



# OU NEWS

## Matthews talks of growth, budget

As a young institution, Oakland University has an advantage as demographic changes put pressures on future enrollments, Interim President George T. Matthews reported Oct. 1.

Being young, OU has a better chance to add new programs and respond to changing age populations than older, more highly structured institutions, Matthews explained.

The interim president was addressing faculty and staff at the annual fall colloquium. His report on the past year and comments on the future were made with wit and deep conviction.

Matthews reported that approximately 12,000 students (a new record) were enrolled for the fall. If growth in and of itself is good, then OU is in good shape, he said. But he sounded a note of caution about the composition of the student body. The numbers of FTIACs (first time in any college freshmen) and new graduate students are both down, he said. If the trend continued, the university would certainly have to find different student populations and new means to reach them. He suggested that cable TV is a force the university must respond to. As the

university reaches an older student body and transportation costs rise, there could be TV instruction in the home, he said.

Making it clear that he spoke as an individual and did not represent an official university position, Matthews said he regarded the Tisch ballot proposal as a very dangerous affair.

Higher education would most certainly be a target for the cuts that would have to be made. The outcome could end Michigan's long standing position of leadership in support of higher education. State sources said it could even result in the elimination of appropriations for all but the big three universities, and it could end the possibility of a university education for many persons. It raises a profound social and political question, Matthews said.

Matthews described the state budget picture as a roller coaster with people in Lansing whipsawed by changing conditions. Since last January OU went from a recommended 8 percent appropriation increase down to four percent only six weeks later. Today the university is operating on a budget that assumes no increase in state appropriations. The members of the legislature are

campaigning, and no state budget will be approved until after the elections. Then there will be fighting over this year's budget and at the very time next year's budget should be under consideration, Matthews said.

In other issues, Matthews said O'Dowd Hall would be occupied sometime in February or March, that the golf course was turning a handsome profit that went into the general fund, and that Meadow Brook Hall, the festival and theatre, along with the golf course, were amenities that helped bring important private individuals into contact with the university. While there should be more integration with the students and faculty, these enterprises play important roles, Matthews said.

He cited the President's Club, now at 302 members, and bringing in over \$300,000 in revenue in a year. For 1980-81 he is requesting \$150,000 support from the OU Foundation, the organization that dispenses those funds. The requests include a \$118,000 DPS 2 for the Honeywell computer, plus continued support for scholarships and a lecture series, student-matched library contributions, as well as a one-time contribution to the Lowry Child Care Center.

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## United Way—It helps too

Last year United Way contributions came back to OU more than two fold. The university personnel contributed \$19,000 in the fund drive. The United Way agencies provided the following services for OU students, faculty, and staff.

### RESEARCH

- \$30,000 in several grants to faculty from United Way and the Michigan Heart Association
- A fellowship and grant for one faculty

member from the Michigan League for Human Services

### INTERNSHIPS

- The Kenny-Michigan Rehabilitation Foundation has provided a grant to the OU School of Nursing for a summer study fellowship for students in the baccalaureate program. The initial grant is for \$1,800.
- Twelve United Way funded agencies have provided internships for our students.

### HELP WITH PERSONAL PROBLEMS

- Approximately 100 OU faculty and staff received help from United Way funded agencies last year. Many of these agencies have also helped our students referred to them by our office of Campus Information, Programs and Organizations.

For pledge forms or to make a donation—call Bill Marshall or Vivian Turner at 377-3245.

# History research enriches society

Editor's note—The *OU News* will, from time to time, feature an OU discipline so that other members of the community can get a better idea of the variety of scholarship activities taking place at the university. This week members of the Department of History offer a look at their research activities.

**John Barnard**, chairperson, Department of History—“As the listing shows, the research interests and activities of the Oakland University history faculty range around the world and back in time for centuries. The results will become evident both in the classroom and in the historical profession. The differences between history courses today and those of 50 or 100 years ago are astonishing, and most of the progress is the result of research. The texts and other materials that historians use in classes and in preparing lectures and discussions come from the scholarly activity of this and previous generations. Without a constant infusion of new knowledge and insight the subject would stagnate.”

