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STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS TO BE HELD MAY 6

Oakland University President Donald D. O'Dowd will give a "State of the University" address on Tuesday, May 6. The talk will be at 3:30 p.m. in room 156 of North Foundation Hall.

OU SENATE APPROVES B.G.S. DEGREE; CREDIT RULE

The Oakland University Senate has approved recommendations to establish a program of study leading to the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) degree and to create a Faculty Council for

General Studies to govern the program.

At its April 10 meeting, the senate also approved a motion that an OU student must complete a minimum of 32 credit hours of work in courses at the 300 level or above in order to receive a baccalaureate degree.

The above recommendations will be presented to the OU Board of Trustees for that body's consideration.

In other senate actions, a proposal to establish an Honors College in the university was defeated by a vote of 15-14. The vote followed a lengthy discussion on such matters as the college's proposed costs, its timeliness, and its possible appeal to students.

Supporters of the B.G.S. program say it is "envisioned as functioning largely for the adult, evening population although it will be open to other student populations as well. The establishment of a B.G.S. degree at Oakland should provide the opportunity for other undergraduate degree programs - especially the B.A. degree in Arts and Sciences - to reinstitute certain general education requirements, or at least certain revisions in those requirements, abandoned several years ago," supporting recommendations said. The B.G.S. at OU and other institutions, including Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, is described as an unstructured, nonmajor degree with minimal residence requirements.

MAY CHECKS REFLECT NEW WITHHOLDING RULES

Pay checks received after April 30 will reflect the new and reduced rates of the federal withholding tax. Those same checks will also reflect the new and increased Michigan withholding

taxes. Questions about the new taxes should be directed to Barbara Gaves at 377-3488.

OU ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT TRAUB SCHOOL

The Oakland University Orchestra presented two youth concerts at Traub Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills recently.

The concerts included performances by three student soloists. Joseph Nicolo of Lake Orion played the first movement of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto. Laura Bone of Detroit and Irene Schuh of Sterling Heights performed the Bach Concert for Two Violins. Conductor was David Daniels.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE OAKLAND UNIVERSITY FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

As you are aware, the university is in the midst of a severe financial situation that will lead to programs being curtailed or eliminated and to personnel being laid off.

Much of the problem is beyond our control, but there are steps that can be taken to lessen the severity of the impact on the university. The response by members of the university to the current fiscal problem has been heartening. Personnel throughout the institution have exercised great restraint in spending in recent months. In addition, each of the major administrative units has been working diligently to find ways to cut costs without damaging the integrity of essential programs.

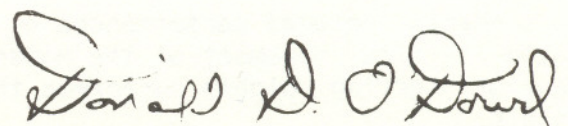
However, more effort is needed. I would appreciate your thinking of even more ways that we can save money. Your suggestions need not affect your particular office, division, or program. The suggestions can be for something as simple as the change recently in the masthead of this newspaper, a revision that will save several hundred dollars over the course of a year. It can be a suggestion similar to the proposal made by a student to change the billing system that will now save several thousand dollars. From the vantage point each of us has, I am sure there are many suggestions for savings that have not yet surfaced.

In normal times the development of an employee suggestion system might be an elaborate program with individual letters to employees and a formal system for receiving, acknowledging, and acting upon suggestions. However, in keeping with the tenor of our current fiscal situation, the program that is being developed is much more constrained. The program is as follows:

1. Suggestions should be forwarded to William Connellan, assistant to the president, director of Public Relations, 101K North Foundation Hall, either through the campus mail or via the suggestion box at Charlie Brown's desk in the Oakland Center. Forms are available in the Public Relations Office, Charlie Brown's, Vandenberg Desk, News Services, Office of the Provost, and in the Kresge Library lobby area.
2. Your suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate division head. No formal acknowledgement of action taken on any particular suggestion will be made. However, suggestions that are adopted will be published in the OU News.
3. A pair of season tickets for the 1975 Meadow Brook Music Festival (either a Thursday or Saturday series) will be given to the person who makes the best suggestion for savings.
4. The program will continue through the spring term.

Each saving, regardless of size, helps to protect personnel and programs in the university. Your new ideas will help us maximize our efficiency as we try to serve students during this difficult period.

President Donald D. O'Dowd



**"CERVOPHILE SOCIETY"
GIVES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

The now defunct "Cervophile Society of Rochester" has contributed \$383.52 to the Isaac Jones Scholarship Fund at Oakland University. The fund was established in memory of the first black graduate of OU and it provides scholarships for black students who are residents of Pontiac.

The contribution represents funds remaining from the "Cervophile Society's" epic performance of "Under the Gaslight" given some time ago (society members are hesitant in recalling just how many years have passed since the performance). Funds from the production were originally used to feed the captive deer herd that the university has since freed.

