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News briefs for Oakland University colleagues

## breaking NEWS

### Project cuts access to NFH basement

Construction in the North Foundation Hall dock and basement will limit access to those areas this month through March 1998, when old air conditioners in the basement will be demolished and replaced.

Departments' access to equipment in the basement will be difficult during much of this period, says Richard Perhai, Plant Engineer and Energy Manager, Campus Facilities and Operations.

"We intend to place a sign on the NFH door to the basement mechanical room and the elevator listing access status," he says. "There will be time for access each month, and most days there will be access between 3:30-5 p.m."

Perhai recommends that departments retrieve documents and/or supplies that they will need during the next few months.

"If there is an emergency, we will shut down the project to make sure you can access your equipment/supplies," he says.

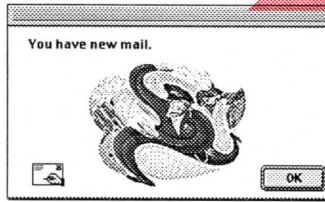
Should any departments have questions or require access during construction, contact Perhai at 4228.

## Changes speed up computer network

Oakland University's Office of Computing and Information Services has started a \$1.2 million project to upgrade the campus computing network.

The first phase occurred during October when the networking staff reconfigured the current OUNet to respond to exponentially increasing demands on the network. As a result, the network is handling three times the load it did earlier in the semester.

At the same time, the staff was preparing to replace the current e-mail server on the network. The new server, which should be in service by the middle of November, is three times as fast as the current mail server. The new mail server will be much more responsive to the more than 30,000 messages a day now carried



over OUNet.

Bill Watt, OCIS senior network analyst, says users did experience some problems in September and October as the expansion in the number and types of users resulted in exceeding the maximum capacity of the network configuration in place at the time.

The combination of a new mail server and the network reconfiguration is setting the stage for a two-phase network upgrade over the next nine months. The first phase of the network expansion will occur during the next two months. It will increase network capacity substantially as the universi-

ty prepares to add the Banner administrative systems to the network. The Banner system is a new client/server systems package for student records, financial aid, finance and human resources. It was installed in early November, and the university will be implementing the Banner systems over the next two years.

A new, high speed network for academic users will be the centerpiece of the second phase of the network expansion. Scheduled for next summer, this expansion will provide for substantial growth in use for several years, including intensive multimedia and video transmissions over the network. In addition, many campus classrooms will have network connections and faculty will be able to use the network in class presentations and exercises.

## Center construction on target

Recreation and Athletic Center construction is right on schedule for completion in September 1998, says Chad Harmon, construction manager, Capital Planning and Design.

The building is scheduled to be enclosed by December 1. That means the walls, windows and roof are to be in place, he says. Crews have started to install wall tile in the recreation locker

area. Permanent electrical, heating and cooling systems will begin working around January 1.

"We've been very fortunate with existing conditions," Harmon says.

"There have not been any major problems. One of the biggest problems you can encounter in construction, no matter how exhaustive the soil investigation, is hitting unstable layers. That



would mean you have to dig it out and replace it. There's very little of that."

For more information about the recreation center, call 4888.





## More than you thought for less than you think

You may already know there are many benefits to giving to the All-

University Fund Drive (AUFD). From tax credits and a special letter of appreciation to feeling good about yourself.

What you may not know is for just a little money, you can make a big difference.

How big? Just ask Alyssia, a single mother, who otherwise would not have been able to attend Oakland University if she did not receive support from Women of OU through the 1997 Critical Difference Scholarship.

Take Ann Hodge. She was a single parent of three living in Waterford. Without a high school diploma, her job prospects were slim. Thanks to United Way of Oakland County, her children attend day care while she studies physical therapy at Oakland

Community College.

And Tanya, Beth and Jennifer found hope and shelter from abusive relationships at Haven, which provides help for battered women and children as well as counseling. Jennifer, whose husband of 20 years kidnapped their four children, says, "Haven saved my life. I was going to die."

This year's AUFD goal is 100 percent participation. The fund drive ends this week.

While the current participation level is off that mark, AUFD committee members believe the university community will step up to the challenge.

"We see this as a celebration of our capacity to care about our students, about our neighbors and about the physical and emotional health of our community," says Beth Talbert, assistant director, Admissions and Enrollment Management. "If we ask others in the commu-

nity to support us, to contribute to our buildings, our scholarships, our programs, we must also show we care about Oakland and believe in our own institution."

The AUFD Kick-Off on October 15 gave employees the opportunity to talk with representatives from the Black United Fund, United Way and Paws With a Cause, a United Way agency.

AUFD Committee members include Joyce L. McGathy, administrative secretary, Academic Skills Center; Kevin Murphy, professor, Economics; Talbert; David Szczesny, central heating plant operator, Campus Facilities and Operations; and Richard Tomczak, sergeant, Oakland University Police.

Mail your pledge card to John Dodge House or pick up pledge forms at the Staff Benefits Office, 142 North Foundation Hall, or call Sandy Stambaugh at 2240.

### Oakland University will train the trainers

An Oakland University seminar workshop, *How to Design, Develop and Evaluate Training*, will help trainers ensure their lessons pay off.

OU's Professional Development and Education Outreach and the Department of Human Resource Development, School of Education and Human Services, is offering the workshop on November 21. It is ideal for those entering the profession of instructional design and training. The seminar will also benefit those who face the task of developing training programs, but have not had formal preparation in training design.

James Quinn, associate professor, Training and Development, will lead the seminar. He is an instructional design consultant in private practice with more than 15 years of experience developing instructional programs for business, government and education.

## Get 'Set for the Holidays' at Meadow Brook Hall

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall will again delight visitors during its 27th annual Holiday Walk November 28-December 7.

The name of this year's event, which is sponsored by AirTouch Cellular, is Set for the Holidays.

From the Great Hall to the Library and Organ Room, from the Sun Room and Games Room to family bedrooms, the 100-room Tudor-revival style mansion will be filled with historic and holiday treasures.

Throughout the house,

original objects from the Wilson and Dodge family collections will be showcased — many for the first time —

in beautiful table-top settings styled by the internationally acclaimed author of *Antiques for the Table*, Sheila

Chefetz, and interior designer Sara Scott Cullen. Elegant holiday decor, created by Panache Designs Ltd. of Atlanta, will provide a festive backdrop for the displays, using vintage crystal, silver, linens, china and accessories. Fresh

floral arrangements will also adorn the hall's exquisite interiors.

Santa Claus will take up residence at Knole Cottage, the fantasy six-room playhouse that mirrors Meadow Brook Hall in elegance and style. The Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop will be open for unusual souvenirs and gifts.

For more information, call 3140.

