



OU NEWS

Researchers Study Steroid Hormones

The actions of powerful steroid hormones and their roles in cancer, reproduction, and growth are topics of a Sept. 13-15 conference of leading researchers meeting at Oakland University.

Scientists from Sweden and Germany are joining American scientists for the "Second Meadow Brook Conference on Molecular Mechanisms of Steroid Hormone Action."

The long title notwithstanding, the program deals with down-to-earth issues that can touch every person explains Professor Arun K. Roy, OU biologist and conference host.

Steroid hormones are body chemicals which regulate diverse processes ranging from sexual function to allergy, Roy says. These hormones are used to combat certain types of cancer and are also active ingredients in birth control pills.

Derangement of steroid hormone action may lead to such disorders as reproductive failure and cancer of the hormone sensitive organs.

Participants include E.V. Jensen of the University of Chicago, a specialist in breast cancer and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Jensen is the immediate past-president of the Endocrine Society and 1980 winner of the GM Medal and a \$100,000 prize for his outstanding contribution to cancer research. Another speaker is J.H. Clark of Baylor College of Medicine, a specialist on steroid hormone action on uterus and uterine cancer.

B.W. O'Malley of Baylor College of Medicine, and J.D. Baxter of the University of California are pioneers in gene cloning. Last year Baxter was featured in the *New York Times* magazine for his successful cloning of the human growth hormone gene. Growth hormone produced in the bacteria

through genetic engineering is currently being tested for human use.

Other researchers will discuss the results of their studies on gene cloning, various aspects of the actions of sex hormones and their use in population control and betterment of human health.

Three Michigan researchers will participate in the conference. They are Roy and V.K. Moudgil of Oakland University and J.L. Kostyo of the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Kostyo is the editor-in-chief of *Endocrinology*, the official journal of the American Endocrine Society.

Other out-of-state participants include: J. Anderson, Purdue University; C.W. Bardin, Center for Biomedical Research of the World Population Council; D.S. Coffey, Johns Hopkins University; R.F. Goldberger,

Columbia University; J.A. Gustafsson, Karolinska Institute, Sweden; T. Liang, Merck Institute; S. Liao, University of Chicago; G. Litwack, Temple University; E.J. Peck and W. T. Schrader, Baylor College of Medicine; J.D. O'Connor, University of California; O. Pongs, Ruhr University, West Germany; D.J. Shapiro, University of Illinois, and E.B. Thompson, National Institutes of Health.

The conference is sponsored by Merck & Company, G.D. Searle & Company, E.R. Squibb & Sons, Upjohn Company and Oakland University. Additional information can be obtained by calling Roy at 377-3566.

The participants are meeting and residing in Meadow Brook Hall, the 100-room Tudor style mansion on the OU campus.

Varners In President's Club

In 1966 Woody Varner organized the Chancellor's Club—a group of community friends whose financial support would aid the young university.

On August 12 Woody and Paula Varner helped that organization (now known as The President's Club) to reach an important milestone. The Varners' personal financial contributions have secured the 400th membership in the growing organization.

Tom and Janet Varner, the Varners' son and daughter-in-law, became the 300th members of The President's Club on Oct. 2, 1980. Tom and Janet Varner are Rochester business and civic leaders.

"The Varner name continues to be linked with Oakland University and Woody and Paula's membership in an organization that Woody helped create is a valued demonstration of continuing commit-

ment to this institution," states Ralph Norvell. Norvell is a Pontiac insurance executive and chairperson of The President's Club.

OU opened in 1959 and Varner served as chancellor from that date to 1969 when he left to become first chancellor and then president of the University of Nebraska. He is now chairperson of the University of Nebraska Foundation.

President's Club members give \$1,000 to the university annually with a commitment to contribute \$10,000 or more to the institution over a ten-year period.

The funds contributed by the President's Club have helped support a lecture series, scholarships, library additions, computer facilities, instructional equipment, and other special projects within the university.

Schwab Is Faculty Marshal

Keith R. Kleckner, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost, has announced the appointment of William Schwab as faculty marshal.

Kleckner expressed his appreciation and pleasure at Schwab's acceptance of the new duties which he will perform in addition to continuing as professor and chairperson of the Department of Linguistics.

In addition to announcing Schwab's appointment, Kleckner reminded all faculty that the fall commencement exercises will be held Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. in Baldwin Pavilion. Persons wishing to march should assemble at Trumbull Terrace no later than 9:30 a.m. Deadline for rental of academic regalia is Sept. 4, Kleckner said. Orders should be placed with David Bixby in the University Bookcenter.

Administrative responsibility for commencement has been shifted from the Office of Research and Instructional Services to the Office of the Provost and placed under the aegis of George Feeman, acting associate provost.

Specific responsibility for coordinating the many separate components of the commencement will be Commencement Coordinator Thomas R. Atkinson.

Kleckner said Schwab will work with the faculty in respect to their participation in the ceremonies, work with Atkinson in planning those ceremonies, and bring faculty into the planning process as necessary.

Students eligible to participate in the Sept. 19 ceremony are those who completed degree requirements in June or will complete them in August. Degree candidates may rent academic regalia in the University Bookcenter.

Bus Service

The regular SEMTA bus service from OU to Pontiac has been replaced by the OCART (Oakland County Advance Reservation Transit) small bus system. The fare is \$.75 per ride for regular fare and \$1.50 for reservation fare.

Bus schedules and transfer information can be obtained at CIPO, room 49, Oakland Center. The eastbound route begins at 7 a.m. at Saginaw and Huron with departures at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, and 5:30 p.m. Oakland University times are 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 a.m. and 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 p.m.

Westbound arrivals back at Huron and Saginaw are at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10: a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.