“Americans have characteristically been a forward looking people, more concerned with tomorrow than yesterday. It is especially important in this kind of culture that the professional study of the past be encouraged and the results disseminated in courses and in books. History and historians have the duty of informing, criticizing, elucidating the terms and conditions of public decision making through research and teaching. Although the present never exactly repeats the past, the parallels are often close and intriguing. The role of the British government in the American War for Independence in the 1770s, for example, was in many ways similar to the role of the United States in Vietnam in the 1960s. Perhaps if we had known our own history better . . . draw your own conclusion.”

**Charles Akers**—Akers has finished a book *The Divine Politician: Samuel Cooper and the American Revolution in Boston*, that offers a substantial reinterpretation of the origin of the Revolution in Massachusetts. The Northeastern University Press expects to publish the work in 1981. Akers is beginning a new book, a study of the religious experiences of American women. The research will test the thesis that the role assigned women in American society has been a major influence on their religious experiences. Akers is also editing the autobiography of a naval chaplain who was transformed from super patriot to near pacifist by the navy's treatment of him during the war in Vietnam.

**John Barnard**—His recent research has concentrated on the life and work of Walter P. Reuther, the president of the United Automobile Workers from 1946 until his death in 1970. He has closely studied Reuther's work and participation in the fledgling UAW during the thirties, his involvement in the political and ideological struggles that wracked the union toward the end of that decade, his emergence as one of the UAW's leaders, leadership of the strike against GM in 1945-6, election as president and the changes he wrought in the union once in office, the Reuther style and achievement in the postwar negotiations with the auto companies, the nearly successful assassination attempt in 1948, his activities including those as president of the CIO, his relationship with George Meany following the unification of the CIO and the AFL, and his involvement in and effect on national politics and political issues.

In addition Barnard has been engaged in a broader study of the effects on organized labor and American workers of national involvement in the Cold War, exploring such topics as the growth of unions, the changing character of the workforce, the purge of leftist unions from the CIO, the effects on employment discrimination, etc.

**Leo Gerulaitis**—He is interested in finding out why there are certain periods in history when change becomes the accepted norm and a renaissance takes place. There are two such periods that interest him in particular. They are ancient Greece from 600 to 400 B.C. and the Renaissance Italy from 1300 to 1515. Both periods were preceded by “dark ages” and both produced a marked change in consciousness. Gerulaitis is working on a hypothesis that the introduction of new means of communication, that is, the alphabetical writing in Greece and of printing in Italy liberated pent up energies producing these efflorescences of culture.

**James D. Graham**—His research in economic history has focused on the problems of underdevelopment in Africa, especially in Tanzania. Research grants have enabled him to interview more than 500 villagers and many dozens of local leaders and international experts in addition to completing extensive archival and library work in Tanzania and elsewhere during the past 15 years. Since the issues of economic development in today's world are so intricately linked with both local history and international trade, he has been delving deeply into Tanzania's oral traditions and colonial

records as well as into more general theoretical and historical approaches to the questions of leadership, peasant production, appropriate technologies, and both agricultural and industrial planning in the context of contemporary history, exploring the historical roots of current problems. Modern Tanzania, under the leadership of President Julius Nyerere, offers an ideal environment in which all the issues of economic development can be fruitfully studied and broadly applied—both in Africa and internationally.

**Gerald C. Heberle**—Heberle has been investigating the consumption of opium and morphine in nineteenth century England. He notes that the drugs were plentiful, cheap, and readily available to the public, since their sale was subject to few legal restrictions. There was no significant public concern about drug usage in England in the nineteenth century; even if individuals were wrecked by opium and morphine, society perceived no harm done to itself as a whole by the drugs and therefore all but ignored them as a civic issue.

**Mary Karasch**—Her research activities include slave life and culture in nineteenth century Brazil, Afro-Brazilian religions in modern Rio de Janeiro, and the urban history of Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia. A future project is a study of the social history of small towns on the mining frontier of Goias near Brasilia.

