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Budget slashed-OU cuts planned

Oakland University must slash another \$999,831 from its 1980-81 budget, Interim President George T. Matthews has learned.

The deep cut is OU's share in a massive reduction in state aid to higher education. The cuts were recommended by Gov. William G. Milliken on Nov. 12.

The reductions ranged from a low of 4.2% to a high of 6.7%. OU lost 5.12%, just above the average reduction of 5% for all state public colleges and universities.

The actual dollar amounts may vary when the governor's recommendations are considered by the legislature, but university officials anticipate no major changes.

This means OU would receive \$18,541,848 for state fiscal 1980-81 compared with a \$19,541,679 appropriation for state fiscal 1979-80.

The university now faces the following dilemma—\$1 million less in state funds to run an institution that is subject to the forces of inflation, labor contracts, utility costs, and has grown from 9,421 FYES (fiscal year equated students) in 1979-80 to 9,700 FYES this year.

The enrollment rise offers a special problem. The fall record was achieved by large numbers of returning students and not by any lowering of standards or massive campaign to attract new enrollments. A large number of the students returned to OU after an absence of five years or more.

Matthews does point out that OU is in a better position than many institutions. The university anticipated a grim budget year, cut \$1.2 million from its budget base (the cuts were reported in the Sept. 25 issue of the *OU News*), and it built a 1980-81 budget that assumed no increase in state appropriations.

The cut of 5.12% below the 1979-80 appropriation is a blow, Matthews said,

but many institutions built their 1980-81 budgets betting on an increase in state funds. They are now faced with an 8 to 10% loss, he said.

The interim president said the Executive Committee on the Budget was reconvening to consider the current emergency. The committee is also considering the fact that 1981-82 looks like a gloomy year as well, Matthews said.

Among the items already under consideration are:

- Saving \$175,000 by not moving into O'Dowd Hall.
- Planning a tuition hike over the 18-month period from Jan 1, 1981 through July 1, 1982.

In addition, the university's budget request to Lansing for 1981-82 will, for the first time, assume no enrollment increase, Matthews said. The budget will be built on 9,700 FYES, the same number as anticipated this year.

As an immediate step, Matthews has issued employment, travel, and equipment purchase guidelines. However, he emphasized that these steps will accomplish very little toward the over-all goal of making up the \$1 million reduction in the state appropriation.

Those guidelines are reproduced below.

- I. Effective November 17, 1980, and until further notice:
 - a. In the non-faculty salaried and non-salaried employment areas, but excluding student employment and employment chargeable to expendable restricted funds (grants and contracts), a moratorium on new hires is in force. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Director of Employee Relations and countersigned by the interim president.
 - b. In faculty employment, the provost will make every effort to curtail new

faculty appointments in all categories of employment within the constraints of the faculty agreement in force and within the demonstrated need to maintain quality of instruction. All new faculty appointments must be approved by the provost and countersigned by the interim president.

- II. Effective November 17, 1980, and until further notice, there shall be no further expenditures for equipment without signature of a member of the Executive Group and without the countersignature of the Director of the Budget. Maintenance of the health and safety of the campus should be the primary consideration in approving any equipment purchases. Excluded from this order are those purchases chargeable to the expendable restricted fund (grants and contracts).
- III. Effective November 17, 1980, and until further notice, a moratorium on out-of-state and non-motorpool travel is in force except for faculty travel as specified in the faculty agreement in force and for travel that is chargeable to the expendable restricted fund (grants and contracts). All previous authorizations for travel to be taken after November 16, 1980, are hereby revoked. Travel authorizations in process currently will be returned to the initiating departments. Further exceptions to this order must be at the express consent of the university president and he or she (who knows what the future holds?) will be most strict indeed.

Each member of the Executive Group will issue directives to those persons in his/her area of responsibility interpreting these general orders in the detail necessary to make them applicable to the department or division in question. Each such interpretive order shall be subject to review by the Director of the Budget.

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OU cited for its Youth Advocacy Program

The Oakland University, Farmington Public School Youth Advocacy Teacher Corps program was one of three selected for this special national award. The program's efforts were judged to be outstanding and exemplary. The program has been in operation in Farmington since 1974 and has been financially supported by the U.S. Department of Education-Teacher Corps and the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.

