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METROPOLITAN FUND ESTABLISHES RESEARCH CENTER ON CAMPUS

The University's newest "tenant" is the conference and research center of the Metropolitan Fund, which has set up shop on an experimental six-month trial basis in the Meadow Brook Estate farm house. Executive offices of Metropolitan Fund remain in downtown Detroit. The organization is a nonprofit research corporation concerned with the physical and social betterment of six southeastern Michigan counties in the following realms:

- The financing of research to identify metropolitan needs and aspirations and to suggest necessary alternative policies and action programs.
- The communicating with citizens concerning these research endeavors and resultant findings to assure and strengthen the democratic process necessary for action.
- The assembling of leadership support to implement action programs to attain approved community aspirations.

In a joint statement concerning the new campus facility, Chancellor Varner and Metropolitan Fund President Kent Mathewson expressed the hope that "the combined attraction of Oakland University and the Metropolitan Fund research center will cause some of the nation's leading urban experts to come to our area. Such collected expertise would obviously be of much mutual benefit to both organizations."

The leadership for the Fund is provided by a 65-member board of trustees including the principal leaders of the educational, governmental, industrial-commercial and labor segments of the community. The Fund has been a principal agent in the development of several organizations now functioning in the region, among them the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, and New Detroit, Inc.

WITT TO HELP DEAN Howard R. Witt's appointment as assistant dean of engineering was approved last week by the MSU Board of Trustees. He will fill the post vacated by Richard Shank, who left OU in January to return to Yale University.

'HUMOR IN HOMER' A talk given recently by Howard Clarke (classics) before the Detroit Classical Association will be published in the March issue of The Classical Journal. The talk was entitled "Humor in Homer."

BLACK HISTORY EXHIBIT FOCUSES ON GREATER PONTIAC AREA

Currently on display on the first floor of Kresge Library is an exhibit entitled "February and the Black Man." The second week of February, which includes the birth dates of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, was chosen in 1962 to commemorate Negro history. Mrs. Jean A. Stefancic, serials cataloger at the library, notes that the death of Isaac Jones, the University's first Negro graduate, on February 3, 1968, and the death of Malcolm X on February 21, 1965, "form ironic parentheses enclosing Negro History Week."

"Therefore, we have chosen to extend our exhibits through the month of February, focusing primarily on the surrounding greater Pontiac community," Mrs. Stefancic writes. "A series of pictures shows part of the Underground Railroad in Oakland County as it functioned during the Civil War. Documents and newspaper clippings show the progression of the inquiry of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission into the State of race relations in Pontiac. Pictures and articles about black people and the history they have made in Pontiac this past year form the remainder of the exhibit. Pictures, books, and articles about Malcolm X are also displayed as part of the observance of Malcolm X Day on February 21."

LAKE PLANS UNFOLD

A group from Pontiac's black community, Harambee, Inc., (which in Swahili means "let us work together") has proposed a plan for developing the Crystal Lake area in southwest Pontiac. This plan will be presented to interested faculty, staff, and students at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Gold Room. The plan includes new homes and other redevelopment. Slides will be shown by the designers and planners. The meeting is expected to last about an hour.

4 TO TAKE LEAVES

Leaves of absence for four OU faculty members were approved last week by the MSU Board of Trustees. John G. Blair (English) plans to spend the 1969-70 academic year in France, William Schwab (English) will return to the Philippines during the spring term, David G. Lowy (psychology) plans to spend the spring term studying at home, and Maurice J. Beznos (modern languages) will spend the 1969-70 year at the University of Chicago, completing his doctoral work.

3 STUDENTS CITED

Three Oakland University students won honorable mention in this year's competition for the coveted Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation awards. They were Carol Appelblatt, a history major; Cynthia Chrostek, an art history major; and Edward Cousino, an English major. They were among 1,106 Woodrow Wilson designates and 1,111 honorable mentions selected from among 11,704 candidates who were nominated by their schools for the awards.

