



# OU NEWS

## Season's Greetings

It gives us great pleasure to extend our best wishes for a joyous holiday season and happy New Year to all the faculty and staff members at Oakland University.

In particular, we want to express our appreciation for your hard work and dedication during 1983. We wish all of you and your families much happiness throughout the new year. May 1984 bring you peace, joy, and fulfillment.

Emilie and Joe Champagne



The feeling and look of Christmas were captured again at Meadow Brook Hall this year. The public toured the stately mansion to see what a Victorian Christmas was like. Numerous trees and other decorations gave the home a festive appearance.

### Next 'OU News' In January

The first issue of the *OU News* for 1984 will appear during the second week of January. All news submissions must be at the News Service Office, 109 NFH, by 5 p.m. Thursday, January 5 to be considered for that issue.

## Trustees Honor Morris With Labor Center Name

OU has named its labor education unit the Ken Morris Labor Studies Center in honor of Morris, long-time UAW official and charter member of the OU Board of Trustees.

The action was approved by the board December 7 as part of a move to broaden the scope of the labor education program that has been conducted by OU over the past decade.

University officials said the expansion of the program has been made possible in great measure through the efforts of Morris, who has helped obtain funding from the legislature and has helped establish an endowment at the university for labor education.

Morris retired recently after a long career as head of UAW Region 1B. He currently serves as chair of the OU Board of Trustees.

The non-credit labor courses, workshops and seminars have been administered through the School of Human and Educational Services, where the center will continue to be housed. Offerings will be increased to cover a larger audience, including persons who do not necessarily hold trade union membership. Those programs may include credit as well as non-credit offerings. For example,

### Open House

Faculty and staff members of OU are invited to share holiday greetings at an open house to be hosted by President Joseph E. Champagne.

The open house will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, December 22 in the Oakland Room of Oakland Center.

Persons attending are asked to take a favorite candy or cookie to share.

SHES hopes to offer an undergraduate concentration in labor studies.

Director of the Ken Morris Center for Labor Studies is Carroll Hutton, former director of education for the International Union, UAW (U.S. and Canada) and a current member of the State Board of Education.

### Library Changes Winter Hours

Winter hours at Kresge Library go into effect on Wednesday, January 4.

The library will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, but hours will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The regular winter hours resume January 4 and are 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 1-11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Exceptions are February 25-26, closed; February 27-March 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; April 9-12 and 15-19, 8 a.m.-1 a.m.; April 21-22, closed; April 23-27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and April 28-29, closed.

### Health Center Hours

The Graham Health Center will be closed from December 19-January 2 for the holiday break. It will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, January 3.

Teri Spinelli, economics and management, wrote **Planning Demands Market Orientation** in the October issue of **The Magazine of Bank Administration**, which is the journal of the Bank Administration Institute. She also spoke at a luncheon for the Birmingham Newcomers Club on **Coping With Stress** on October 20.

Carl F. Barnes, Jr., art and art history and Center for the Arts, has been elected to a one-year term as vice president of the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. Barnes' responsibilities will be principally concerned with by-laws and policies of the community arts center. As a board member, he serves on the education committee.

Margaret Kurzman, rhetoric, communications and journalism, led an in-service day for the Warren Consolidated Schools on **Learning How to Learn**. She described the OU experimental composition program using instrumental enrichment.

Donald Morse, rhetoric, communications and journalism, attended the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Knoxville, Tenn. He participated in drum set clinics by Peter Erskine (Weather Report and Steps Ahead), Larrie Londin (studio drummer for Motown Records in the 1960s and now for Nashville), Tony Williams (Miles Davis and various rock groups) and Louie Bellson. The conference attracted approximately 1,200 percussionists from the U.S. and abroad.

Karen Beckwith and Richard Weissman participated in the panel, **Assessing the Kennedy Presidency**, during OU's weeklong remembrance of John F. Kennedy.

## 'Top Drawer' Wins

The **Top Drawer**, the monthly newsletter for members of the UAW Clerical-Technical bargaining unit on campus, received a national first-place award for journalistic excellence.

The publication was entered in the UAW Local Union Press Association contest. About 500 union locals submitted publications.