The program is nationally recognized for its efforts in establishing alternative educational programs for delinquent and pre-delinquent students in schools and youth serving agencies. A keynote of these programs is student involvement. This is based on the premise that the higher the level of meaningful participation in decision making and activity initiation on the part of students, the greater the probability that this involvement will positively influence their behaviors and attitudes. This program has tested this premise with selected groups of junior and senior high school students in school and youth serving agency settings. These selected students have been previously labeled delinquent, pre-delinquent, disruptive, alienated and having varying degrees of academic and/or adjustment problems. There have been two important findings from this effort. First of all, students with adequate teacher and parent guidance will become involved in activity initiation and implementation as well as in meaningful decision making about these activities. Students can establish new helping relationships with other students through peer tutoring, peer counseling and cross-age tutoring. They can be effectively involved in improving community and school activities and programs. Secondly, being involved in this type of effort, student behaviors do change. Attendance patterns and academic achievement improve, and students can become more actively

involved in acquiring new skills and initiating new and more meaningful activities. Of equal importance is the fact that students have viewed these higher levels of participation in school as more meaningful and important in their lives.

The Oakland University and Farmington Public Schools Youth Advocacy Teacher Corps program received a national award from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for its outstanding contributions to youth, at the First National Symposium on Youth Violence held November 9-11 in Reno, Nevada.

Jacqueline Loughed, the program's director, received the award presented by the council's executive director Dean Louis McHardy.

The symposium was sponsored by the council, the National School Resource Network funded by the U.S. Justice Department, Region IX U.S. Department of Education, University of Nevada and was endorsed by twenty-five additional professional and civic organizations. The primary purpose of the symposium was to identify successful and exemplary programs which help to decrease delinquent and disruptive behavior among young people.

Foreign affairs internships open

Students interested in the 1981-82 foreign affairs intern program of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace are invited to come into the Career Advising and Placement Office at 201 Wilson Hall to review the information.

The program is limited to seniors or to graduate students who have received the bachelor's degree within the last two years. There is a February 1, deadline.

Trio concert

The newly appointed President's Trio of Oakland University will present its first concert on Dec. 6 in Varner Recital Hall. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

The trio is composed of Misha Rachlevsky, violin; Paul Silver, viola; and David Saltzman, cello. All three are members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and well known for chamber music performances in the area.

Joining them as guest artist on Dec. 6 is OU pianist and artist in residence Flavio Varani.

Featured works are the Brahms Piano Quarter Opus 25 in G Minor, the Schubert Trio in Bb Major #1, the Kodaly Intermezzo, and the Beethoven Trio in G Major Opus 9 #1.

Appointment of the trio is the first step in bringing about a closer linkage between the instructional and professional performance programs of the university said Laszlo J. Hetenyi. Hetenyi is acting dean of the OU School of Performing Arts.

"The appointment of the President's Trio of Oakland University should be taken as an indication that even in these difficult times OU remains committed to strengthening both its performance and its instructional programs in the arts. It is intended as an expression of the university's fundamental commitment to the notion that the arts are integral to a healthy educational and cultural atmosphere and are not frills, first to be discarded as soon as the economic climate chills," Hetenyi said. He said the university would look into the possibility of outside funding and use box office receipts to support and expand the program.

Tickets are \$3.50 general admission and \$3 for OU students. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling 377-2000.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8 pm Two by Two, Studio Theatre
7 and 9:30 pm Tommy, 201 DH
8:30 pm A Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Barn Theatre

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7 and 9:30 pm Kramer Vs. Kramer, 201 DH
9 pm Miss OU Ball, Crockery
6 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre
6 and 9:30 pm Two by Two, Studio Theatre
8:30 pm A Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Barn Theatre
2 pm Women's Basketball vs. Toledo, Lepley Sports Center

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1 to 5 pm Meadow Brook Hall Tours
6:30 and 9:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre
2:30 and 6:30 pm Two by Two, Studio Theatre
2:30 and 6:30 pm A Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Barn Theatre

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre
1 and 3 pm Break A Leg, Varner Recital Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6 and 9:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre
1 and 3 pm Break A Leg, Varner Recital Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

1 to 5 pm Meadow Brook Hall Tours
6:30 pm Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 pm Men's Basketball vs. UM-Dearborn, Lepley Sports Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

4 pm Wrestling vs. Eastern, Lepley Sports Center
8:30 pm Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's, Lepley Sports Center
10 am to 9 pm Christmas at Meadow Brook Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8 pm Black Coffee, Studio Theatre
10 am to 5:30 pm Christmas at Meadow Brook Hall