ADDRESSES PHYSICISTS

John M. McKinley (physics) contributed a paper at the recent meeting of the American Physical Society in New York. The title was "Calculated Effect of Nuclear Polarization Upon Muonic Atom Eigenvalues."

WAYNE TEACHERS HIRED The appointment of two Wayne State University staffers to the sociology and anthropology faculty at OU was approved last week by the MSU Board of Trustees. Mrs. Audrey Smedley was named associate professor and Thomas F. Waters was appointed as an instructor. Mrs. Smedley, an assistant professor at Wayne since 1964, served as a teaching fellow at the University of Michigan, where she received B.A. and M.A. degrees. She holds a doctorate from the University of Manchester, England. Waters, who is now completing his doctoral work, holds B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from Wayne, where he has served as a research assistant, project director of the Elmwood Project, field director of the Behavior Research Institute, and discussion leader of the Afro-American Workshop.

OAKLAND CENTER HOURS Curtailed hours for various Oakland Center offices have been announced for the winter recess, March 1-4. The building itself will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, resuming regular schedules on Tuesday. Food service will be limited to the grill on all four days, opening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and 7:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The public cafeteria, resident cafeteria, and Oakland Room will be closed. The Book Center also will be closed during the recess period, but textbooks for Continuing Education courses will be sold in the hall from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights. The Pickwick Room and Off Campus coffee house will be closed all four days.

'U' GETS A BOAT The gift of a 12-foot dinghy, complete with gear and trailer, was among gifts and grants to OU which were accepted by the MSU Board of Trustees last week. The boat, of a design identified as International I, was a gift from Buell Doelle of Grosse Pointe Farms to the OU Sailing Club. The entire gift was valued at \$750. The University also received two major grants from National Science Foundation, both to support undergraduate research. One was in the sum of \$7,920, to be used under the direction of F. B. Butterworth in biology; the other, for \$6,000, will be under the direction of Paul Tombouljian in chemistry.

ANYONE GOT A ROOM? A secretary with commuting problems is looking for a room to rent within a few minutes drive of the University. Mrs. Jean Clark, who works for the Metropolitan Fund, now headquartered in the Meadow Brook Estate "farm house" on Adams Road, says she would be willing to rent a room by the week but would plan on being in the home only Monday through Thursday nights. She would not need kitchen privileges and would be willing to babysit for her landlords at no charge. She adds that she is a grandmother and the widow of a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice. Those interested may contact Mrs. Clark at the Metropolitan Fund office, 338-6488.

OPEN HEARING The Academic Standing and Honors Committee will hold an open hearing at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in 165 South Foundation on its report entitled "Procedures in Cases of Academic Violations." All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and discuss the document, before it is voted on by the University Senate. Copies of the document are available in the academic department offices. Copies also have been sent to each member of the Senate.

SCHOLAR SHOP CLOSING With the noise, dust, and confusion of construction workers breaking through its south wall, the Scholar Shop will be closed on February 28 for the rest of the winter semester. It will be reopened at the Trumbull Terrace quarters in June. In the expansion and remodeling of the Oakland Center, the Scholar Shop will be relocated next fall in the space now occupied by the Book Center, which will be moved into the present grill and student activities center area.

CALENDAR

Monday 3:00 p.m. Film, "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," Gold Room
February 24

Tuesday 3:30 p.m. Open hearing on "Procedures in Cases of Academic
February 25 Violations," a report of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, 165 South Foundation

3:30 p.m. Engineering seminar, Associate Professor Richard E. Haskell speaking on "A Systems Approach to Optics, or If you Can't Beat Them, Join Them," 203 Dodge Hall

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Film, "The Pumpkin Eater," Wesley House on Walton Road
February 26

Friday 8:00 p.m. Basketball, Grand Valley (here)
February 28

At Meadow Brook Theatre through March 9, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" by Eugene O'Neill. Performances Tuesday through

Saturday at 8:15 p.m. All Sunday performances at 6:30 p.m.

Matinees on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.