



Extraterrestrial life lecture March 19

How will we communicate with advanced extraterrestrial life forms? A California philosophy professor and author who says it will be in a deep, meaningful way, will lecture on the topic March 19.

Professor James L. Christian will deliver the free talk at noon in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center. He appears under auspices of the President's Club Lecture Series.

The speaker's topic is entitled "We're All in This Together Said the Buddha" or "What We Should Have Learned from Science Fiction."

Christian says "Many theorists assume that the only characteristics sure to be shared by advanced extraterrestrial life forms will be the rational sciences; the logics, mathematics, and geometry (plus their applications in the so-called exact sciences—e.g., physics) and it will be via such channels that communication will take place."

"Initially, perhaps so," Professor Christian contends, "But I suggest that the Buddha told us something long ago. We're All in This Together. A deeper communication/understanding should be possible

because of specific life-experiences which self-conscious organisms will inevitably have in common. It all turns of whether we have preserved our humanity."

The speaker is professor of philosophy at Santa Anna College. Among his books is the work **Extraterrestrial Intelligence: The First Encounter**.

Tomboulion heads task force

Paul Tomboulion, chemistry, has been named chairperson of a regional task force created to help fight groundwater contamination problems in Southeastern Michigan.

Tomboulion heads a unit established by the Southeast Michigan Area-wide Water Quality Board. The board is a regional agency established to help monitor water problems in a seven county area.

The task force will study the problem and recommend solutions. At the initial meeting on Feb. 11, a list of known and potential groundwater pollution sites was studied. The problem areas were identified by The Department of Natural Resources.

The DNR list has been circulated to 260 governmental units. These units have been asked to study the DNR material and to add any sites within their

boundaries that should be included as problem areas.

Groundwater contamination is a threat to rivers and streams and to wells used for drinking water, Tomboulion said.

Among the potential causes of groundwater pollution are landfills, gasoline stations, storage or handling sites for toxic materials, transportation spills (along rail lines), and storage areas for road salt.

The charge to the task force is to establish regional priorities concerning groundwater contamination, and to aid state and local agencies in corrective activities and in gaining legislative appropriations as necessary.

The establishment of the task force was one of the eight recommendations made by the Water Quality Board to Gov. William Milliken after the board had met last December. The session was called to consider the problem of groundwater contamination as identified by the DNR.

MB ball tickets

Tickets for the Meadow Brook Ball are now on sale in the CPO Office, room 49, Oakland Center. The cost is \$10 per couple.

All interested members of the OU community are invited to the annual event to be held March 29 at 8:30 p.m. in Meadow Brook Hall. Theme for the 1980 ball is The Golden Years.

Unisex mortality table

The New York State Insurance Department has approved a TIAA-CREF request for a unisex or "merged gender" mortality table for annuities. The changes will probably take effect in mid August.

That table would take age but not sex into account in determining the monthly annuity benefits to be purchased by future premiums on existing and all newly issued annuity contracts.

This will mean that men and women of the same age will receive equal monthly benefits for equal premiums paid on the new basis.

The effect the new merged gender table will have on future premiums will depend on the method of income elected by the participant.

The **OU News** will publish a detailed report of the changes when the appropriate tables are received.

Department, but a rule of thumb is that the greater the protection elected for a beneficiary, the less the effect of the new mortality table.

Tom Edwards, chairperson of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund, commented on the request for a unisex mortality table. "This decision results from the weight of opinion from recent judicial, legislative and regulatory developments, and from concerns of our own participating institutions." What is happening, the chairperson explained, "is that today's social pressures are taking precedence over using the known differences in male and female life expectancies for determining retirement benefits."

FAA seminar

Federal Aviation Administration accident prevention specialist Paul Hinman will speak to about 150 pilots in Varner Hall at 7:30 p.m. March 13. Air traffic controllers will be present, to discuss safety issues with pilots who utilize the Detroit Traffic Control Area. Hosted by Oakland Aviation Association, a student organization, this seminar is the first of its kind on the campus. "We feel our favorable location will encourage future gatherings of this type," says the association's faculty sponsor David P. Doane, economics and management.

Oceanic art

A lecture by Professor Harry Bober of New York University will open the March 16 exhibit of Oceanic art in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Professor Bober will speak at 2:30 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre on the topic "The Discovery of Beauty in Oceanic Art." Works on display are from Bober's collection.

The 54 pieces in the exhibit will encompass Melanesia and Polynesia. An earlier exhibit entitled "Melanesia: Art of the Black Islands," was organized in 1969 by the late OU Professor John C. Galloway. Exhibit sponsors say the art of the South Pacific Islands is still relatively unexplored.

The show will remain up until April 25. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on nights when there is a Meadow Brook Theatre production.

Liberal arts job tips

Liberal arts students will get some job tips from liberal arts graduates who have "made it" in a March 20 Career Day program at Oakland University.

Participating are OU alumni representing more than 70 occupations. The session is sponsored by the Office of Career Advising and Placement with cooperation from alumni and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Two different sessions will be held, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., both in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center. The programs are directed to the career needs of the liberal arts students and will feature individual counseling and workshop sessions. The workshops are sponsored by academic units in the College of Arts and Sciences.