**Katharine Kennedy**—Kennedy is finishing up her dissertation, which is about the public schools that German children attended during the four decades before World War I. An analysis of old textbooks, lesson plans, curriculum guides, teachers' magazines and other sources show that the primary emphasis in the classroom was on religious, moral and political education. Training in practical skills was of secondary importance. These schools left their mark on the young workers who contributed to Germany's rapid industrial growth and on the entire generation that reached maturity during World War I and the prime of life during World War II.

**Roy Kotynek**—His research currently focuses on modern American culture, specifically the art and entertainment of our industrial civilization. The complex interaction between popular art and avant-garde experimentation especially interests him, since the concurrent growth of mass culture and an artistic avant-garde is a major twentieth-century phenomenon. This concern underlies his interest in Alfred Stieglitz, the noted photographer, editor, and gallery director. Throughout his long career, Stieglitz struggled to develop

the popular medium of photography into a serious art form. His crusade for pictorial photography led him after 1908 to sponsor other kinds of innovative artistic expression, including Fauvism, Cubism, Expressionism, and Dada. By the time he died in 1946, Strieglitz had attained widespread recognition as America's pioneer champion of modern art. Kotynek is completing research on Strieglitz' involvement with the pictorial photography movement from 1890 to 1910 and will begin a monograph on this subject next year. How Strieglitz promoted modernism at his New York 291 gallery between 1908 and 1917 will be the subject of a subsequent study.

**Lawrence D. Orton**—For several years, Orton has been studying the history of Polish Americans in the metropolitan Detroit area. The first fruits of his investigations, a book dealing with the Polish immigrant community in late nineteenth-century Detroit, entitled *Polish Detroit and the Kolasinski Affair*, will be published in January 1981 by Wayne State University Press. Orton is continuing his research on Detroit "Polonia" in the twentieth century, and he expects to complete a larger study on "Polish Detroit" that will appear in Polish translation by a publisher in Wroclaw, Poland, in 1982.

Orton has also recently completed the selection and translation of a collection of essays by leading American historians on the theme of "The American Experience." This work is scheduled to appear in Poland in late 1981.

The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies recently awarded Orton a research grant of \$7,150 to prepare an edited translation into English of two books on Ukrainian national movement in Austrian Galicia in the nineteenth century.

Orton's other current research projects include the preparation of several papers and articles dealing with the growth of the Polish city of Cracow before World War I, the activities of the Polish Academy of Learning which was founded in 1873, and the so-called Stanczyk faction in Galician Polish politics. He is also preparing an article on the Russian revolutionary and anarchist Mikhail Bakunin for the *World Book Encyclopedia*.

**W. Patrick Strauss**—Strauss is working on a short book on Michigan history for the college-aged adult. Collaborating on the project and the authoress of a teachers guide is Ms. Jennie Cross, director of the library, Oakland schools.

**S. Bernard Thomas**—Thomas has completed a book-length manuscript,

"Labor and the Chinese Revolution, 1928-1948," which is now being considered for publication by the University of Michigan. He is now working on a lengthy article on changes in Chinese labor policies, organization, etc. since Mao's death in 1976, and how these contrast with the policies followed during the Cultural Revolution decade of 1966-1976.

**Richard Tucker**—Is on leave for the semester and returning to India to continue his studies of the history of Asian forests.

**Joseph Kloits**—Is on leave for the full year and working in Washington, D.C. to complete research for a book on *The History of Witchcraft*, an outgrowth of his popular OU course.

**Anne Tripp**—Is on leave for the fall semester to complete a book on the Patterson, N.J. sil workers strike of 1913.

He said the Medical School Feasibility Study would go to the board at the Nov. 19 meeting for acceptance and that the state would be asked to study it. Members of the OU board will meet with members of the Oakland County Hospital boards to determine possible future courses of action.

Mathews said he hoped for vigorous discourse on the Dave Bricker recommendations on undergraduate general education. The report is being advanced to the APC. The university will address the question of what it can do to turn out an educated person for the 21st century. The hope for an educated citizenry lies in the composition of the general education program, Mathews said.

