



OU NEWS

Chemists host international visitors

The OU Department of Chemistry is becoming well known internationally.

In addition to honors from the National Science Foundation for its teaching and research and an impressive growth in external research funding in this country, the department was selected recently for a visit from top international scientists.

Oakland was one of only three institutions in the United States to be visited by a leading scientific team from the USSR. In addition, eminent professors from England and France paid visits to the campus and discussed their specific area of research.

The scientists, all leading researchers in the field of electrochemistry, were in the United States for the "International Conference: Non-traditional Approaches to the Study of the Solid-Electrolyte Interface." The conference was held Sept. 24-27 in Colorado.

Hosts for the OU visit were B. Stanley Pons and Parbury P. Schmidt, two recognized American researchers in the field of electrochemistry. This area deals with the relation of electricity to chemical changes and with the interconversion of chemical and electrical energy. The field is of great value in helping solve energy conversion problems from many sources, including the sun.

Visiting before the Colorado conference were members of the Institute of Electrochemistry of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. The members were R.R. Dogonadze, director of the theoretical group; A.M. Kuznetsov, second in command; and A.A. Kornyshev, a member of the group for a decade and the developer of non-local electro-dynamical interactions in polar systems. This is important in the understanding of the electron transfer reaction.

Also visiting with the USSR delegation was Professor C. Lamy, University of Poitiers, France. He is an internationally known electrochemist.

Following the international conference (which Pons and Schmidt attended) a number of distinguished researchers came to the campus for a one-day seminar with OU participants Oct. 2.

They included Lamy and A. Tajeddine of Bellevue, France; Alan Bewick of the University of Southampton, England; Jeffrey Buchholz of General Motors; and John Endicott and Ron Schroeder of Wayne State University.

Frederick W. Obear, academic vice president and provost, expressed his personal excitement over the visits and the recent seminar. They provided a chance for an interaction between OU researchers and others from institutions around the world in a very personal setting. There is the opportunity for much more extended discussion and exchange when the researchers are right here on our campus, Obear said. "These visits enhance the stature of the department of chemistry and the institution," the provost said.

South Africa issue

The Oakland University Board of Trustees committee, charged with the responsibility of reviewing the university investment policy regarding companies doing business with South Africa will be on campus Wednesday, October 17, 1979. The committee will meet with any individual or group from Oakland University wishing to comment on the subject of the divestiture of stock. The committee, consisting of Trustees Richard Headlee, Alex Mair and Ken Morris, will be available from 5:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Room of the Oakland Center. Any individual or representative of an organization wishing to meet with the

committee must obtain an appointment. Any student or student organization should contact Ms. Mary Sue Rogers, president of University Congress, who will in turn contact the secretary to the Board of Trustees for an appointment. Any faculty or staff member or representative of a faculty or staff organization wishing to appear should contact Mr. Shelton Appleton, chairperson of Ad Hoc Committee on South African Investments, who in turn will contact the secretary to the Board of Trustees for an appointment.

Dean Mohammed Ghausi will present a free slide-lecture on Oct. 16 entitled "A Glimpse of the Peoples Republic of China." The presentation on Ghausi's recent visit to that country will begin at noon in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center. The university community is invited to the free program.

Noted Japanese poet in residence

Gozo Yoshimasu, one of Japan's most honored poets, is in residence at Oakland University for the 1979-80 year to meet with students and faculty and lecture before interested public groups.

Yoshimasu has won Japan's Takami Jun and Rekitei prizes. They are similar to this country's National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize, states OU Professor Tom Fitzsimmons.

Yoshimasu will make his first area appearance on Oct. 14 in a 2 p.m. reading at the Baldwin Public Library in

Birmingham. He is scheduled to appear Nov. 7 in the International Poetry Forum in Carnegie Lecture Hall. Other guests in that forum include Peter Ustinov and Tennessee Williams.

At OU, Yoshimasu is working with the English, Japanese studies, art, and philosophy students, and in the winter semester he will present a seminar on various aspects of Japanese poetry.

Fitzsimmons describes Yoshimasu as a "performance poet," one whose works and readings are full of energy. He often

performs with a background of jazz music. During his campus and area appearances, Fitzsimmons, professor of English, will provide simultaneous translation as Yoshimasu reads from his own works.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Fitzsimmons at 377-2275. Yoshimasu's visit is made possible by many persons and areas including the Department of English, the Area Studies Program, and Reuben Torch, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

News briefs

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 in Lounge II of the Oakland Center. Board chairperson David B. Lewis has announced that an interim university president will be named in that session.

Enrollment statistics for the fall semester show a record of 11,729 full and part-time students. This tops the previous high of 11,220 set last fall.

Meadow Brook Theatre, with an all-time high of season subscriptions already in the "bank," opens its season Oct. 11 with the comedy masterpiece *The School for Scandal*. The play runs through Nov. 4. For ticket information call 377-3300. For group sales 377-3300.

United Way goal is \$22,000

The current United Way campaign has begun on campus with a deadline of Oct. 22 to reach the campus goal of \$22,000.

The university community has been extremely generous in the past and the current co-chairpersons, Judy Wharry and Keith Kleckner, are asking the community to be equally responsive this year.

Wharry is chairperson for the clerical, technical, and hourly employes and Kleckner is chairperson for the faculty and administrative staff.

Area coordinators are Jacqueline Scherer, faculty; Jerry Dahlmann, administrative professional area; Lowell Eklund, executive group; Bill Teeters, AFSCME; Mary Rice, confidential clerical employes; Al Klug,

Fraternal Order of Police; and Larry Johnson, Police Officers Association of Michigan. Pledge materials should already be in the hands of members of the university community.

