

Pryale Foundation Gives \$450,000

Convocation Address Delivered by Matthews

"The mind is the most important of human faculties . . . of all the activities of the mind, learning is the most humane," Dr. George T. Matthews, MSUO professor of history and associate dean for the humanities, told the university's fourth freshman class Tuesday.

This, he explained, is the primary philosophical foundation of any university.

Speaking to students and faculty members assembled in the Oakland Center, Matthews characterized faculty members as part of "an intensely conservative and fiercely proud community of scholars" whose first obligations are the pursuit and communication of knowledge. Their final loyalties, the 45 year-old historian said, must be to their chosen disciplines.

"Only the academic community values knowledge innocently, for its own sake," he told the convocation group. Work for scholars and scientists arises from an "internal condition, not external coercion," and their lives require the transmission of knowledge, he said.

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Turning to MSUO, Matthews described it as very old in an ancient and self-renewing tradition and commitment to knowledge. Quietly and directly, he stated that "the society of learning is a universe of which MSUO is only one of the inhabitable planets."

Emphasizing that the university offers a liberal arts-centered program, he defined its goal as education in principle, not in applied skills. Students, he feels, should not be provided with convenient answers, but should be taught to ask significant questions.

According to Matthews, scholars here "must speak to the city and to the world." They must have commitments to extra-classroom efforts, as well as to teaching obligations.

MSUO, he continued, is not following the current university trend of appointing non-scholastic administrators; the school chooses its leaders from academic fields.

Of his own dual role, he says, "As a professor, I am committed to my discipline; as a dean I only do what needs doing."

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Humor, too, was not absent from Matthews' 45 minute address. Smiling, he outlined the hierarchy of academic degrees, offices, and robes for the new students.

He predicted that, following the Harvard and Yale fashion, universities will soon abandon the traditional black academic robes for brighter colors. In that case, he quipped, we will see "academic processions that look like a trailing of intellectual baboons."

In conclusion, Matthews welcomed all new students into the university as "colleagues," the highest term of fellowship among university groups.

Reactions to the convocation talk ranged from enthusiastic praise to less than moderate interest. Some students were genuinely impressed while others said it was too long a session.

Faculty response during the speech varied from attentiveness, to occasional laughter, and boredom.



George Matthews

Students Urged To Use Mailboxes

All students, and especially incoming freshmen and new students, are urged to check their student mailboxes in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Mailboxes should be checked daily as students may receive phone calls, be asked to check with a member of the administration, see a dean, or receive grades or papers.

The mailboxes are the only direct link between individual students and the administration.

The Observer will print as many of the important notices regarding schedule changes, course droppings, dates to remember, and advise students of coming events, but it cannot be responsible for relaying notices to individual students.

Messages are filed alphabetically in the wooden mailboxes, which are located next to the book center and barber shop.

Latest Gift Will Finance Dorm, Accelerator, Computer

The Pryale Foundation today announced gifts of \$450,000 to Michigan State University Oakland for a major nuclear physics teaching and research project, a high-speed digital computer, and a student residence.

The Pryale Foundation was created by Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Pryale of Bloomfield Hills. Mr. Pryale, long-time president and board chairman of the Baldwin Rubber Co. of Pontiac, has been one of the community's most active business and civic leaders.

Today's benefactions are the largest to MSUO since Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson gave their 1,400-acre estate and \$2,000,000 to found the school in January, 1957. The funds will provide up to \$63,000 for a 2,000,000-volt Van deGraaff particle accelerator and accompanying equipment, as well as approximately \$50,000 for the computer.

Chancellor D. B. Varner said the accelerator will give the outstanding physicists on MSUO's faculty the initial equipment needed to start research projects which are of fundamental importance to nuclear physics. It will also give MSUO students the opportunity to work in this field. The computer will serve research and instructional programs both in the sciences and in the social sciences.

