



OU NEWS

OU considers death education

The university is considering the establishment of a Center for Death Education and Research.

Frederick W. Obear, academic vice president and provost, has named a special task force to develop a proposal for the creation of such a center.

The charge to the task force is to define the role and scope of such a center and its emphasis on teaching, research, and service.

Obear said that "Initially, a regrouping of existing credit courses might result in an educationally sound and appealing concentration which might be sponsored by an academic unit or by the Provost's Office."

Among the other activities that the center might consider are yearly conferences for clergy, funeral directors, nurses and doctors and research on death and dying.

University personnel have already established related programs in area hospitals and in the community. Obear said he feels the university can develop a useful and responsive organizational entity oriented toward death education and research. "Presently, we appear to have impressive human resources in this area which can serve as the basis for staffing a variety of programs that would

not duplicate those in existence at other Michigan higher educational institutions," Obear said.

Chairperson of the study committee is William Charles Fish, human and educational services. Members are Harvey Burdick, psychology; William H. Jones, human and educational services; Boaz Kahana, psychology; Moon J. Pak, health sciences; Barbara Russol, nursing; Ralph Schillace, psychology; Maura C. Selahowski, urban affairs; Ronald Sudol, learning skills; Arundhati Ava Tagore, library; and Howard R. Witt, engineering.

Board change

The May 22 meeting of the Oakland University Board of Trustees will be held in room 159 NFH rather than Lounge II of the Oakland Center as originally scheduled. The meeting time remains 7:30 p.m.

New hours

The Kresge Library will be closed Memorial Day weekend May 24-25-26.

Effective immediately, the cashiers are on summer hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Energy course set

The Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences has approved an energy studies concentration of 28 credits in diverse interdisciplinary areas including economics, political science, anthropology, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and environmental studies.

Most of the courses in the concentration already exist as individual offerings, but the grouping as a concentration provides a more visible, coordinated effort in energy studies, sponsors say.

The new concentration will begin in the fall of 1980, but interested students can begin energy-related projects this spring. Those projects include solar measurements, evaluation of a local pond for aquaculture, and thermal efficiency studies of buildings.

Interested students can contact Professor Gottfried Brieger, chemistry, at 377-2325.

Before her death last month, Marian Wilson asked that gifts in her memory be made to the Department of History. Thus, the department is establishing the Marian Wilson Memorial Fund which will be used to recognize high accomplishment in the areas of Marian's professional expertise. A faculty-staff committee drawn from several university departments will establish

guidelines for administering the fund and recommending awards. Contributions may be made in the form of checks written to Oakland University and forwarded to the history office, 460 VBH.

Commencement ceremonies May 31

Some 1,320 students will be recognized at five separate commencement exercises May 31.

The figure includes 854 graduate and undergraduate students who completed their work this semester and 466 students who graduated in December, 1979.

The School of Human and Educational Services, 10 a.m., Pavilion.

PROCESSIONAL

Robert W. Brown, Marshal
William H. Jones, Deputy Marshal
Janice Guerriero, Deputy Marshal

EXORDIUM

George E. Coon, Acting Dean

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

ADDRESS

Frederick W. Obear, Academic Vice-President and Provost

INVESTITURE

Graduate Degrees
G. Philip Johnson, Dean, Graduate School
Undergraduate Degrees
George G. Coon

VALEDICTION

Ann Marie Giren, Alumni Association

The School of Nursing, 10 a.m., Varner

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Nancy Kleckner, Marshal
George Feeman, Guest Marshal
Charles Lindemann, Guest Marshal

EXORDIUM

Geraldene Felton, Dean

PERORATION

Ilene L. Beland
Professor Emeritus of Nursing,
Wayne State University

INVESTITURE

George T. Matthews, Interim President

VALEDICTION

Judy Anderson, Alumni Association

Melvin Cherno

Professor of History, Associate Dean and Director of the Honors College, College of Arts and Sciences

The School of Economics and Management, 1:30 p.m., Varner Hall

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Diane B. Stricker, Marshal
Ronald M. Horwitz, Dean
Fred Obear, Vice-President, Academic Affairs and Provost

SPECIAL AWARDS

Ronald M. Horwitz

CANDIDATES FOR M.S./M.B.A. DEGREE

Diane B. Stricker

CANDIDATES FOR THE B.A. DEGREE

John E. Tower, Assistant Dean

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REMARKS TO GRADUATES

Jack Ryan, M.D., President, Detroit-Macomb Hospitals Association

Steven Meese, Alumni Association

College of Arts and Sciences, 2 p.m., Pavilion.

