

# OU NEWS

## News briefs

## Obear UTC chancellor

The Oakland University Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 in Lounge II of the Oakland Center.

The Computer Search Services Unit—University Library announces the availability of a new database for online searching—NEW YORK TIMES INFORMATION BANK II. This database covers politics, economics, social problems, and current affairs as reported in the Late City Edition of the New York Times and 55 other newspapers and periodicals from 1969 to present. The availability of this new database was made possible by funding support from Sandy Corporation-Southfield, Michigan, and the School of Economics and Management-Oakland University Online searches are available on a fee-for-service basis. Contact Elizabeth Titus 377-2469.

Egbert W. Henry, Biological Sciences, has been awarded a Minority High School Student Research Apprentice Program grant from the Biomedical Research Support Grant Programs, Division of Research Services of the National Institutes of Health for \$4,500 to be used for providing summer research laboratory experiences to high school minority students in O.U. service area. This award requires students to work on projects funded by NIH. The participating faculty in the department of biological sciences are Virinder K. Moudgil, Arun K. Roy and Nalin J. Unakar, chairman. Also participating in the selection of the students are Dean Manuel H. Pierson, student services, and Patrick W. Strauss, history and chairman, Oakland University Admissions Committee.

The new office and telephone numbers for Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, Vice President for Student & Urban Affairs, are 100A North Foundation Hall, 377-4900 and 4901.

Frederick W. Obear is the new chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC).

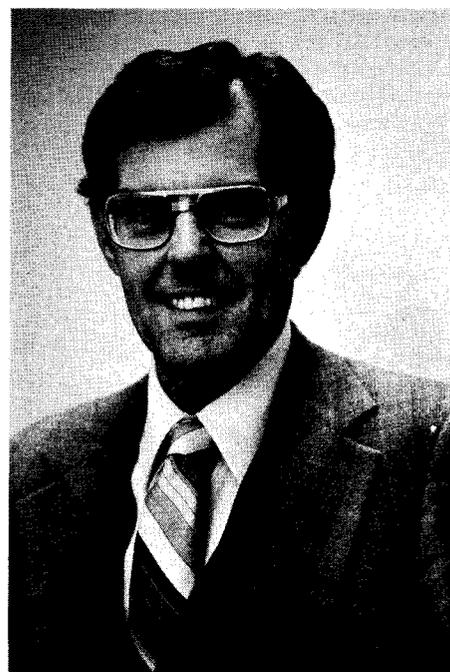
His appointment was announced May 11 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee.

UTC has an enrollment of 7,800 students, and it is one of four campuses of the University of Tennessee. Obear will begin his new duties July 1, 1981.

University of Tennessee President Edward Bolling said that a field of 150 applicants had been narrowed to five finalists. "Let me say that each of the five finalists was of absolutely top caliber. Each has proved his capability in an important administrative position at an institution of higher education. Narrowing the field to a single nominee was a most difficult undertaking, but it was one that I have finished to my personal satisfaction." Bolling said, "After thoroughly reviewing his (Obear's) credentials and a two day visit by Dr. and Mrs. Obear, I have concluded that it would be impossible to find a better candidate for chancellor of the UTC campus."

The 45-year-old teacher and administrator joined the OU faculty in 1960 as an assistant professor of chemistry. Obear is now full professor and during his tenure his administrative duties have included serving as a dean of freshmen, assistant provost, vice provost and acting provost. Since 1970 he has been academic vice-president and provost.

During the past 11 years he was instrumental in helping the university mount many new academic programs.



There were great increases in both the sheer number and diversity of offerings.

Obear is a native of Malden, Mass. He received a B.A. degree with high honors in chemistry from Lowell Technological Institute. His Ph.D. in chemistry is from the University of New Hampshire.

In addition to his OU responsibilities, Obear served in 1967-68 as a fellow in academic administration in the American Council of Education-Ford Foundation Program. His fellowship was spent at Rice University.

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# OU at Spoleto U.S.A.

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An Oakland University composer and a troupe of student performers are playing prominent parts in the prestigious Spoleto Festival U.S.A. (Charleston, S.C.).

"Opera Trilogy" by Stanley Hollingsworth, OU composer in residence, will receive five performances at the festival. Two of the three works will be receiving their world premiere performances.