The **Top Drawer** also received a commendation in the "best personal feature" category for a story by Mary Kitto, Kresge Library, about Ruth Eberle, Local 1925 president.

## Faculty Notes

Judith K. Brown, anthropology, made two presentations recently of papers she has written. At the Radcliffe Club of Detroit and Ann Arbor, she spoke about **Coming into Her Own, a Cross-Cultural View of the Middle-aged Woman**. At the American Anthropological Association meetings in Chicago, she presented **From Laborer to Administrator: Changes with Age in the Subsistence Activities of Women**. A book she is co-editing with Virginia Kerns of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, entitled **Worlds of Middle-Aged Women**, will be published next year by Bergin and Garvey.

Jacqueline Scherer and Donald L. Warren, sociology, participated in the fourth annual conference of the Michigan Quality of Work Life Council. They were moderators for panel discussions on research and the quality of work life. Experts from unions, industry and the public sector attended. The Michigan Quality of Work Life Council is a non-profit, tax-exempt educational organization formed by labor and management leaders, government officials and educational institutions with a commitment to the quality of work life process. Funding is by grants from foundations and government, membership contributions and fees derived from consulting, workshops and publications.

James Dawson, music, has been named to the board of directors of the Detroit Contemporary Chamber Ensemble. He performs with the ensemble, which consists of several principal players from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and other international artists from the Detroit area. Following the first performance at the Detroit Institute of Arts on November 18, John Guinn of the **Detroit Free Press** wrote "... authentic, polished and thoroughly convincing ... James Dawson expertly produced the various sounds (composer Gregory) Youtz required ..." The ensemble will appear at OU on March 23 as part of the Center Artists Series.

Alice Horning, rhetoric, communications and journalism, spoke about **From Fired to Hired: Preparing for and Landing a Job in the Current Academic Job Market** at Michigan State University. She spoke to graduate students majoring in English.

## OU Involved In Exchange

OU undergraduate students interested in attending other universities on an exchange program basis may look into the opportunity now for the 1984-85 school year.

The National Student Exchange program offers students a chance to attend other universities at in-state tuition rates. OU exchanges with 47 of the 69 colleges and universities involved in the program. To be eligible, OU students must have at least a 2.5 API.

The program is operated from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. The purpose is to allow universities to share programs and supplement them with similar courses. Through the program, enrollment procedures are streamlined and credit transferability is assured.

Another advantage to the program is allowing students the opportunity to explore other parts of the country and experience different social, academic and cultural settings.

Since OU joined the program in 1980, 22 students have participated, with 12 of them doing so this year. In addition, two students from the University of Oregon are attending classes here: Joelle Rankins in communications and April Brown in psychology.

OU students and their exchange schools this year are James Browarski, University of Montana; Kimberly Bryant, University of Northern Colorado; Cheryl Cheseldine, Utah State University; Molly Galetto and Susan Mallia, University of Massachusetts/Amherst; Michelle Hency, University of Oregon; Careen Johnson and Dawn Webb, University of Alabama; Greg Klerkx, Bowling Green State University; Robert Martens, Rutgers College; Beth Scrimger, University of Idaho; and Martha Violante, University of Southern Maine.

Interested students should apply before next March at the Department of Special Advising, 374 SFH. For information, call 377-3266.

## Provost Invites All To Open House

All faculty and staff are invited to Provost Keith Kleckner's office from 2:30-5 p.m. Monday, December 19 for the Christmas open house.

The office is in 520 O'Dowd Hall.

# A Close Look At Women's Studies

As an occasional feature, the **OU News** publishes information about specific university programs. The following detailed look at the **Women's Studies Program** was furnished by the **Office of Research and Academic Development**.

The Women's Studies Program at OU has a short, but rich history of providing relevant and exciting course work for students who wish to study the roles and contributions of women. Courses in the Women's Studies Program explore the contributions of women to society, culture, work and history. The program includes both scholarly study and community involvement by students and faculty. The program was created five years ago to encourage study, research and activism related to women's life experiences. Through such research study and activism, information and questions will be generated which will provide the theoretical basis for social change.