PROCESSIONAL

Jean S. Braun, Marshal
Psychology

EXORDIUM

Gottfried Brieger, Chemistry

COMMENT

Reuben Torch, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

ALUMNI WELCOME

Ann D. Arner, President
Oakland University Alumni Association

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Graduate School

Undergraduate Degrees
Reuben Torch

VALEDICTION

Melvin Cherno, Director, Honors College
Professor, Department of History

The School of Engineering, 4 p.m., Varner

PROCESSIONAL

Howard R. Witt, Marshal
Donald R. Falkenburg, Deputy Marshal

WELCOME

Mohammed S. Ghausi, Dean

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

John W. Weil, Senior Vice-President
The Bendix Corporation

HONORS

SPECIAL AWARDS

CANDIDATES FOR THE MS DEGREE

CANDIDATES FOR THE BS DEGREE

SALUTATION

Maureen R. Agnello, Graduating Senior

ALUMNI WELCOME

Susan M. Cischke
Alumni Association

VALEDICTION

Frederick W. Obear, Vice-President
Academic Affairs and Provost

Poets party

New Saratoga presents the third annual Poets Party May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Abstemion Coffee House. Free coffee and sweets will be served. Entertainment includes singers, dancers, and poets reading their own works.

Faculty activities noted

At the semiannual meeting of the Honeywell Large-Scale Users Association in Cincinnati March 31 through April 2, Bill Haga, manager of Academic Services in the Office of Computer Services, delivered a paper written by MaryLou Maryjanowski, senior MIS Programmer/Analyst in OCS. Maryjanowski, who is project leader for converting all administrative systems from the IBM to the Honeywell, detailed the problems encountered in a vendor-to-vendor conversion, summarized translation aids that the Oakland staff has developed, and pointed out pitfalls that the other HLSUA members may avoid.

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Boaz Kahana, psychology, presented a paper entitled "Grandparent's Attitudes Toward Grandchildren as a Function of Marital-Divorce Status of Children" at this year's meetings of the American Orthopsychiatric Association (April 7-11). This paper is part of a symposium on the impact of divorce upon intergenerational relationships.

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Glenn A. Jackson, engineering, gave a paper entitled "A Project-Oriented Microprocessor Laboratory" at the 28th annual meeting of the National Science Teachers Association convention held recently in Anaheim, Ca.

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Daniel F. Ring of the university library has had the following articles published recently: *The Michigan Imprints Inventory of the Historical Records Survey in Detroit in Perspective*, Winter, 1980, and Stoffie, Carla "Materials and Methods for History Research" in *College and Research Libraries*, January 1980 (A Review).

Egbert W. Henry, biological sciences, presented a seminar at Wayne State University on March 31 entitled "The Effects of Ethylene on Inducing Abscission In Tobacco."

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Five members of the Department of Learning Skills participated in the annual meeting of the Conference on College Composition and Communication held recently in Washington, D.C. Paul Bator presented a paper on "Audience Strategies in the Revision Process" and Barbara Hamilton reported on the composition program at the University of California-Huntington Beach. Three learning skills members were panelists: L.M. Lewis on "The Basic Writer's Self-Concept," Margaret Pigot on "Invention in the Composing Process," and Ronald Sudol on "Revision in the Composing Process."

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James Dow, sociology and anthropology, presented a paper at the recent meetings of the American Anthropological Association. The title of the paper was "Women Capture as a Motivation for Warfare."

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Stephanie Riley, director of the Lowry Early Childhood Center/Preschool and Anne DeHaan, director of the Toddler Program, gave the opening General Session of the National Campus Child Care Conference at Ohio State University on April 10. Their two hour presentation on "From Chickens to Children" depicted the growth of the Meadow Brook Estate chicken coops into one of the most recognized physical environment for children.

Boaz Kahana, psychology, presented a paper entitled "Mother-Child Interaction: A Primary Focus for Prevention" as part of a symposium on "Prevention: A Clinical/Community Perspective," which was sponsored by the Michigan Psychological Association annual spring conference.

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Barbara Hamilton, learning skills, and Betty Bamberg (University of Southern California) delivered a paper at the recent Annual Convention of the Western College Reading Association (WCRA) in San Francisco, California. The paper described the results of their computer-assisted study of the exam preparation strategies of college freshmen.

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Two members of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology made presentations at the recent meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society in Ann Arbor. James Dow read a paper entitled "The Male Supremacist Complex: Current Critique and Re-evaluation of Evidence" and Judith K. Brown's paper was entitled "Discontinuities in the Lives of Women: The Post-Child-Bearing Years."

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M. Ghausi, dean of the School of Engineering, attended the International Symposium on Circuits and Systems in Houston, Texas on April 28. He presented a research paper entitled, "Sensitivity Minimization in the Design of Generalized Follow-the-Leader Feedback Active Filters."

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CALENDAR

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7:00 pm Meeting, Divorced and Separated Women's Group, St. John Fisher Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 25

1-5 pm Tour, Meadow Brook Hall
7:00 pm Meeting, Singles Connection, St. John Fisher—Lower Level

MONDAY, MAY 26

Memorial Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

7:30 pm Poets Party, Abstention Oakland Center, New Saratoga

THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:00 pm Divorced and Separated Women's Group, St. John Fisher Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Spring Commencement, Baldwin Pavilion