (NAEB) held on October 12 and 13 at the Northfield Hilton Inn in Troy. State Senator Bill Huffman was keynote speaker at the Thursday evening session and Fred Stransky, physical education and athletics, gave a presentation on Friday entitled "Your Heart, Your Job, Your Lifestyle." Gerald Redoutey, purchasing, is the 1978 chairman of the NAEB Michigan region, which sponsored the two-day conference.

## JOBS

**Food Service Apprentice**, a part-time position in the Food Service Department.

**Skilled Trades III**, a full-time position in the Department of Maintenance and Special Events, Physical Plant.

**Registration Clerk**, CT-4, a full time position in the Office of the Registrar.

**Senior Admissions Clerk**, CT-4, a full time position in the Office of Admissions.

**Academic Secretary D**, CT-7, a full time position in the Department of History.

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# CALENDAR

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 8:00-3:00 p.m. Table Sale, Table #6, OC, OUSNA  
12:30 p.m. Judo Club Meeting, Sports & Rec., Wrestling Rooms  
Area Hall Halloween Party

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 9:00-5:00 p.m. Information, Table #2, OC, Repolitik  
10:00-3:00 p.m. Literature, Table #8, OC, Republican United  
12nn Ball Bond, proposal debate, W. Crockery, OC, Repolitik  
7:30 p.m. University Congress Meeting, OC  
8:00 p.m. CLB Concert, Nina Kahle, Varner Recital Hall  
8:00-10:00 p.m. Miss OU Talent Show, Abstention OC, Intrepid Souls  
9:00 p.m. Bible Study Group, OC Faculty Lounge, Campus Ministry

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 11:00 a.m. Jewish Student Organization Meeting, 19A-1, OC  
12nn The Ensemble for Early Music, Varner Recital Hall, Music  
1:30 p.m. Engineering Seminar, Dr. John Clark, 239 DH  
3:00 p.m. "Aspects of Non-Commutative Geometry," Prof. Edward Effros,  
Math, U. of Penn., 575 Vandenburg Hall West  
7:00-10:00 p.m. Lecture, "Space Colonies," Jim Loudon, 201 DH, Sigma XI  
9:00 p.m.- Abstention Coffee House, Abstention OC  
1:00 a.m.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 9:00-5:00 p.m. Information, Table #2, OC, Repolitik  
7:00 p.m. & Unicon, **Silent Running**, 201 DH, CLB, Adm. Charged  
9:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. Manhattan String Quartet, Varner Recital Hall, Adm., Music

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 12:30 p.m. "OU Outlook," WPON 1460 AM  
8:00 p.m. Concert, Ensemble for Early Music, Varner Recital Hall, Adm.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 9:00 a.m. & Catholic Mass, St. John Fisher Chapel  
11:00 a.m.  
3:00 p.m. & Cinematheque, Donald Shebib's **Goin Down the Road**, Adm.  
7:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 9:00-5:00 p.m. Table #2, OC, Repolitik  
1:30 p.m. Art Film Series, Exhibit Lounge, OC, CIPO  
6:00 p.m. OU Volleyball vs. Spring Arbor  
6:30-10:00 p.m. "Problems of Small Businesses in the Urban Setting," Ray  
Soulder, 120 VBH, Multi-purpose rm., New Charter College  
Advance registration for Winter Semester 1979

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Meadow Brook Theatre presents **The Devil's Disciple**, Tues.-Fri., 8:30 p.m., Wed., 2 p.m., Mat., Sat., 6:00 & 9:30 p.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m., WH

**Dracula**, Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30, Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Mat., and 6:30 p.m., Barn Theatre

Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Tues.-Fri., 1-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun., 2-6:30 p.m., & 7:30-8:30 p.m., during Meadow Brook Theatre performances, WH