Women's issues are important to society and it seems appropriate that university communities take leadership in recognizing the significant contributions and roles of women in society. The Women's Studies Program provides a visible way for OU to serve the community by addressing the issues surrounding the role of women in the community. The program needs the continued support of faculty so it may develop into a stronger program.

## **The Women's Studies Curriculum**

The women's studies concentration can be combined with any academic major offered by the university. A concentration is different from a minor in that a minor is offered only to students in a specific department, where a concentration is open to students in any department. Each student completes 28 credits for the concentration: WS200 Introduction to Women's Studies; three women's studies core courses at the 300-level or above; and three elective courses offered by various university departments. Electives may also satisfy requirements for an academic major. Students apply for a concentration in women's studies by completing the application form available through the Registrar's Office, and by notifying the coordinator of women's studies.

The objectives of the curriculum are to provide:

- An opportunity for students to study in an organized fashion the issues affecting women's development and contribution in society.

- A recognized forum for scholarly research on the history and politics of women's issues.

- An environment which encourages students to realize their potential by helping them integrate life experience with their university education.

## **Why Study Women's Issues?**

There is a variety of reasons for students to take a concentration in women's studies and, given the benefits of such a concentration and the relative ease with which a student can concentrate in women's studies, perhaps more students will take advantage of the opportunity.

First, women's studies serve as a superb complement to any traditional academic major; the women's studies focus on new research methods and on ways of thinking about old problems can enrich a traditional major, as well as make it more exciting and interesting.

Second, women's studies are an excellent source for a more sophisticated understanding of how the world works and how people interact, useful information for any student who is thinking seriously about her or his future.

Third, women's studies provide a good foundation for students intending to go to graduate school or professional school. In addition to preparing students for advanced-degree programs in traditional fields, a women's studies concentration is useful for those students who seek a master's or a doctorate in women's studies—degrees now offered by

several universities throughout the United States.

Fourth, because of the nature of the questions women's studies courses pose, a concentration in women's studies can help a student become more serious about world issues and more serious about herself or himself as a student.

In summary, a concentration in women's studies is a serious, scholarly, and provocative complement to any student's major field, well worth the experience.

## **Faculty Involvement in Women's Studies**

Faculty were instrumental in the creation of the women's study concentration and continue to be involved as instructors of women's study courses and as members of the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee.

Faculty Advisory Committee members include representatives from every school and college in the university, the deans of arts and sciences and nursing, and the liaison officer of ACE-NIP.

The Executive Committee includes Karen Beckwith, coordinator of women's study and assistant professor of political science; Janice Schimmelman, assistant professor art and art history; Mary L. Otto, director of the Office of Research and Academic Development; Indra David, associate professor in library; Barbara Hamilton, special instructor in rhetoric; Elizabeth Pinkstaff, assistant professor of nursing, and Hoda Abdel-Aty Zohdy, assistant professor of engineering.

# Board Accepts New Phones

OU will contract with Rolm Corp./Michigan for a new \$1.6 million telecommunication system.

The switch from Michigan Bell was approved by the OU Board of Trustees December 7 following a study of increasing university needs, changes in the telecommunications industry and expected cost-saving opportunities.

Costs of the new system to be installed by the end of June 1984, will be paid from savings that will be realized over the next four years. The university expects to save nearly half a million dollars each year after the repayment period.

OU's current telephone budget is \$700,000 a year and anticipated rate

increases could inflate this figure by as much as \$150,000 a year, university officials said.

Officials said the Rolm system will save money and provide many desirable features, like access to both the IBM and Honeywell computers, Touch-Tone dialing, simultaneous voice and data transmission, automatic search for the most economical calling route, and phone sharing by residence hall students.

The decision to go with Rolm Corp./Michigan came after the university investigated proposals from four vendors, Rolm, American Bell Inc. (AT&T Information Systems), United Technologies Communications Co. and Audio Equipment Co.

# OU's Influence Felt In Peru

Change may come about slowly, but progress can be made if one persists, an OU visiting professor in counseling has learned from his teaching trips to Peru.