Hollingsworth's three one-act operas include "The Selfish Giant," "The Mother," and "Harrison Loved His Umbrella," all based on fairy tales, fantasies and fables. The five performances of the operas—May 24, 26, 31, June 2 and 4—will be held at the Dock Street Theatre during the festival.

OU student performers will be featured in "Harrison Loved His Umbrella," one of the Hollingsworth operas. The students are sponsored by the OU School of Performing Arts and the Department of Music. Many of the students are members of the Meadow Brook Estate, the university's jazz and show ensemble.

Production of the operas and participation in the Spoleto Festival are made possible in part by a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rose of Bloomfield Hills.

Festival chairman Theodore S. Stern has said that "We are honored to present Mr. Hollingsworth's "Opera Trilogy" here in Charleston as part of the exceptional quality and diversity of this year's festival. We are also honored that two of the works will receive their world premieres at the festival. Although the works were written essentially for young audiences, people of all ages will enjoy "Opera Trilogy."

Hollingsworth was assistant to Gian Carlo Menotti at Curtis Institute where he taught orchestration and composition and was vocal coach for the opera department.

Gail Dobish and Jake Gardner will be featured in the world premiere of Hollingsworth's "The Selfish Giant," dedicated to the composer Lee Hoiby and taken from the fairy tale of the same name by Oscar Wilde. Miss Dobish was a New York district winner in the Metropolitan Opera National Auditions. As a leading soprano with the American Opera Center in New York, Miss Dobish has sung many leading roles as well as appearing as a frequent soloist with orchestras throughout the United States. Jake Gardner has appeared with, among others, the opera companies of Houston, Pittsburg, San Antonio and Boston. Last year he performed in Conrad Susa's "Transformations" at Spoleto Festival U.S.A.

"The Mother" was composed by Hollingsworth in 1947 and will star Jean Kraft, Jerry Hadley, and Brenda Quilling, along with Miss Dobish and Mr. Gardner. The opera is taken from a fairy tale of the same name by Hans Christian Anderson. Jean Kraft, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, has participated in several of the Met's live telecasts including "Othello," "Bartered Bride" and "Luisa Miller." Soprano Brenda Quilling has appeared with the opera companies of Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Kansas City and is also a regular guest at summer festivals. Tenor Jerry Hadley has appeared with the Lake George Opera Festival, the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and the Washington Opera. He is a regular member of the New York City Opera.

David Stahl, music director and conductor of the St. Louis Philharmonic, will conduct "Opera Trilogy."

Rhoda Levine will direct all three operas. Her work has been seen on leading American and European opera stages as well as on Broadway and national television.

## Forest depletion subject of conference

The rapid depletion of the world's forests has ceased to be a matter that concerns only environmentalists.

Now policy makers fear consequences that range from Third World energy and food problems to a possible carbon dioxide build-up that could alter the earth's climate, an Oakland University professor says.

Richard Tucker of Birmingham, a professor of Asian and environmental history, organized the May 12-15 research conference on "The Global Economy and Changing Forest Use in the Nineteenth Century." Historians, private and government foresters, and scientists will meet at Meadow Brook Hall to examine the problems.

"For the past five years policy makers have been increasingly alarmed at the rapid depletion of the world's forests, especially in the tropics but also in other fragile environments such as mountain regions," Tucker says. "One of the difficulties we face, however, is that we know relatively little about how long the deforestation problem has been with us in Third World countries, how fast it is accelerating and what factors are crucial to the problem. In other words, we have little historical perspective on the issue."

Now specialists on each continent in the nineteenth century will map a tentative pattern for the era and plan a more thorough research agenda for the immediate future.

Among other important participants are: Professor Michael Williams, historical geographer at Oxford University, will present an analysis of time operations in Ohio and Michigan and Professor Thomas Cox of San Diego State University will analyze the forests of the Pacific Northwest. W. Patrick Strauss, OU history professor and specialist in Michigan history and American land use history, will work with them.

