



OU NEWS

Teaching environment improved

While OU students and faculty take the traditional Christmas break teams of workmen will be busy in OU classrooms and lecture halls.

Their purpose is an improvement in the campus teaching environment. They will be responding to suggestions made in a Teaching and Learning Committee Survey distributed to the faculty a year ago.

The areas of concern involve both classroom services and the physical environment. "The concerns expressed in the questionnaire were reasonable, helpful, and not too surprising," according to George Catton, acting director of campus affairs.

The survey was planned and implemented by Steve Miller, chemistry, and Debbie Sampson, a student of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

"The survey identified about five areas of concern that would impact on us financially," Catton reports.

One concern about services was attended to through a memorandum from the Office of the Provost. An office in each classroom building was designated as a stockpoint for chalk and erasers. A person in each office will have a key to classrooms in the respective buildings and be available to open classrooms that may be locked.

Contact offices—room 248, School of Engineering, Dodge Hall; room 204, Office of Graduate Study, Hannah Hall; room 264, Evening Program Office of South Foundation Hall, serving North and South Foundation Hall; room 159, School of Economics and Management, Vandenberg Hall; room 207, Provost's Office, Varner Hall; and room 317, Department of Art and Art History, Wilson Hall.

Catton reports that the university has taken the following steps to answer specific

physical environmental concerns identified in the report.

Room 201 of Dodge Hall is being refurbished with chalkboards, projectors, speakers, and other improvements. Completion is scheduled before the opening of the winter semester.

Catton reports that all classroom areas in SFH will be retiled over the Christmas break.

In addition, the following actions will be taken although they were not included in the Teaching and Learning Committee requests.

Acoustical treatment will be given to rooms 109-110, the band rooms of Varner Hall; Rooms 231-232, the public computer areas of Dodge Hall, will be refurbished with 25 individual study modules, new paint, carpet, and drapes; and the main entrance to Hannah Hall will be redesigned. This project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1980. It will

result in a heated, enclosed glass area similar to the entry to South Foundation Hall.

Exterior landscaping for the entrances to Varner Hall and the east side of the Oakland Center is planned.

Lewis N. Pino director of research and instructional services, calls the university response to the Teaching and Learning Committee findings "excellent."

"George Catton and the campus affairs staff have done a first rate job in answering the committee's concerns," Pino said. The Teaching and Learning Committee is a standing committee of the University Senate, and staff services are provided to the committee through Pino's office.

"The cost of the above projects is considerable," Catton says. Funds will be provided from the physical plant alterations and improvement budget.

Faculty Exchange open

Oakland University is an institution of the Faculty Exchange Center and up to 10 OU faculty members have an opportunity to enroll in the FEC and to seek out exchange opportunities.

Frederick W. Obear, academic vice president and provost, is providing entry forms in his office, room 207 Varner Hall. Interested faculty will be listed in the 1980 directory to be published by the FEC early next fall. The center is a non-profit, faculty administered program that makes it possible for interested professors to exchange positions with colleagues from

institutions here and overseas where the language of instruction is English.

The FEC directory is distributed widely, and it includes the names, institutions, faculty rank, areas of specialization and even the area of region in which an exchange is desired.

Faculty members "match themselves" with colleagues, initiate responses, and work out the details of the exchange.

In 1979-80 more than 500 members are listed from American and foreign institutions.

The name of university engineer George Karas was inadvertently dropped from the list of charter employees cited at the Nov. 20 recognition dinner in Meadow Brook Hall. The name of Jacqueline Lougheed was omitted from the list of ten year employees who were honored.

Senate acts on membership

Three resolutions affecting the makeup of the University Senate membership were passed by that body Dec. 5.

1. Resolved that the University Senate, under authority of Article 11 VI, of the Constitution of the Oakland University Senate, confer upon the Center for Health Sciences and the Institute of Biological Sciences effective upon passage of this resolution, representation in the University Senate as follows: The director of the Center for Health Sciences shall be seated ex officio and voting.

