



STAFF BULLETIN



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OBEAR NAMED PERMANENTLY TO PROVOST'S POST

Frederick W. Obear was named by the Board of Trustees last week to assume the permanent post of provost. He was appointed acting provost in June, 1969. A member of the faculty since 1960, Obear served as dean of freshmen 1964-66 and joined the provost's office in the fall of 1965. He spent the 1967-68 year as an academic intern at Rice University under a program sponsored by the American Council on Education and the Ford Foundation. He did his undergraduate work at Lowell Technological Institute and holds a doctorate from the University of New Hampshire.

The board also named as department chairmen Richard J. Burke in philosophy and Nahum Z. Medalia in sociology and anthropology. Both served as acting chairmen this past year. In other personnel changes, Roderic E. Righter assumes a 10-month appointment as associate professor of education, yielding his associate deanship, and Peter Bertocci (sociology and anthropology), Carlo Coppola (modern languages) and Lorna Middendorf (psychology) are promoted from instructor to assistant professor.

LINGUISTICS GAINS DEPARTMENTAL STATUS

Linguistics received departmental status this past week in action approved by the Board of Trustees. The program was established three years ago as an interdisciplinary concentration under the direction of a Committee on Linguistics headed by William Schwab (English). The offering of a major in linguistics has been authorized by the State Board of Education after its approval by the Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences and by the University Senate.

The University now has a number of qualified linguists on the faculty who carry appointments in other departments. Some will be given joint appointments in linguistics but no new faculty will be appointed for at least a year, according to the proposal submitted for board approval.

FESTIVAL OPENS

Meadow Brook Festival will open Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. with the Detroit Symphony under the direction of Sixten Ehrling and featuring pianist Gary Graffman. Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerti 2 and 3 will be performed.

FEDERAL GRANT SUPPORTS PROJECT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHING

The Office of Education has funded an Oakland University project concerned with the teaching of youngsters from birth to about age nine. George E. Coon and Ronald L. Cramer, co-directors of the project, report that it will deal with all phases of early childhood development. A \$16,000 grant from the Office of Education was accepted last week by the Board of Trustees, and \$4,000 more has been assured in the first-year developmental grant.

Initial efforts will go towards staff development. Various workshops will be scheduled to bring OU personnel together with specialists in particular areas of child development. Assuming future financial support from the federal government, the program during the second and third years will involve graduate students working on master's degrees in the field of early childhood teaching.

In other major grants accepted last week by the Board of Trustees, Oakland received \$6,022 from the Office of Education to support the Kresge Library Resources Program, under the direction of University Librarian W. Royce Butler; and National Science Foundation grants of \$19,700 and \$5,900 to buy instructional scientific equipment, the grants being under the respective guidance of Tung H. Weng and H.R. Witt (engineering).

TUESDAY LUNCHEONS Beginning Tuesday, July 7, luncheons will be held every Tuesday at Trumbull Terrace. They will be open to the public and will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$1.25 including beverage.

Schedule:	July 7	Salad Buffet
	July 14	Sandwich Buffet
	Closed	July 21
	July 28	Salad Buffet
	August 4	Sandwich Buffet
	August 11	Salad Buffet

In case of rain the morning of the scheduled day, the luncheon will not be held.

HONORED AT CRANBROOK Theodore O. Yntema (economics and management) has been transferred to emeritus status after 20 years as a trustee of the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. He is a visiting professor and a trustee of the Oakland Foundation, and also serves the University of Chicago as a visiting professor and economic consultant.

2 TEACHING ELSEWHERE English department staffers Gertrude White and John G. Blair have been granted leaves of absence for the 1970-71 year to accept visiting professorships at other institutions. Mrs. White will teach at the University of Massachusetts in Boston and Blair will be at the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

TORNADO SAFETY TIPS ISSUED AFTER CAMPUS SURVEY

Here are some recommendations from Civil Defense to assure maximum personal safety in the event of a tornado:

- Stay off the top two floors of multiple-storied buildings.
- Stay away from windows and plate glass panels.
- If practicable, lie down on the floor.
- Open interior doors to lessen pressure.
- Leave exterior doors closed.
- If caught in open country, lie flat in a depression.

This advice was issued by the department of public safety after a survey of the campus grounds was conducted by Wallace Crane, director of Civil Defense for Oakland County, in company with Plant Operations Director James Thom and Public Safety Director Earl Gray. Their joint report stressed that it is not always best to go to a basement for tornado protection. In many instances basements present inherently more danger than safety due to such things as gas lines, electrical and power equipment. Interior corridors and areas designated as official CD fallout shelters afford the best protection. Additional information will be forthcoming relative to the planned installation of a siren system or other warning signal device.

SERVES AS CONSULTANT Dr. Harry Hahn (education) served as a consultant at the 4th Annual Reading Conference, "Thought-Language-Reading," sponsored by the Reading Council at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, June 17 and 18. Dr. Hahn delivered several major addresses on teaching language in the classroom. Dr. Hahn also served as consultant at the 3rd Annual Conference, "Reading: From Commitment to Tactics," sponsored by the Educational Service Center, Region XI, at Baylor University, June 1-5.

BARBER LYLE LEAVING Lyle Williams, who has operated the barber shop in the Oakland Center for the past seven years, has resigned to accept a position in an off-campus shop located in Waterford Township. A successor is being sought, but it appears likely the shop will be closed at least for the first half of the summer session, according to OC Director Alan Scott. A farewell reception for Williams will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Oakland Room.

PRESENTS WORK SHOP Ed Van Slambrouck (computing center) presented a computer workshop for the American Society of Medical Technologists recently at Cobo Hall. "Basic Concepts of Computers and Their Utilization" was the theme. It is hoped that a similar lecture might be constructed for the benefit of interested University departments for implementation sometime this fall.

ELECTED TO FOUNDATION Herbert N. Stoutenburg, Jr., assistant to the Chancellor for administration, was recently elected to membership in the Michigan Osteopathic College Foundation. The Foundation is a philanthropic corporation devoted to the establishment of the Michigan College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Calendar

- Thursday
June 25 8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Music Festival presents the Detroit Symphony under the direction of Sixten Ehrling, featuring Gary Graffman, pianist. Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerti 2 and 3.
- Friday
June 26 8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Music Festival presents Sarah Vaughan and the Les Elgart Orchestra. Tickets: \$5, \$4, \$2.50
- Saturday
June 27 8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Music Festival presents the Detroit Symphony with Beverly Sills, soprano, singing arias by Mozart and Donizetti
- Sunday
June 28 6:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Music Festival presents the Detroit Symphony under the direction of Meredith Willson, featuring an old-fashioned holiday concert