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## News briefs

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There is a critical shortage of some blood types in Oakland County and non-emergency operations have been delayed. The university community is being asked to help.

Oakland University is sponsoring its annual blood drive on Oct. 28-29 and will try to exceed 600 pints, the largest blood drive in the county.

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be on campus from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 28 and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29. The location is the Crockery of the Oakland Center. To sign up, come to CIPO in room 49 OC or call 377-2020. Extra help is needed in addition to blood donors. Call CIPO at 377-2020.

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The American Council on Education (ACE) Identification Program will have as their guest speaker, Barbara Murphy, affirmative action officer, on Thursday, October 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center, Golf Room C. This program is intended for women faculty and administrative professionals and has now entered its second successful year on Oakland's campus. Reservations for lunch will be accepted by Nancy Collins, Coordinator for Education Advising Center, at 377-4182 until Monday, October 13, 5 p.m.

Frederick W. Obear academic vice-president and provost, announces that membership applications to the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters are available in his office, 207 VH.

Obear is president-elect of the academy which has been in operation for more than 85 years. The academy goals of promoting research and diffusing knowledge are through an annual meeting attracting 700 to 1000 scholars and through publications and awards.

A membership is \$10 which includes a subscription to the quarterly journal the *Michigan Academician*. Members also receive the *Academy Letter* which reports news of colleges and universities in the state.

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The Career Advising and Placement Office has received information from the Hughes Aircraft Company regarding the Hughes Fellowship Program. This year the company will award more than 100 fellowships for graduate study in engineering, computer science, applied mathematics, and physics. Persons interested in reviewing materials on the Hughes Fellowship Program may do so by coming into the Career Advising and Placement Office at 201 Wilson Hall.

# CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

9 am to 3 pm Last day to file Application for Degree for Fall, 1980 Graduation, Cashiers Office  
 1 am Pro-American March, Gold Rms. B & C, Beer Lake Yacht Club  
 7 & 9:30 pm Film, "Blazing Saddles," 201 Dodge Hall  
 8:30 p.m. "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 8:30 pm "Jeririgg," Barn Theatre

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

2 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 2 pm Soccer: Oakland vs. Spring Arbor  
 7:30 pm Film, "Swept Away," 129 OC  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 8:30 pm "Jeririgg," Barn Theatre, Mime Ensemble

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

1 to 5 pm Meadow Brook Hall tours  
 2:30 & 6:30 pm "Jeririgg," Barn Theatre  
 6:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 7 pm Alpha Delta Pi, Lounge II, OC  
 7:30 pm Film, "Swept Away," 201 Dodge Hall

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

noon "China: 1980," Gold Room, OC  
 noon Cartoon Week, Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 7 pm Women's Volleyball: Oakland vs. Kalamazoo, Lepley Sports Center

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

noon Cartoon Week, Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9 am Small Stuffed Animal sale, Table 4, OC  
 noon Cartoon Week, Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 noon Tisch Tax Proposal Debate, Fireside Lounge, OC  
 2 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

9 am Small Stuffed Animal sale, Table 4, OC  
 noon Cartoon Week, Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 7 pm OU Residence Hall night at halftime of Detroit Pistons' game  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

noon Cartoon Week, Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 8:30 pm "Jeririgg," Barn Theatre  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

6 & 9:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 7 & 9:30 pm Film, "Seduction of Joe Tynan," 201 DH  
 8:30 pm "Jeririgg," Barn Theatre

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

1 to 5 pm Meadow Brook Hall tours  
 2:30 & 6:30 pm "Jeririgg," Barn Theatre  
 6:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 7 pm Meeting, Alpha Delta Pi, Lounge II, OC

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

noon Computer Demonstration, Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

11 am Film, "Controlling Interest," Exhibit Lounge, OC  
 2 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre  
 7 & 9:30 pm "Rocky Horror Picture Show, 201 Dodge Hall  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

6 pm Women's Volleyball, Oakland vs. Calvin, Lepley Sports Center  
 8:30 pm "Thieves Carnival," Meadow Brook Theatre