Some of the society's members have long since left the campus. They include Jack Gibson, Bob Hoopes, Fred Lessing, and D. B. Varner. However, some of the now retired thespians remain. They include Policeman 999 (Don O'Dowd), Byke, a villain (Norman Susskind), Splinter, an attorney (George Matthews), and Frank, a drunk (Harvey Burdick), among others.

**FACULTY WIN AWARDS
TO STUDY IN JAPAN, POLAND**

Two Oakland University history professors have received grants or fellowships for study in Poland and Japan.

They are Lawrence D. Orton, 1044 Stratford Lane, Bloomfield Hills, and I. Michael Solomon, 6630 Indianwood Trail, Birmingham.

Orton received a fellowship for 1975-76 from the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) to do research in Poland on nineteenth century Polish Galicia. He will work in Warsaw, Krakow, and Wroclaw. IREX is the coordinating agency for the governmental exchange program between America and Eastern Europe.

Solomon received a one-year grant from the Japan Foundation to do research in Japan on that country's peasant uprisings in the sixteenth century. The Japan Foundation is a government-sponsored organization that enhances the understanding of Japan. The foundation last year made a \$3,600 grant to OU's Kresge Library to purchase books on Japan.

**MEADOW BROOK
OFFERS "THE DRUNKARD"**

Meadow Brook Theatre closes its 1975 season with "The Drunkard." The melodrama opens April 24 and runs through May 18.

"The Drunkard," originally written by W.H.S. Smith and first staged by showman P.T. Barnum in the 1860s, is returning in its Michigan premiere of the updated new version adapted by Bro Herrod and with lyrics and music by Barry Manilow.

John Ulmer, who has directed such Meadow Brook successes as "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?", "The Price," and the vastly popular "Count Dracula," returns to direct "The Drunkard." Ticket information may be obtained by calling 377-3300.

**STURNER'S BOOK
PUBLISHED BY AASCU**

Action Planning on the Campus, a book by William Sturner, assistant president for administrative affairs, has been published by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The work was written for presidents and other academic and administrative leaders of American colleges and universities. It presents in two parts both a philosophy for and a practical format for the management of change.

Part one, the concept, discusses the theories of planned change and organizational development, applying these concepts to the structure of higher education. Part two, the plan, offers practical guidelines which may be used in implementing the theories of planned change on campus.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Tuesday 10AM-12:30PM
April 22

7:30-10:30PM

CC, *PERSONAL GROWTH FOR RETIREES*
CC, *CAREERS IN TRANSITION*

Wed. 8PM
April 23

Board of Trustees meeting, Lounge II

Thurs. 8:30AM-7:30PM
April 24

10AM-12:30PM

12-1PM

1PM

5PM

8PM

8:30PM

Evening Program registration
CC, *PERSONAL GROWTH FOR RETIREES*
Rap Group for Divorced and Separated Persons, 125 OC

Baseball, U. of D., away

Tennis, Kalamazoo College, away

Concert, *ROCHESTER SYMPHONY*, VRH

Meadow Brook Theatre, *THE DRUNKARD*

Friday 8:30AM-5:30PM
April 25

7:30-10:30PM

8:30PM

Evening Program registration
CC, *MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT*
Meadow Brook Theatre, *THE DRUNKARD*

Sat. 9AM-5PM
April 26

1PM

2PM

8:30PM

CC, *MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT*
Baseball, Hillsdale College, home
Meadow Brook Theatre, *THE DRUNKARD*
Meadow Brook Theatre, *THE DRUNKARD*

Sun. 9AM-4PM
April 27

1-5PM

6:30PM

CC, *MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT*
Meadow Brook Hall tours
Meadow Brook Theatre, *THE DRUNKARD*

Mon. 7:30-10:30PM
April 28

CC, *ADVANCED PERSONAL GROWTH FOR MEN AND WOMEN*

CAMPUS TICKET OFFICE - 48 OC 377-3580

Student Directories
Meadow Brook Theatre tickets
Student International I.D. cards
Hilberry and Bonstelle tickets
SEMTA Bus Service tickets
Music Hall tickets
Arby's Values Savings Book (\$1)
SEFS cards
SET tickets

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY GIVES OU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Oakland County Medical Society has given OU three \$500 scholarships for students in health service degree programs for the academic year 1975-76.

The scholarships are to be offered to students who are residents of Oakland County, and who have demonstrated a commitment to health service by their acceptance into the degree program.

The recipients should, in the judgment of the Financial Aid Office, need the scholarship in order to continue their education. The sponsor has specified that at least one of the recipients be a nursing student. Information may be obtained by calling 377-3370.

BRACE ART WORKS DISPLAYED IN LIBRARY

Art works by Joan Brace are on display in the Kresge Library during the month of April. They include travel sketchbooks, poetry, and material on French-Algerian books she wrote with

her husband Richard Brace of the Department of History. The Braces are currently working on a book on slavery in Martinique.

SPECTOR TO TALK TO PSI CHI MEETING

Amos Spector, psychology, will address a meeting of Psi Chi, honorary undergraduate psychology fraternity, at Albion College this month. He will speak on "The Importance of the Response

Selection Stage in the Human Processing System."