Grants to end

Recent announcements in the **Chronicle of Higher Education** and elsewhere have confirmed the fact that the Danforth Foundation is in serious financial difficulty and will not award fellowships after this year. Judy Brown, sociology and anthropology, urges interested senior students to apply this academic year if they are interested in the final round of fellowships. Information can be obtained by calling 377-2438.

The Women's Studies Program has invited several speakers to lecture in WS 200, Introduction to Women's Studies. Margaret Kurzman, clinical psychologist and instructor at Oakland University spoke on Human Sexuality on Wednesday evening September 19. Dacia Van Anrwerp, executive at Chrysler Corporation, will speak on Women and Work on October 17 at 6:30 p.m., Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Maureen

Reilly will speak on Women and Law on November 7 at 7 p.m., and Johnetta Brazell, associate director of Urban Affairs, will speak on the Contemporary Black Women on November 28 at 7 p.m. All lectures will be in 171 SHF.

Faculty accomplishments noted

Doris Sponseller, associate dean, School of Human and Educational Services, has received a Public Service Residency Award of \$19,167 from the National Science Foundation. The residency will be spent with the Michigan League for Human Services studying the effects of governmental policy on child care, working with people who receive government funds to determine problems from their perspectives, and providing a comprehensive overview of the entire child care problem. The NSF program enables professionals to work with citizen groups interested in influencing public policy.



Barbara B. Hamilton, learning skills, is currently completing coursework for a Ph.D. in rhetoric, linguistics and English literature at the University of Southern California.

During summer 1979, she conducted a one-day workshop for high school teachers participating in the Kern Writing Project, Bakersfield, California, on the topic: "The Application of Recent Research in Psycholinguistics and Composition to the Writing Classroom."



Richard A. Mazzara, modern languages, is the author of a translation of **Two Modern Autos** by Brazilian writer Ariano Suassuna. The review was published in **Estudos Ibero-Americanos**, IV.



Carol D. Stevens, learning skills, participated in a National Endowment for the Humanities seminar at the University of California, Berkeley. The seminar in "Humanist Rhetoric" was directed by Professor Thomas O. Sloane of the Department of Rhetoric at Berkeley.



Karl D. Gregory, economics and management, has been reappointed to another

term on the Committee on Regional Development of the Southeastern Michigan Council on Regional Development. He is also serving on the Advisory Committee of the Bureau of the Census, a consulting committee whose goal is to increase the accuracy and usefulness of the census.

Gregory recently participated in a White House-sponsored conference on Youth

Employment held in San Francisco. The proceedings of the conference will soon be published.



Thomas W. Casstevens presented "A Mathematical Model of the Birth and Death of Governmental Agencies" at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Portland, Oregon.

Privacy Act rules

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Oakland University hereby gives public notice that this institution may release data about individual students which is classified as "directory (general) information."

Oakland University considers the following items to be directory information:

Name
Address
Telephone number
Date and place of birth
Major field of study
Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
Height and weight of members of athletic teams
Degrees, honors and awards received, including scholarships
Most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student
Date of attendance
Class standing (Fr., Soph., Jr., Sr.)
Directory information may be released without a student's permission, unless the

student states in writing that such information should not be released. The written notification not to release directory information must be filed at the beginning of each academic year for which a student wishes to have directory information remain private.

Students who do not want Oakland University to release directory information about them without their permission during the 1979-80 academic year must respond in writing before 5:00 p.m., September 28, 1979, to:

Cynthia Livingston
University Hearings Officer for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
144 Oakland Center
Oakland University
Rochester, Michigan 48063

Students who wish clarification of their rights under this act should call 377-3352.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- noon "Monsters, Mysteries, or Myths," Art Lounge, OC
12:15, 1:15 & 2:15 Seminar, "The Interview," Gold Room C, OC
3:30 p.m. Soccer, Univ. of Evansville
8:30 p.m. "The School for Scandal," Wilson Hall, MBT
9 p.m. Music, David MacKenzie, Abstention Coffeehouse

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- noon Slapstick Cinema, "Laughing Gas" & "The Tramp," Charlie Chaplin, Exhibit Lounge, OC
12:30 p.m. Exhibit, Pool, Nick Varner, Pickwick Games Room, OC
5 p.m. Volleyball, Ferris State University
8:30 p.m. "The School for Scandal," Wilson Hall, MBT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 4:30 p.m. Soccer, University of Michigan, home
8 p.m. The New York Chamber Soloists, Varner Recital Hall
2 and 8:30 p.m. "The School for Scandal, Wilson Hall, MBT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 1 to 5 p.m. Tours, Meadow Brook Hall
3 & 7 p.m. Films, "The Island" & "Meshes of the Afternoon," 201 Dodge
6:30 p.m. "The School for Scandal," Wilson Hall, MBT
Exhibit, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 6 p.m. Alumni Telefund, OC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 10 a.m. Films, "Rape Culture," & "Rape Prevention: No Pat Answers," Exhibit Lounge, OC
noon Speaker, Pat Mason, "On Rape," Fireside Lounge, OC
noon Slide presentation, M.S. Ghausi, "A Glimpse of the People's Republic of China" Oakland Room, OC
12:15, 1:15 & 2:15 Seminar, The Interview, Gold Room C, OC
6 p.m. Alumni Telefund, OC
7:30-9 p.m. Seminar, Pre-Marriage, St. John Fisher Chapel
8:30 p.m. "The School for Scandal," Wilson Hall, MBT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- noon Contemporary Gospel featuring Bob Holt, Fireside Lounge, OC
12:15, 1:15 & 2:15 Seminar, "The Interview," Rooms 128-130, OC
2 & 8:30 p.m. "The School for Scandal," Wilson Hall, MBT
6 p.m. Alumni Telefund, OC
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees, Lounge II, OC