OU students are asked to register in advance through the Career Advising and Placement Office, room 201 Wilson Hall.

Children's film matinee

Parents within the OU community are invited to accompany their children to an afternoon film matinee on Saturday, March 22.

A group of student organizations at OU will co-sponsor the matinee which will feature the movie "The Point."

The film will be shown in 201 Dodge Hall at 1 p.m. General admission for the Children's Matinee is 50¢. Parents are encouraged to buy tickets in advance. Tickets are now on sale at the Campus Ticker Office, room 49 Oakland Center.

Sponsors say "The Point" is an enchanting and timely fantasy for audiences of all ages. The film follows the struggles of a round-headed boy in the Land of Point, a kingdom where everything (including people) is pointed.

The music and story written by Harry Nilsson are sure to delight both children and their parents. "The Point" is filled with imagination and comedy, but also addresses ignorance and prejudice, sponsors say. A film short and special live entertainment will precede the movie.

Co-sponsors for the Children's Matinee include two student film groups, Project II and Cinematheque, the Association for the Childhood Education International (ACEI), and CIPO. Anyone interested in further details may contact any of the above organizations or CIPO at 377-2020.

DeMont leaves

Billie DeMont, associate provost and director, Center for General and Career Studies, has accepted a position with the University of Maine. She will be professor of education and implement a new doctoral program in educational leadership for the university's statewide system, based at the graduate campus in Orono, Maine. DeMont will leave Oakland on July 1. She has been with the university since 1972.

Foreign affairs lecture

The Area Studies Program announces a public lecture on "Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Beyond: Dilemmas of U.S. Policy in a Troubled World Area." The speaker will be Dr. Walter Andersen of the U.S. State Department, a research analyst in the Division of South Asian Affairs, who will discuss problems facing U.S. policy in that conflicted world area. The lecture will be held in the West Crockery, OC, at noon on Monday, March 17th. All members of the university community invited.

Faculty and administrators are invited to join elected officials, local government personnel, attorneys, librarians, representatives of citizen groups, residents, and other educators at the "Community 'Clout' and Cable TV" conference on March 27 in the Oakland Center. There is no registration fee for university personnel. Conference brochures may be picked up at the Conference Department, 266 SFH. Advance registration for sessions is required. Call 377-3272.

The purpose of the conference is to help community decision makers and residents negotiate a cable TV franchise from a position of strength.

Presentations in the morning will include the state of the art and what's in the not too far distant future by Clare DiFelice, audio-visual services, Kresge Library;

community interest local origination applications by Randy VanDalsen, public access coordinator, WELM in East Lansing; and educational applications spanning preschool through postsecondary, training, licensing preparation, senior citizens, handicapped and homebound by Erling Jorgensen, associate director of academic services at MSU.

An afternoon presentation on the importance of the ordinance, negotiating process and award of the franchise/license will be made by Charles Ruffing, consultant to communities considering a cable TV system and former supervisor of instructional technology with the Michigan Department of Education. Breakout discussion sessions on the day's topics will be followed with responses from the panel of speakers to written questions.

TV conference

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1980

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

3 pm Nursing/Health Sciences Students Careers Day, Crockery, OC
3:15 pm University Senate, Rm. 128-130, OC
7:30 pm Christian Fellowship, 4th Floor Lounge, East Vandenberg
7:30 pm Seminar, Varner Recital Hall, OU Aviation Club
8:30 pm "A Life in the Theatre," Meadow Brook Theatre

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

11:45 am "Grapes of Wrath," Gold Room A and B, OC
noon Film, "Pigs vs Freaks," Art Lounge, OC
2 pm Mrs. George Bush, wife of Republican candidate, Gold Rooms A and B, OC
2:15 pm Engineering Seminar Series, 239 Dodge Hall
2:30 pm International Student Coffee Hour, Lounge II, OC
7 & 9:30 pm "The Exorcist," 201 Dodge Hall
7:30 pm Singles II, St. John Fisher Chapel
8:30 pm "A Life in the Theatre," Meadow Brook Theatre
8:30 pm "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," Studio Theatre, Varner Hall
9 pm Take A Commuter to Bed, Crockery, OC

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

6 & 9:30 pm "A Life in the Theatre," Meadow Brook Theatre
8 pm Film, "Love and Anarchy," 190 Hannah Hall
8:30 pm "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," Studio Theatre, Varner Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

1 to 5 pm Tour, Meadow Brook Hall
3 & 7 pm Film, "Love and Anarchy," 201 Dodge
6 pm Open Gaming, Iron Kettle Annex, OC
6:30 pm "A Life in the Theatre," Meadow Brook Theatre
6:30 pm "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," Studio Theatre, Varner Hall
Discussion, following play, "Woman Against Herself"

MONDAY, MARCH 17

noon Lecture on Afghanistan, Pakistan, West Crockery, OC

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

8 pm Jazz Ensemble I, Varner Recital Hall
8:30 pm "A Life in the Theatre," Meadow Brook Theatre

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

noon Film, "Solo," Art Lounge, OC
noon James L. Christian, "We're all in this Together," said the Buddah, Gold Room, OC
2 & 8:30 pm "A Life in the Theatre," Meadow Brook Theatre
7:30 pm Meeting, Board of Trustees, Lounge II, OC

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