

OU NEWS

Biology students offer conference

Area high school biology teachers and faculty were guests of Oakland University at the ninth annual conference on student research in the biological sciences.

Oakland University undergraduate and graduate students were chosen to report on their original investigations in various fields of biology.

The annual conference allows Oakland University students to present papers in the same format they would meet at professional biology conference, and it gives high school students a chance to see the research opportunities that exist for students at the university.

In the past, the majority of Oakland University research studies selected for presentation at the conference have resulted in papers in scientific journals. The current research projects are supported in part by funds from the National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.), the National Foundation, biomedical funds from the N.I.H., and university grants.

Chosen to present papers were Donald Nies, Troy, "The Role of the Hexose Monophosphates in the Lens"; George Price, Bloomfield Hills, "Hormonal Influence on Galactose Cataracts"; Mary O'Connor, Utica, "Enzyme Analysis of Fractured Spinach Chloroplasts"; James DeMorros, Pontiac, "CPIB-Induced Peroxisomes in Rat Lens"; Vasundhara Chitnis, Sterling Heights, "Nematode Infection in the Land Snail *Helix Pomatia*"; Eric Goldenberg, Southfield, "Incidence of the Eye Fluke *Diplostomulum* in Fish of Pontiac Lake" and "Age-dependent Changes in Polypeptides of Lens B-Crystallins"; Thomas Eessalu, Southfield, "Role of Nucleotides in the Activation of Receptors for Sex Steroids Hormones"; and Steve McGee, Pontiac, "Relationship Between Donor Age and Growth Potential of Mammalian Lens Epithelial

Nies, O'Connor, and Chitnis are undergraduates while the other five students are in the master's program at the university.

The topics included the fields of ecology, plant biochemistry, enzymology, cytochemistry, biochemistry, physiology, and hormone regulation.

News briefs

David B. Lewis, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, announced Nov. 12 that the university's new classroom-office structure will now be known as O'Dowd Hall in honor of Jan and Don O'Dowd. The surprise announcement came during the Nov. 12 recognition ceremony for the O'Dowds in Varner Hall. Lewis said he felt it was appropriate that the naming of the building be announced at that moment rather than at some other time. The new building is scheduled for occupancy next fall.

The Karke-Cousins Golf Course is closed for the season after a successful spring and summer with 25,000 rounds of golf being played. "It was a fine year," Bill Rogers said, "one in which students, faculty, staff, and alumni all made good use of the course."

Members of the AFSCME Local 1418 voted 60 to 25 to accept a new two-year pact with the university. The contract will go to the Board of Trustees for approval on Nov. 28.

Blood drive tops goal

Oakland University's 1979 Blood Drive topped last year's drive by 68 pints for a record total of 552 pints donated. Approximately 600 people attempted to give blood. O.U.'s blood drive is the largest single drive in Oakland County. It is sponsored by the Office of Campus Information, Programs, and Organizations, and the residence halls.

Several student organizations provided assistance for the very successful effort. Republicans United aided in donor recruitment and registration; Area Hall Council mounted an extensive campaign to recruit donors from the campus dorms; and the O.U. Student Nursing Association, the Health Conscious Society, and Delta Alpha Sigma all provided assistance during the drive.

Alumni, town and gown

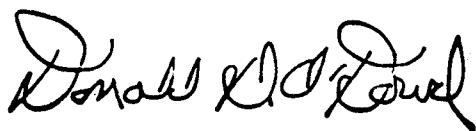
Farewell

It is with mixed emotion that Jan and I take leave of Oakland University. We will miss our many friends in the university community, but we hope that we will have many opportunities to visit with them in Albany and in Rochester.

It is difficult for us to leave this community where our children and Oakland University have grown from infancy to maturity during the past twenty years. Just as there comes a time when children are more likely to flourish free of the constraints of home, so it is true that universities need the fresh vision and enthusiasm of a new generation of leadership.

Jan and I look forward to meeting new people, exploring new places, and meeting new challenges, but we will always think of Oakland University, Rochester, the Detroit area, and Michigan as our family home. We hope to return here often to renew the friendships that are so meaningful to us.

We are very grateful for all the tributes and gifts that have been showered upon us in recent weeks. Thank you for all the good wishes and warm sentiments that have been offered to us. Oakland University, its faculty, staff, and alumni have our best wishes for continued growth in stature and quality.



After December 17, Jan and Don O'Dowd can be reached at
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Area legislators, community and school leaders, alumni, and OU Foundation representatives joined with members of the OU community and friends to honor Jan and Don O'Dowd at special functions. The Alumni honored the O'Dowds Nov. 11, and others gathered Nov. 12 for an afternoon program in Varner Recital Hall and for an evening reception in Meadow Brook Hall.

With special gifts



A photo album



A gift of Sterling Silver from the university with Fred Obear at the podium



A gift of Steuben Glass from the President's Club

Join in O'Dowd tributes ...

With good times



A humorous resolution from Dick Miller of the Presidents Council of State Colleges and Universities draws the desired response



Lacking a stage and a lectern, faculty member Mel Cherno mounts a chair as he makes his presentation

With best wishes



O'Dowd chats with Chancellor Emeritus D.B. "Woody" Varner



OU alumnus Jim Morrison ('63) makes a point in conversation with Ralph T. Norvell, chairperson of the OU President's Club, and his wife Lillian.



Paula Varner, right, chats with former OU officer Herbert N. Stourenburg, and his wife Arlene

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 2

10 am to 5:30 pm "A Golden Christmas at Meadow Brook Hall" and Plant sale and Green House Tour; Estate Green House.

November 29-December 1

7:30 pm Patrons Dinner Parties, Meadow Brook Hall.

Friday, November 30

noon Slapstick Cinema, "Desperate Scoundrel," The Keystone Cops, Exhibit Lounge.
2:15-3:30 pm Speaker, Dr. Mohamed Serageldin, Room 239, Dodge Hall.
6:00 pm Arabian Night and Belly Dancers, Gold Rooms, A, B, C.
6:30 pm Divorced & Separated Women's Group, St. John Fisher Chapel
7:00 pm & 9:30 pm Film, "Thank God It's Friday," 201 Dodge.
7:30 pm Women's Swimming, Bowling Green State University.
7:30 pm Workshop, Communication for Couples, Continuum Center
8:00 pm Larin & Mason Concert Abstention Coffee House.
8:00 pm Workshop, Black Theatre with the McCree Theatre.
8:00 pm Cellist Stephen Eliason, Varner Hall, Pontiac Oakland Symphony
8:00 pm "Turn of the Screw," Studio Theatre.
8:30 pm "Of Mice and Men," Meadow Brook Theatre.
9:00 pm Dance, Crockery, OC.
9:00 pm Randal Hensen, "Sex Determined Attributions."

Monday, December 3

8:15 Performance, "For Colored Girls Who've Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf," Musical Drama by McCree Theatre, Varner Recital Hall

Tuesday, December 4

noon "Milestones for Mikey," Art Lounge
8:00 pm OU Chorus, Christmas, Varner Hall

Wednesday, December 5

10:00 am "East Meets West," Exhibit Lounge, OC
noon Mr. Uri Segal, "The Kibburz—A Successful Event in Communal Living," Fireside Lounge, OC
7:00 pm Women's Basketball vs Western Michigan, Sports & Rec. Building
8:00 pm OU Chorus Concert, Varner Recital Hall.
Play Preview, "Charley's Aunt," Meadow Brook Theatre