Legal Assistant Option

The Division of Continuing Education Legal Assistant Program will be available to undergraduates for credit this fall, marking the first time courses and a program developed as noncredit have been offered for credit.

The Legal Assistant Program will continue to be offered on a noncredit basis as well.

The undergraduate political science majors will be able to apply up to eight legal assistant credit hours toward the major requirement of 40 hours. Students majoring in other departments may earn their legal assistant diplomas by taking the courses as electives. Legal Assistant Diplomas will be awarded those who complete the program requirements, in addition to their bachelor's degrees.

The Legal Assistant Program will furnish liberal arts undergraduates specific training for a growing job field. Graduates of the Legal Assistant Program aid attorneys in private law firms, work in corporate legal departments, in bank trust departments, in courts, and at other jobs in the legal area.

Legal Assistant courses, offered evenings, begin the week of September 21. A personal assessment inventory, pre-requisite to entry into the program, will be conducted Monday, September 14.

Information about the program may be obtained from Priscilla Hildum, program director, Continuing Education office, 377-3120, or the Department of Political Science, 377-3250.

Minority Business Directory

The Urban Affairs Center has just published the third edition of the Pontiac Minority Business Directory. The directory includes 73 business categories with names, addresses and telephone numbers of minority businesses in the area.

Copies of the directory are available in the Urban Affairs Center at no charge. For information call 377-3210.

Faculty Achievements Noted

Four members of the Department of Rhetoric—Mary Ann Eiler, Barbara Hamilton, Donald Morse, and Ronald Sudol—were invited by the English Composition Board of the University of Michigan to represent Oakland University at a six-day series of conferences and workshops on "Literacy in the Eighties" held in Ann Arbor. The program was underwritten, in part, by a grant from the Mellon Foundation.

The Department of Rhetoric is now seeking foundation support to host a similar conference at Oakland next spring.

David Stevens, theatre and dance, participated in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar at the University of Iowa. He and eleven others scholars from across the country examined the topic "Shakespeare's Plays as Scripts." At the recent American Theatre Association national convention in Dallas, Stevens presented his paper "The Career of Christopher Beeston: A Case Study in Jacobean/Caroline Theatre Management" as part of the Competitive Panel in Theatre History. At the recent American Theatre Association annual meeting in Dallas, Stevens was named vice chair of the Theatre History Program.

Johnetta Brazzell, associate director, Urban Affairs Center, is a member of the Program Planning Committee for the 1981 convention of the Association for the Study of Afro American Life and History. The 66th meeting will be held Oct. 29 through Nov. 1 in Philadelphia.

In addition, Brazzell participated in the 45th meeting of the National Association of Negro's Business and Professional Women in Houston, Tex. There she conducted a workshop on "To Assert Or Not To Assert."

Several members of the Oakland University faculty participated in the National College English Association Conference on "The Versatility of English," in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Program chair for the meeting was Donald E. Morse, chairperson, Department of Rhetoric and president of the College English Association.

Chairing Sessions for the conference were:

Robert L. Donald, English, "Anxiety, Authority and Audience." Robert Eberwein, English, "New Directions in Teaching Film." Ronald A. Sudol, rhetoric, "Teaching Business and Technical Writing." Mark Workman, English, "Folklore in the English Department."

Evaluators for the conference were:

Maurice Brown, English, "Imagination & War Themes in Literature." Barbara Hamilton, rhetoric, "Teaching Creative Writing."

Respondent for the conference was:

Elizabeth Pinkstaff, nursing, "Alternative Careers for English Graduates."

Presenting Papers for the conference were:

Dolores Burdick, modern languages, "Teaching Film Through 'Focal Moments.'" Jane Eberwein, English, "Was There Life Before The English Major." Joseph Feinstein, English, "'Coward Take My Coward's Hand': Breaking Through the Emotional Barriers to Write." Wilma Garcia, rhetoric, Joan Rosen, English, "Write, Rite, Write! The Composition Classroom" (A Participation Workshop)

Harvey Hohouser, urban affairs, has been appointed to the Affirmative Action Committee of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency.

Sid Mittra, economics and management, has been selected to the board of directors of the International Association of Financial Planners. He was also elected as the vice president of programming by the board.

The Graham Health Center staff announces the addition of Anne P. Bartek, M.D. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and completed her internship at Wm. Beaumont Hospital.

A review by Charles Akers, history, of three new books on Thomas Jefferson appeared on page one of the July 5 edition of *Book World*, the book review magazine of the *Washington Post*.

Joan Pistronetti, computer services, has been selected as Secretary Of The Year by the North Oakland Chapter of the Professional Secretaries International (PSI), previously known as National Secretaries Association (NSA).

Paul Bator, rhetoric, has been selected to participate in the Summer NEH Seminar, "Rhetoric and Public Discourse" to be conducted by Edward Corbett at Ohio State University.

Library Hours

Library hours for the remainder of August and early September have been set.

Aug. 20-21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Aug. 22-23, closed; Aug. 24 through Aug. 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Aug. 29-30, closed; Aug. 31 through Sept. 3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sept. 4, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sept. 5-7, closed; Sept. 8, resume regular hours.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 p.m. Detroit Symphony—Petros, Blake, Titus Pavilion
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall
8:30 p.m. Count Basie & Orch—Dave Brubeck Quarter Pavilion

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall
8:30 p.m. Detroit Symphony—Rosen, Baker, Goldman Pavilion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

1 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall
7:30 p.m. Last Night at the (Meadow Brook) Proms Pavilion

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8 p.m. Charlie Daniels Band Pavilion
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Septemberfest
Septemberfest Tournament Sign-up
Pickwick Games Room
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall
8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
Oakland Center