



Senate briefs

New VPs named

The University Senate meeting April 16 approved three of four matters of business placed before it.

Defeated was an amendment and the main motion from the Admissions Committee. The motion would have had the Senate request the President to appoint a university commission to study the desirability of a name change for Oakland University and to make a recommendation to the Senate by the winter of 1982. An amendment to the main motion was defeated prior to the vote on the main motion.

Approved unanimously were the following motions: That the Senate recommend to the President and the Board of Trustees the establishment of a program in medical physics leading to the Ph.D. degree, the start of the program to occur as soon as the program's financial needs can be met; that the Senate recommend to the President and to the Board of Trustees the establishment of an academic unit in theatre (the unit shall have the authority to appoint faculty, offer courses, and conduct professional degree programs in theatre); and that the School of Performing Arts be authorized to initiate a program leading to the BFA degree in dance.

Accounting Change

The fiscal year-end accounting schedule released to the university community April 6 omitted the July cut-off date for 1980-81 accounts payable vouchers. Those vouchers must be submitted to Voucher Audit by July 7.

Fulbright Exchange Program

Brochures are now available on the Fulbright Exchange Program for 1982-83 by calling the Department of Linguistics at 377-2175.

Two veteran administrators have been named to new vice presidential posts at Oakland University.

Robert W. Swanson will become Vice-President for Development and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees July 1 and Wilma H. Ray-Bledsoe is Vice President for Student and Urban Affairs, effective immediately.

The appointments were approved by the Oakland University Board of Trustees Wednesday, April 15 as part of a general administrative organization under the university's new president, Dr. Joseph E. Champagne.

Swanson is currently Vice-President for Business Affairs. He will continue in his current role until July, while at the same time working to establish the development office. In his new role, Swanson will be responsible for the Oakland University Foundation, the development office, alumni relations, public relations, the Karke-Cousins Golf Course, the Meadow Brook Theatre, Music Festival, and Art Gallery, and the treasury function.

Swanson, 57, has been with the university since 1959 as the chief financial officer. He has been active in community affairs and is currently a member of the Oakland County Mental Health Services Board and the St. Joseph Hospital Divisional Board of Trustees. He is chairman of the program and finance committee of the Mental Health Board and also serves as treasurer of the St. Joseph board and is finance committee chairman for that board.

Swanson received his B.A. degree from Northwestern University and was on the staff of Michigan State University in East Lansing and Saigon, Vietnam for eight years before joining the founding staff at Oakland University.

Ray-Bledsoe, 43, joined the OU staff in 1973 as Director of Urban Affairs. She

also served concurrently as Director of the Center for Community and Human Development. In 1977, she assumed additional responsibilities for the university equal opportunity and affirmative action programs and was named Assistant to the President and Director of Urban Affairs. In 1978, she assumed administrative responsibility for the Department of Employee Relations.

In her new role, she will continue to coordinate the university urban affairs program and will assume responsibility for the student life programs of the university, including athletics, health and counseling centers, residence halls, and student center.

A graduate of Fisk University, Ray-Bledsoe came to Michigan in 1964 to work with the Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity in Detroit. She subsequently worked in employee relations at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and as director of the community services division of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Her husband, William F. Bledsoe III, is corporation counsel for the City of Highland Park.

Also active in civic affairs, she currently serves as a member of the Michigan Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Under the new administrative alignment, there will be five vice-presidencies at the university. Continuing as vice-presidents will be Frederick W. Obear, vice-president for academic affairs and provost, and John H. De Carlo, whose title has been changed to Vice-President for Governmental Relations, General Counsel, and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The fifth position will be Vice-President for Administrative Affairs, and that post will be filled this summer. That office will be responsible for business affairs, physical plant, employee relations, and the computer center.

Sculpture to grace MB area

Six Michigan artists have been named winners of the Meadow Brook Invitational Outdoor Sculpture competition and will have their works displayed starting this summer on the east campus area of the Meadow Brook Festival grounds.