Jeffrey Kottler has visited Peru twice to educate psychologists and psychiatrists in the South American country about family counseling techniques. He just returned from a follow-up visit to Lima and notes progress is being made in getting mental health treatment to those who need it most.

The Farmington Hills resident's first trip to Lima was from August 1982 to last January and was funded by a Fulbright Scholarship. The lecture tour was so successful that an unprecedented return trip was authorized for this November. He conducted five seminars with about 400 of Peru's mental health experts during the two-week stay.

"In my first trip I encountered so much resistance to my ideas about short-term interventions in mental health. Now, it has been so gratifying to return one year later and discover that most of the theories and techniques I introduced to Peru have become incorporated into their treatment strategies," he says.

"It is the perfect dream of any teacher: to make a difference in the

world, especially in a Third World country struggling for its very existence."

Family counseling is a long-accepted practice in the U.S., but in Peru, the idea is revolutionary. Until Kottler first visited, mental health care was strictly for the wealthy and those labeled "psychotic," he says. It was not uncommon for minor mental health problems of ordinary citizens to go untreated and blossom into serious illnesses.

Kottler's goal is to enable thousands of Peruvians who need mental health

care to have it. One of the struggles, however, is societal, in that a common belief is only the family or church should provide such personal guidance. Kottler's answer is to involve the entire family in counseling sessions to reach the one person who needs it most.

The Peruvian Psychological Association was so impressed by Kottler's work that it will pay his way for a third trip later next year. In the meantime, it is hoped a Peruvian counselor can be sent to Oakland University to obtain a master's degree.

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## Center Gets Grant

The Continuum Center has received an \$80,000 grant through the State Board of Education to develop employability skills training materials.

The center staff will identify those abilities most necessary to help young people and adults get and maintain employment and then set up methods to help trainers teach those skills to target populations in the state.

The project includes the development of a user's handbook for educators and other professionals who offer employability skills training. The center staff will also develop a job skills-seeking workbook to be used by participants in the program.

The work of the project will have the input of an advisory board of experts from the target populations in the state to help make the project as reality-based as possible.

Pilot training sessions will be conducted for all target populations and trainers workshops will be held. Feedback from trainers and clients will then be used to evaluate the program and for revisions in the user's handbook and the participant workbooks.

The user's handbook will include lesson plans for teaching the various competencies or strengths needed by the job seekers and suggestions on recruiting and evaluating the needs of the various job-seeking populations in the state.

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## First Grads Noted

The first 17 graduates of the Division of Continuing Education's accounting assistant program receive their certificates this month.

They are among 300 students now enrolled in the 18-month evening

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noncredit program. Launched in September 1982, the program is designed to meet the business community's need for support staff for accountants while also providing new career opportunities to participants.

An 80-hour internship is provided by area businesses as the final phase of the program. More than 200 employers have requested interns. A job referral service is maintained by program Director Kathryn Dunstan.

The accounting assistant is a para-professional who supports accountants by journalizing daily transactions, preparing financial statements, assisting in tax preparations, supervising clerks and bookkeepers, and interviewing clients.

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## Positions Available

The following positions have been posted by the Employment Office, 140 NFH. For further details, call 377-3480.

- Program specialist, AP-7, Labor Education.
- Director of constituent research, AP-9, Developmental Affairs.
- Assistant director, AP-10, Labor Education.
- Research and information specialist, AP-4, Office of the President.
- Secretary I, C-4, Athletics.

Also, the Department of Biological Sciences is seeking an assistant professor of microbiology to begin next fall. Send a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and a brief description of research goals to N.J. Unakar, chair, Department of Biological Sciences, by February 1.

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## Diversions

**December 15-25**  
"A Christmas Carol"  
MB Theatre

**December 17**  
Women's Basketball vs. Michigan State  
1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center  
"Toolbox for Performers" workshop  
1 p.m., Barn Theatre

**December 20**  
Men's basketball vs. Northern Michigan  
8 p.m., Lepley Sports Center

**December 21**  
OU Board of Trustees meeting  
Oakland Center

**December 25**  
Alpha Phi Alpha meeting  
7:30 p.m., OC Meadow Brook Room

**December 28-January 22**  
"Long Day's Journey into Night"  
MB Theatre

# Plant Show Sprouts On Cable

From the look of things outside, one might think this isn't the time to be planning gardens. OU plant physiologist Egbert W. Henry disagrees and has loads of advice for those willing to think about warm gardens during the chill of winter.