For enfranchisement purposes, faculty holding primary appointments in health science disciplines in the Center for Health Sciences and Faculty holding primary appointments in biomedical sciences in the Institute of Biological Sciences, shall be regarded as a single voting unit.

Faculty holding such primary appointments shall be entitled to minimum representation of one elected seat and such additional seats as may be warranted by the apportionment procedures.

2. Resolved, that the University Senate, under authority of Article 11, VI of the Constitution of the Oakland University Senate, confer upon the Center for General and Career Studies, effective upon passage of this resolution the director of the Center for General and Career Studies shall be seated ex officio and voting.

As long as there are faculty holding primary appointments in the Center for General and Career Studies, such faculty shall be entitled to a representation of one elected seat and such additional seats as may be warranted by the apportionment procedures.

3. That faculty members of the School of Performing Arts be given voting privileges through the College of Arts and Sciences until constituted as a separate voting unit.

New grant

The National Science Foundation has announced that it will make a series of research initiation awards to younger investigators working in applied social and behavioral science areas.

Individual grants of up to 24 months in duration may provide up to \$35,000 in support. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 1980.

Applications may be obtained in the offices of Lewis N. Pino, director of research and instructional services, room 364, South Foundation Hall. In addition, Isaac Eliezer, room 355 Vandenberg, and Jacqueline Scherer, room 374 South Foundation Hall.

Full-time faculty holding the rank of assistant or associate professor who have held the doctorate in one of the social or behavioral sciences for no more than five years are eligible to apply. Each applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and must not have previously received a research grant from an agency of the U.S. government.

New gas dock

The gasoline servicing operation has been moved to a new location behind the grounds department barn. Drivers of Oakland University vehicles may obtain gasoline from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. If the station is not open, service may be obtained from the Motor Pool or garage.

Magic Parrot opens

The Theatre Arts Program of Oakland University will celebrate the International Year of the Child with "The Magic Parrot" which opens Dec. 14 in the Studio Theatre of Varner Hall.

"The Magic Parrot" is an original adaptation of the eighteenth century Commedia dell-Arte script by Carlo Gozzi entitled "The King Stag."

The play is a fairy tale in the classic tradition, set in a magic kingdom complete with king, young lover, and an evil prime minister. There is a fairy princess who arrives in the nick of time to punish the guilty, reward the innocent, and provide the necessary happy ending.

The adaptation is by James A. Hatfield, director of design and technical theatre for the Theatre Arts Program. He also directs. Costumes are by Johanna Lubkowski.

Tickets are \$2 for children and students 18 or younger, and general admission is \$2.50. The opening performance on Dec. 14 is at 8 p.m. All other performances are in the morning or afternoon. The times are 10:30 and 1:30 on Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5 and 12; at 1:30 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 16, 30 and Jan. 6; at 1:30 on Dec. 20, 21, and 28; and at 1 p.m. on Jan. 10-11.

For information call 377-2000.

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Faculty scholarship noted

Augustine K. Fosu, School of Economics and Management, has just completed a review of a book by Louis M. Goreux, **Interdependence in Planning: Multilevel Programming of the Ivory Coast** (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1977). The review is forthcoming in the *Journal of Developing Areas*.

Alice C. Gorlin, School of Economics and Management, attended two conferences in October, a meeting of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs at Dartmouth College, and the annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in New Haven, Connecticut. She presented a paper on the quality problem in the Soviet consumer sector.

Ronald A. Sudol, Department of Learning Skills, has published an article entitled "Meditation in Colonial New England: The Directives of Thomas Hooker and Ebenezer Pemberton" in the current issue of *Christianity and Literature*.

Edward J. Heubel has been elected as the next president of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists. He will serve as president-elect in 1979-80 and as president in 1980-81. The conference held its annual meeting at Meadow Brook Hall.