The project was approved April 15 by the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

The invitational was designed to use the living environment as a display area and to encourage outstanding Michigan artists, explains Kiichi Usui, curator of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Seventy-six artists submitted slides of

their works, from this number 14 artists had works selected for display from Jan. 18 through Feb. 27 in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. The six winners were selected from this number.

The works were represented in the gallery by maquettes, drawings, and simulated photographs.

The winners and their works are Sydney Atkinson, "Daystar"; Tom Bills, an OU graduate, has an untitled work; David Barr, "Sunset Cube"; John Piet, "Telegraph Exchange, Midwest Sweep Series"; and untitled work by Mel Leiserowitz; and Hanna Streibel's "Rhythms and Vibrations."

The works will be on display for up to three years and new sculptures chosen for viewing through additional invitationals, Usui said. He said the invitational offers artists an unparalleled natural surrounding in which to display their works and to display contemporary sculpture to the audiences that visit Meadow Brook activities.

The invitational was supported in part by area industries who have provided materials for the works and by grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum Services, and by individual gifts from members of the Meadow Brook Gallery Associates.

CREF income jumps

Annuity income payments made to retired participants by the College Retirement Equities Fund will rise by 36.5% beginning May 1, 1981, according to Tom Edwards, chairman and chief executive of CREF and its companion organization, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association.

TIAA-CREF provides fully funded, fully vested retirement plans for employees of 3,500 colleges, universities, independent schools, and related nonprofit research organizations and educational associations. Approximately 650,000 individuals are now accumulating TIAA-CREF retirement benefits, and another 96,000 participants are already receiving their annuity income from TIAA-CREF.

CREF variable annuity income, based on common stock investments, is paid to retired participants in the form of annuity units. The number of units payable to a participant remains the same from year to year, and the dollar value of each

unit changes once each year on May 1. This yearly change reflects primarily the investment experience of CREF's common stocks (market value changes, up or down, plus dividends) for the preceding fiscal year, April 1 through March 31.

"The May 1, 1981 annuity unit value is \$35.86, up from \$26.27," Edwards said. "This means, for example, that a retiree receiving 20 annuity units per month, and therefore \$525.40 monthly since last May, will receive \$717.20 monthly—20 times \$35.86) for the coming twelve months. Yearly changes in the annuity unit value since CREF began in 1952 have ranged from decreases of as much as 17% to this year's increase of 36.5%."

TIAA Benefits Also Up

In addition to their CREF incomes, most annuitants are also receiving annuity income from TIAA. This income is based primarily on bond and mortgage investments, and consists of a fixed contractual amount of lifetime income, plus dividends as declared by the TIAA board of trustees. These dividends, which were increased again on January 1,

1981, are paid to retired TIAA participants as additional amounts of monthly income. For most retired participants, TIAA dividend payments are now equal to or greater than the contractual amount of their income.

For the 650,000 TIAA annuity owners still accumulating benefits, TIAA dividends are credited as additional interest on their annuity accumulations. An "Extra Dividend" for the twelve months beginning March 1, 1981 raised to 12% the effective rate of interest on all funds credited to accumulating annuities since 1978. The 12% rate, up from 9.5%, applies to all accumulations from all TIAA premiums paid and dividends credited to these annuities from January 1, 1979 through February 28, 1982. For premiums paid and dividends credited prior to 1979, the effective rate of interest for the twelve month period is 9%, up from 8.5%. Extra Dividends reflect the returns being realized by TIAA on current and past long-term investments such as bonds, direct placements, and commercial mortgages and real estate. They apply to regular annuities as well as to the cashable TIAA Supplemental Retirement Annuity contracts.

Applications up

The university is in the best position it has been in for some time in terms of undergraduate and transfer applications, Jerry Rose, director of admissions and scholarships, reports.

Rose says that applications from FTIACS (first time in any college students) are at 2,220, up 14 percent over last year at this time and transfer applications are at 602, an increase of 34 percent over last year.

There is the economy and other intangibles that could hurt actual enrollment as students move through the advising and registration processes, but the university could enroll a record number of FTIACS for the summer and fall of 1981, Rose said.

He said the applications are coming from an increasingly diversified area including the UP and other out-state areas, all indicating that word about OU is getting out. The university's recruiting efforts are paying off, Rose said. The university is also priced very competitively, he said.