Henry hosts **The World of Plants** on Pontiac Cablevision. The weekly half-hour show offers viewers advice about caring for plants in the garden or indoors, despite the season.

The show aims to give gardeners or those without much of a green thumb the confidence to raise flowers or other plants, whether in the garden or inside the home.

"The general focus is that we want people to know how easy it is to grow plants and how inexpensive it is," he said.

The series is divided among fall, winter and spring plant care. Typical shows tell viewers how to select plants and insect sprays, care for plants during all seasons and do all the other things necessary to grow healthy plants.

Gardeners without access to the Pontiac cable system need not be stuck with droopy leaves and other plant maladies, however. Henry said the shows will be available on a loan basis to schools and other institutions and may eventually be shown on other cable systems owned by the Pontiac Cablevision's parent firm.

Henry said common problems gardeners will hear about include watering, lighting, temperature, insects and climate. As an example of how some things are overlooked by gardeners, Henry pointed out that climate must be considered. A plant that grows well in Grosse Pointe may do poorly in Rochester because of soil and humidity conditions, he said. A wise gardener will take those points into consideration, he added.

Henry said interested gardeners can find useful information at the

county cooperative extension service office in Pontiac or from books. The extension service, he said, will even make soil tests.

Sandra Allen, a former OU student who once worked in Henry's laboratory, produces the shows. They are seen at 7 p.m. Mondays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays on cable Channel 13. Henry, who came to OU in 1974 from City University of New York, has guests with particular specializations on each show.



The first OU entry in the Rochester Christmas parade came away a winner. The float, featuring a library-like setting, won third place in its division. Riding the float were, from left, Ryan Daneman, Brenda Hagemann, Danny Hagen, Eric Cunningham, Joey Daneman, Tina Lazar and Dan Fitzgerald.

# Nag Makes Heart Discovery

Contrary to previously accepted medical dogma, the mammalian heart muscle has an age-related ability to repair itself following injury, an OU biologist has demonstrated.

The findings that could lead to a revolution in the treatment of heart attack victims were reported by Professor Asish C. Nag, in a 1983 issue of **The Tissue and Cell Journal**.

Nag has also become the first researcher to effectively grow adult cardiac muscle cells in a laboratory culture, a finding reported in the 1983 issue of the **Journal of Cellular and Molecular Cardiology**.

It could become feasible to simply inject cardiac muscle cells into the damaged area of the heart for regeneration or to induce the cells around the damaged area to repopulate the injury site, Nag says.

The scientist explains that it is well known that after a heart attack the damaged area of the heart is healed by scar tissue produced by the connective tissue of the cells. However, this area then lacks the contractility needed to help the healthy portions of the heart muscle pump blood throughout the body.

Nag studied rats of all ages and discovered that the very young heart muscle cells were capable of regeneration after injury, an ability that lessened as the organ aged. Until Nag's finding, it was thought that the heart of any live mammal was incapable of regeneration after injury.

In trying to induce regeneration of adult rat cardiac muscle cells in organ cultures, Nag first tried adding embryonic cells to the adult ones. He found there was some cell prolifera-

tion as needed for regeneration but not enough to really aid the pumping action of the heart. He then found that he could grow adult cardiac muscle cells in a culture and by adding growth factors and hormones could make them behave in an embryonic-like state. This is one in which they have the capability for DNA synthesis and cell division and have myofibrils, the protein necessary for contractility.

Nag will be assisted in future research by area cardiologists who will help him obtain human heart muscle cells for his experiments. He will use growth factors and hormones to try to induce DNA synthesis and cell division in the cells and, once the significant aspects of heart regeneration have been learned, the procedure can be tried on humans.

# Abandoned Car Ordinance

The following ordinance is published in the December 15, 1983 issue of the **OU News**, the official news publication of Oakland University.

## OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ORDINANCE NO. 11

An ordinance to amend Oakland University Ordinance No. 1 by modifying the provision relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to impound vehicles.

The Board of Trustees of Oakland University Ordains:

Oakland University Ordinance No. 1 is hereby amended by modifying Section 6.12 and by adding new Section 6.14 to read as follows:

### Section 6.12. Authority to Impound Vehicles.

- (1) The Department of Public Safety may provide for the immediate removal of a vehicle from Oakland University property to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle in any of the following circumstances:
  - (a) If the vehicle is in such a condition that the continued operation of the vehicle upon the highway would constitute an immediate hazard to the public.
  - (b) If the vehicle is parked or standing upon the highway or parking area in such a manner as to create an immediate public hazard or an obstruction of traffic.
  - (c) If a vehicle is parked in a posted tow away zone.
  - (d) If there is reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle or any part of the vehicle is stolen.
  - (e) If the vehicle must be seized to preserve evidence of a crime, or when there is reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle was used in the commission of a crime.
  - (f) If removal is necessary in the interest of public safety because of fire, flood, storm, snow, natural or man-made disaster, or other emergency.
  - (g) If the vehicle is hampering the use of Oakland University property by its officials or agents or is parked in a manner which impedes the movement of another vehicle.
- (2) If the Department of Public Safety authorizes the removal of a vehicle under subsection (1), it shall do all of the following:
  - (a) Check to determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen.
  - (b) Within 24 hours after removing the vehicle, enter the vehicle into the law enforcement information network if the vehicle has not been redeemed. This subdivision does not apply to a vehicle that is removed from the scene of a motor vehicle traffic accident.
  - (c) If the vehicle has not been redeemed within 10 days after moving the vehicle, send to the registered owner and the secured party as shown by the records of the Secretary of State, by first-class mail or personal service, a notice that the vehicle has been removed; however, if the Department of Public Safety informs the owner or operator of the vehicle of the removal and the location of the vehicle within 24 hours after the removal, and if the vehicle has not been redeemed within 30 days and upon complaint from the towing service, the Department of Public Safety shall send the notice within 30 days after the removal. The notice shall be by a form furnished by the Secretary of State. The notice form shall contain the following information:
    - (i) The year, make and vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
    - (ii) The location from which the vehicle was taken into custody.
    - (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.
    - (iv) The name and address of the Department of Public Safety.
    - (v) The location where the vehicle is being held.
    - (vi) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.
    - (vii) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle was properly removed or the reasonableness of the towing and daily storage fees.
    - (viii) A form petition which the owner may file in person or by mail with the specified court which requests a hearing on the Department of Public Safety's action.

- (ix) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all rights of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the proceeds of the sale or to both the vehicle and the proceeds.
- (3) The registered owner may contest the fact that the vehicle was properly removed or the reasonableness of the towing fees and daily storage fees by requesting a hearing. A request for a hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the court specified in the notice within 20 days after the date of the notice. If the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be resolved after a court hearing. An owner who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by posting a towing and storage bond with the court in an amount equal to the accrued towing and storage fees. The owner of a vehicle who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by paying the towing and storage fees instead of posting the towing and storage bond. If the court finds that the vehicle was not properly removed, the Department of Public Safety shall reimburse the owner of the vehicle for the accrued towing and storage fees.
- (4) If the owner does not request a hearing, he or she may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges to the custodian of the vehicle.
- (5) If the owner does not redeem the vehicle or request a hearing within 20 days, the secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges to the custodian of the vehicle prior to the date of the sale.
- (6) Not less than 20 days after the disposition of the hearing referred to in subsection (3), or if a hearing is not requested, not less than 20 days after the date of the notice described in subsection (2)(c), the Department of Public Safety shall offer the vehicle for sale at a public sale unless the vehicle is redeemed pursuant to Section 252 of the Michigan Vehicle Code.
- (7) If the ownership of the vehicle which has been removed under this section cannot be determined either because of the condition of the vehicle identification numbers or because a check with the records of the Secretary of State does not reveal ownership, the Department of Public Safety may sell the vehicle at public sale pursuant to Section 252 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, not less than 30 days after public notice of the sale has been published.