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## Faculty accomplishments noted

Judith K. Brown, anthropology, delivered a paper entitled "Women's Life Cycle in Cross-Cultural Perspective" at the recent session on **Women in Africa**, at the Meetings of the Canadian Ethnology Society in Ottawa. Her paper, "Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women's Post-Reproductive Years," was presented at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in the Human Development Colloquium Series, under the auspices of the Program in Human Development of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Two physical therapy faculty members recently participated in professional conferences. Evelyn Boyd, assistant professor, presented a paper titled "Reflection: Key Component of Experiential Learning" at the third annual Lifelong Learning Research Conference at the University of Maryland, College

Park. Judith Canfield, assistant professor, was a panel member discussing evaluation of physical therapy clinical education as part of the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

Elizabeth Pinkstaff, nursing, participated in the College English Association's 12th Annual Conference at Cherry Hill, New Jersey, April 10-12, 1981, which was entitled **The Versatility of English**. She was the respondent for the session "Alternative Careers For English Graduates."

Abraham R. Liboff, chair in physics, presented an invited talk entitled "The Potential for University Participation in Sunfuels Research" at the National Meeting on Solar Thermal Derived Fuels and Chemicals, held at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

## Students win \$1,000 scholarships

Two students from the School of Economics and Management were each awarded \$1000 grants by the Golden State Minority Foundation. The recipients are senior Patricia Burris and sophomore Linda Miller, both from Detroit. Burris and Miller are majoring in management with concentrations in accounting.

The students, both of whom were nominated by faculty, received their grants from Francis A. Konegay, chairman of the Foundation, at a luncheon held on April 24, 1981, at the Detroit Club.

This is the first year Oakland University has participated in the program which has only been operating for two years in Detroit. The grants are funded by contributions from the Greater Detroit Area business and professional community. The main purpose of the foundation is to provide scholarship grants to blacks and other minority students, helping them to pursue degrees in management.

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## Linsalata scholarship awarded

Tamara McIntyre of 1536 West Horseshoe, Rochester, has been awarded the first Carmine Rocco Linsalata Memorial Scholarship at Oakland University.

The scholarship was established in 1981 as a memorial to Carmine Rocco Linsalata, professor of Spanish and Italian at Oakland University from 1966 to 1980, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the university.

Tamara was selected by a university committee on the basis of high academic achievement and contributions to the university. She is a French major with a German language minor. She was one of the organizers of Cinemateque, a student film society that brings foreign movies to campus.

The \$500 award will help Ms. McIntyre finish her senior year at OU. She will then

go to graduate school to continue her studies in French Literature and Comparative Literature.

The Carmine Rocco Linsalata Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student of foreign language in recognition of academic excellence and responsible citizenship.

In setting up the fund, Mrs. Antonette Capper of San Diego, California, spoke for her mother and sister as well, when she expressed the hope of helping young people in their study of language in the same way her brother, Professor Linsalata, was helped in his early college career by a scholarship award.

The scholarship is designed to help students pursue the study of foreign language and literature, disciplines especially valued by Professor Linsalata.

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## Macomb scholarships

Recently the Macomb County Scholarship Committee for Oakland University contributed \$10,000 for aid to Macomb County students attending the university. To date the scholarship committee, now celebrating its twentieth year, has contributed \$145,000 to the scholarship program.

The scholarship committee consists of 44 active members and 8 associate members. The scholarship committee sponsors a lecture/luncheon series called "Macomb Town Hall." This year the series drew a record 1,200 subscribers. All of the profits go into this scholarship fund.

The 1981-1982 lecture series will feature Patricia Neal, the Countess of Romanones, and Bob Wright. For further information on this lecture series call 756-8773 or 751-6279.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1981

# CALENDAR

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**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now  
Meadow Brook Theatre

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now  
Meadow Brook Theatre

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

6:00 and Starting Here, Starting Now  
9:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre  
8:00 p.m. Oakland Youth Symphony, Rehearsal  
Varner Recital Hall

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

6:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now  
Meadow Brook Theatre  
8:00 p.m. Oakland Youth Symphony Orchestra  
Varner Recital Hall  
1:00 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall  
Meadow Brook Hall

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

3:00 p.m. Cellular Senescence  
200 Dodge Hall

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

7:30 p.m. Premarriage Counseling  
St. John Fisher Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

12:00 noon Patio Series  
OC Patio

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

1:00 p.m. Public Tours Meadow Brook Hall  
Meadow Brook Hall

**MONDAY, MAY 25**

8:00 a.m. Academic  
Memorial Day Holiday

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**

7:30 p.m. Premarriage Counseling  
St. John Fisher Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

7:30 p.m. The Cultric Experience  
St. John Fisher Chapel

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