The university's application picture is slightly ahead of both the national and Michigan averages, the director reports.

There are many things that can happen between application and enrollment, but the university should have a record FTIAC class with high GPAs and good distribution and diversity, Rose said.

Commencement arrangements

Persons wishing to rent academic regalia for the June 6 commencement should file an order with Dave Bixby, University Bookcenter, no later than May 8.

The schedules for the ceremonies include arts and sciences at 9:30 a.m. in Baldwin Pavilion; engineering at 11 a.m. in Varner Recital Hall; Human and Educational Services at 1:30 p.m. in Baldwin Pavilion; nursing ceremonies are at 2 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall; and economics and management meets at 4:30 p.m. in Baldwin Pavilion.

More complete information about the ceremonies will be carried in a later edition of the **OU News**.

OU has Golden Key

Some 250 OU students were inducted into The Golden Key National Honor Society at ceremonies April 9.

Golden Key was founded as a nonprofit organization to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all undergraduate fields of study. Membership is by invitation only, bestowing honor upon each collegiate member without requiring participation in extra-curricular activity.

Student officers of the new OU chapter are Stephen G. Smith, president; Lisa M. Wilson, vice-president; Joyce A. Taylor, treasurer; Dawn M. Santy, secretary; Sandra Guidici, vice-president for membership; and Gayle A. Cannon and Gloria J. Lemanowski, vice-presidents for public relations.

Honorary members are President Joseph E. Champagne, Academic Vice-President and Provost Frederick W. Obear, and the following deans or acting deans, Mohammed S. Ghausi, engineering; Laszlo J. Hetenyi, performing arts; Ronald M. Horwitz, economics and management; Jack R. Moeller, arts and sciences; and Gerald J. Pine, human and educational services.

Advising the chapter are Cameron Burnet representing the administration and Associate Professor Ravi Parameswaran for the faculty.

Two OU students were chosen to receive Golden Key scholarships. They are Elaine M. Armstrong, senior, and Christian D. McCallister, junior.

New user series

Academic Computing Services will offer another New User Seminar to introduce Oakland's Honeywell Multics computer and provide some elementary tools needed to use this computer. Persons attending this seminar are assumed to have no previous computer experience. Each session of the series builds upon the previous sessions. The series will meet for five weeks on Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m., starting May 6 and continuing through June 10th (no class May 20). If you would like to register for this series, call Joan Pistonetti (7-4320) or Marcia Allen (7-3163).

Flower sale

The Meadow Brook Estate greenhouse will be offering for sale, hanging baskets with ivies, impatiens, begonias, starting Friday, May 8 opposite Charlie Brown's in Oakland Center from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- 8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre
8:30 p.m. American Buffalo
Barn Theatre

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- 6 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre
8:30 p.m. American Buffalo
Barn Theatre
9:30 p.m. A Musical
Meadow Brook Theatre

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 1 to 5 p.m. Tours—Meadow Brook Hall
2 p.m. Suzuki Workshop
Varner Recital Hall
3 p.m. Violin and Cello Recital
Varner Recital Hall
6:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre

MONDAY, MAY 4

- 8 a.m. Classes Begin

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 7:30 p.m. Premarriage Counseling
St. John Fisher Chapel
8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre

WEDNESDAY MAY 6

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

THURSDAY MAY 7

- 8:15 a.m. Piano Teachers Institute
Varner Recital Hall
8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre

FRIDAY MAY 8

- 4 p.m. Continuum Center Open House
Continuum Center
8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre
8:30 p.m. American Buffalo
Barn Theatre

SATURDAY MAY 9

- 6 and 9:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre
8:30 p.m. American Buffalo
Barn Theatre

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- 1 to 5 p.m. Public Tours—Meadow Brook Hall
6:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- noon OU Golf League
Katke Cousins Golf Course
7:30 p.m. Premarriage Counseling
St. John Fisher Chapel
8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

- Meeting
National Organization of Women
126-127 OC
2 and 8:30 p.m. Starting Here, Starting Now
Meadow Brook Theatre