### Section 6.14. Abandoned Vehicle Procedures.

- (1) As used in this section, "abandoned vehicle" means a vehicle which has remained on property owned or leased by Oakland University for a period of 48 hours after the Department of Public Safety has affixed a written notice to the vehicle.
- (2) If a vehicle has remained on property owned or leased by Oakland University for a period of time so that it appears to the Department of Public Safety to be abandoned, the Department of Public Safety shall do all of the following:
  - (a) Determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen.
  - (b) Affix a written notice to the vehicle. The written notice shall contain the following information:
    - (i) The date and time the notice was affixed.
    - (ii) The name and address of the Department of Public Safety.
    - (iii) The name and badge number of the public safety officer affixing the notice.
    - (iv) The date and time the vehicle may be taken into custody and stored at the owner's expense or scrapped if the vehicle is not removed.
    - (v) The year, make, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle, if available.
- (3) If the vehicle is not removed within 48 hours after the date the notice was affixed, the vehicle is deemed abandoned and the Department of Public Safety may have the vehicle taken into custody.
- (4) When the Department of Public Safety has a vehicle taken into custody, it shall do all of the following:
  - (a) Recheck to determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen.
  - (b) Within 24 hours after taking the vehicle into custody, enter the vehicle as abandoned into the law enforcement information network.
  - (c) Within 7 days after taking the vehicle into custody, send to the registered owner and secured party, as shown by the records of the Secretary of State, by first-class mail or personal service, notice that the vehicle has been deemed abandoned. The form furnished by the Secretary of State shall be used. Each notice form shall contain the following information:
    - (i) The year, make, and vehicle identification

- (ii) The location from which the vehicle was taken into custody.
  - (iii) The date on which the vehicle was taken into custody.
  - (iv) The name and address of the Department of Public Safety.
  - (v) The business address of the custodian of the vehicle.
  - (vi) The procedure to redeem the vehicle.
  - (vii) The procedure to contest the fact that the vehicle has been deemed abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and daily storage fees.
  - (viii) A form petition which the owner may file in person or by mail with the specified court which requests a hearing on the Department of Public Safety's action.
  - (ix) A warning that the failure to redeem the vehicle or to request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice may result in the sale of the vehicle and the termination of all rights of the owner and the secured party to the vehicle or the proceeds of the sale.
- (5) The registered owner may contest the fact that the vehicle has been deemed abandoned or the reasonableness of the towing fees and daily storage fees by requesting a hearing. A request for a hearing shall be made by filing a petition with the court specified in the notice within 20 days after the date of the notice. If the owner requests a hearing, the matter shall be resolved after a court hearing. An owner who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by posting a towing and storage bond in an amount equal to the accrued towing and storage fees with the court. The owner of a vehicle who requests a hearing may obtain release of the vehicle by paying the towing and storage fees instead of posting the towing and storage bond. If the court finds that the vehicle was not properly deemed abandoned, the Department of Public Safety shall reimburse the owner of the vehicle for the accrued towing and storage fees.
  - (6) If the owner does not request a hearing, he or she may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges to the custodian of the vehicle.
  - (7) If the owner does not redeem the vehicle or request a hearing within 20 days after the date of the notice, the secured party may obtain the release of the vehicle by paying the accrued charges to the custodian of the vehicle and to Oakland University for its accrued costs.
  - (8) Not less than 20 days after the disposition of the hearing referred to in subsection (5) or, if a hearing is not requested, not less than 20 days after the date of the notice, the Department of Public Safety shall offer the vehicle for sale at a public sale pursuant to Section 252 of the Michigan Vehicle Code.
  - (9) If the ownership of a vehicle which has been deemed abandoned under this section cannot be determined either because of the condition of the vehicle identification numbers or because a check with the records of the Secretary of State does not reveal ownership, the Department of Public Safety may sell the vehicle at public sale pursuant to Section 252 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, not less than 30 days after public notice of the sale has been published.

Ordained by the Board of Trustees of Oakland University this 7th day of December, 1983, to be effective upon publication.

S/Ken Morris

Chairman

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Secretary