



# STAFF BULLETIN



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## MSU TRUSTEES TO GET PANEL'S RECOMMENDATION ON OU INDEPENDENCE

A recommendation on the proposed independence of Oakland University is due to be reported to the MSU Board of Trustees this week by a special committee set up two months ago to study the matter. The five-member committee will meet at East Lansing Thursday afternoon immediately prior to the board's monthly meetings. It is not known whether the trustees will take official action on the issue at their public meeting Friday. Chancellor O'Dowd is a member of the special study committee, along with Trustees Don Stevens and Frank Merriman, Board Secretary Jack Breslin, and University Attorney Leland Carr.

In a related matter, a public hearing was held at Sunset Terrace on February 2 concerning pending legislation which would grant Oakland its independence from MSU. Attending the hearing were Representatives Donald Bishop of Rochester and George F. Montgomery of Detroit, both of whom have introduced House bills on OU's independence. Several other area legislators were present and spoke in favor of the legislation. O'Dowd opened the hearing with background information (dare we call it "The Oakland Story"?). "Now is the natural time for separation," the chancellor summed up, noting that with the change in administration at MSU, OU had become more of a burden than an asset to its mother institution. "A delay may seriously affect the morale at OU," O'Dowd told the gathering.

**DOCTORATES TABLED** The State Board of Education announced last week that it is withholding support of the two doctoral programs proposed by Oakland University, one in engineering and the other an interdisciplinary science program. Your acerbic STAFF BULLETIN editor could find nothing definitive or quotable on the matter, but was lead to believe by an almost unimpeachable source that the board's action was neither final nor otherwise crucial.

## AS YOU LIKE IT BOOKED

The Studio Company of the Academy of Dramatic Art will present its second Shakespearean comedy of the season, *As You Like It*, March 4-7 in Meadow Brook Theatre. Curtain time each night is 8:15. Like the company's first full-length Shakespearean production, *Twelfth Night*, *As You Like It* will be taken on a booked tour of area schools and playhouses after its campus engagement. Colin M. Pinney, an ADA faculty member and sometime member of the John Fernald Company, is directing both productions. He is an honors graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London.



**BOARD ITEMS DUE** Monday, March 2, is the deadline for submitting materials for the March meeting of the MSU Board of Trustees, which will be held March 19 in East Lansing. Items should be sent to the office of H. N. Stoutenburg, Jr., assistant chancellor for administration, in 101 North Foundation Hall.

**ALUMNI SUPPORT RESEARCH** The Alumni Council has announced that proceeds from the 1969 Alumni Fund Drive, which collected \$2,861, will go entirely to student-oriented projects. An allocation of \$1,000 will be used to fund a new Undergraduate Student Research and Field Project Fund. Another \$1,000 donation will go to the Isaac Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund for black students (one of the University's Tenth Anniversary projects). The Council's third gift was \$700 to be put into the Student Short Term Loan Fund.

**OBEAR CHAIRS SESSION** Frederick W. Obear (provost's office) will serve as chairman of a discussion group during the 25th National Conference on Higher Education of the American Association for Higher Education to be held March 1-4 in Chicago. The group's topic will be "What is (or will be) the impact of activist students in changing the governance and culture of the campus?" The theme for the entire conference is "The Troubled Campus: Mandate for Change."

**ODETTA WILL SING** Renowned folk singer Odetta has been booked for a benefit concert which will be held on Saturday, February 28, under sponsorship of the Friends of the Pontiac Black Cultural Center. The concert will be at 8 p.m. in Pontiac Central High School, 250 West Huron Street.

**OU WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS** The University Women's Club will meet February 18 at 8 p.m. at the home of Bernice Torch in the faculty subdivision.

**MORSE HOSTS SHOW** Donald E. Morse (English) will be the host of "Folk Show" on WQRS, FM during February. The program is broadcast Friday nights from 10 to 1 and then rebroadcast Monday-Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

### *Calendar*

<i>Monday February 16</i>		<i>Continuing education classes begin for Spring Term</i>
<i>Wednesday February 18</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Classic Film Series presents "Viridiana," 201 Dodge Hall Admission 75¢. (Shown again at 9:15)</i>
<i>Friday February 20</i>	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>University Film Series presents "Belle du Jour" 201 Dodge Hall. Admission 75¢. (Shown again at 10:00)</i>
<i>Saturday February 21</i>	<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Swimming - Ashland College and Northern Michigan College - here</i>
	<i>5:50 p.m.</i>	<i>Basketball (JV) Olivet College - here</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Basketball (V) Olivet College - here</i>
	<i>8:00</i>	
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UFS presents "Belle du Jour," 201 Dodge Hall</i>
<i>Sunday February 22</i>	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>UFS presents "Belle du Jour," 201 Dodge Hall</i>