Carlo Coppola, modern languages/linguistics, has published "The Short Stories of Ahmed Ali" in *Studies in the Urdu Gazal and Prose Fiction*, ed. M.U. Memon (Madison: South Asian Studies Center, University of Wisconsin, 1979), pp. 211-242. His article, "The Poetry of Ahmed Ali," has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Indian Writing in English* and will appear early in 1980. In addition, his review of L.A.B. van Buitenen's translation of the Indian epic, *Mahabharata*, appeared in *World Literature Today* (Summer 1979), pp. 557-558.

Psychology faculty participation at the 1979 biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development is noted.

Algea O. Harrison was a discussant for a symposium on "Parent-Child Interaction and the Development of Racial Group Identity in Young Children;" she was a participant in a conversation hour on "What's Happening: Current Research on Black Families," and she was chairperson for "Multi-Ethnic Approaches to the Socialization of Children: Identifying Commonalities and Differences."

Irving Torgoff presented a paper entitled "Life Satisfaction of Adolescents" with Laurel Torgoff and Michael Ponder, and Keith E. Stanovich presented a paper entitled "The Effect of Orthographic Structure on the Word Search Times of Good and Poor Readers" with Richard F. West. Stanovich recently published an article in the journal *Memory and Cognition*. The paper was entitled "Mechanisms of Sentence Context Effects in Reading: Automatic Activation and Conscious Attention."

Jim Ozinga presented "The Evolution of Altruism" at a conference entitled "Problems of Context" sponsored by the Dutch Systems Group. The conference met at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Don S. Schwerin presented "The lemming and the snake? Norwegian incomes policy and European monetary integration" at the Conference of Europeanists meeting in Washington, D.C.

Lawrence Orton, history, presented a paper on "The Stanczyk Portfolio and the Politics of Galician Loyalism" at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in New Haven.

Daniel N. Braunstein, School of Economics and Management, has returned from a sabbatical leave at the University of Oregon where he was supported by an Office of Naval Research grant. His research related the literature in cognitive psychology to that of organizational theory in the area of management and decision making. The research review completed by Professor Braunstein and his associates will be published by the Office of Naval Research. While on the coast, Braunstein and his research colleagues gave seminars at the universities of British Columbia and Oregon, and gave a paper at the Western Academy of Management meetings.

David Stevens, communication arts, published his article "Incongruity in a World of Illusion: Patterns of Humor in Peter Beagle's *The Last Unicorn*" in the fall 1979 issue of *Extrapolation*, the journal of the MLA science fiction interest group. An earlier version of the paper had been delivered at the 1978 Popular Culture Association convention in Cincinnati.

New traffic pattern

Effective Monday, Dec. 17, a new traffic pattern will be in force for the boulevard section running east and west between North Foundation Hall and Wilson Hall. The section of road closest to North Foundation Hall will be used for eastbound traffic only, the opposite side of the boulevard road nearest Wilson Hall will be used for return or westbound traffic only.

Thursday, December 13, 1979

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 pm Play, "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

8 pm "The Magic Parrot," Studio Theatre
8:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

10 am Wrestling, Lake Superior State College
10:30 am & 1:30 pm "The Magic Parrot," Studio Theatre
2 pm Men's Basketball vs Concordia College
6 & 9:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

1 to 5 pm Tours, Meadow Brook Hall
1:30 & 3 pm "The Magic Parrot," Studio Theatre
3 pm Oakland University Band, Varner Recital Hall
6:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 pm Men's Basketball vs Indiana University/Purdue University
8:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre
10 pm Exams End

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

2 & 8:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre
7 pm Women's Basketball vs Cleveland State

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

1:30 pm "The Magic Parrot," Studio Theatre
8:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:30 pm "The Magic Parrot," Studio Theatre
8:30 pm "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre
call 377-3190 for time Wrestling, Oakland County Christmas Tournament

For news of daily campus events, call the OU Hotline at 377-4650. To list items in the calendar contact CPO 377-2020, two weeks prior to the event.