The new student residence, to be named Pryale House, will accommodate 96 students in two units and will be similar to the two existing ones, Anibal and Fitzgerald Houses. Work will start on it this fall and it will cost approximately \$335,000.

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"Such a private gift as this," said Chancellor Varner, "is the only way such expensive equipment necessary to the growth of an important new university could have been obtained this soon. The costs of equipping a university are heavy and cannot always be met, or met in time, without the aid of the community.

"This important gift will be of inestimable benefit in helping MSUO launch a research program of fundamental importance. It obviously will be a great boon to our students.

"We are indeed happy to have an additional student residence building and to have the honor of naming it after Mr. and Mrs. Pryale. The Pryales have always been outstanding contributors to the business and social welfare of this community, and the dormitory will be a lasting memorial to their achievement and generosity.

"We hope that the vision and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Pryale will suggest to others the value of making similar investments. The university, as the source of educated men and of new knowledge, creates for the community both wealth and good. Gifts that increase the university's ability to produce, are thus both the noblest and most fundamental kind of investments. They are returned to the community many fold."

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The Pryale Foundation was established last year as a vehicle for charitable gifts by the Pryales during and after their lifetime.

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On The Cuff Plan Aids Many

New York (UPI) — Pay as you learn financing will achieve new prominence as a fact of campus life this Fall when the largest crop of college freshmen in the nation's history enrolls. Robert J. Kier, president of the Tuition Plan Inc., largest of the institutions specializing in academic costs, said more than half of this year's 1,110,000 freshmen will use credit of one sort or another to pay college bills.

Ad Hoc

by William Hoke

On The Death of E. E. Cummings

Paper and ashes — Tumbling
Tumbling
all the way home.
Men of genius in tribute to
thee praised
tumbling
end over end
towards inevitable
destiny
All the way home.
Marked man of yesterday
Inexplicable
(they will say)
tumbling, awkwardly
all the way home.
Tolling bells in the east—
eulogies—
a new sunrise
over the sea
Tumbling
tumbling
all the way home.

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| Saturday | 8 a.m. - midnight |
| Sunday | 2 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. |
| Public Cafeteria | |
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| Mon. - Fri. | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. |
| Book Center | |
| Mon. - Thurs. | 8:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
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Noteworthy Address

If it is the purpose of the freshmen convocation address to set the note for the academic year, then MSUO's fourth year of operation will be its best.

A word of praise is certainly not out of order for Dr. George Matthews and his convocation address.

In our opinion, Dr. Matthews succeeded in bringing together the simple realities of student life with the serious academic approach which is necessary for the type of education offered at MSUO.

There are two points which we feel should be made:

Dr. Matthews made MSUO human. He made this University human by removing it from the golden planet where a number of persons had unjustifiably placed it.

MSUO offers a fine program of study, but it is not, and it never will be, an educational utopia as some people have dreamed. "The society of learning is a universe of which MSUO is only one of the inhabitable planets" are words which place MSUO in its proper context. These are words which it would do well to remember.

Dr. Matthews remarks concerning "the activities of the mind" were a welcome return to the real purposes of a liberal education. There have been occasions when some of us had thought that the activities of the mind had been forgotten in favor of the greater job opportunities for the college graduate. Thank you, Dr. Matthews, for removing our fears.

And, freshmen, not only does the convocation address set the note for this academic year, but it sets the foundation for eight semesters of study.

And, we are sure that if the next eight semesters are as good as Dr. Matthews' talk, your education at MSUO will be most rewarding.

B. G. P.

Lion, MSU-EL Foot Ducats Available from Physical Ed

Tickets for MSU-EL and Detroit Lion football games are available at the campus Physical Education office, 114 Oakland Center.

MSU-EL tickets may be purchased for games Oct. 6 (North Carolina), Oct. 13 (Michigan), Nov. 3 (Minnesota) and Nov. 10

(Purdue). Season tickets are \$20, with individual tickets priced at \$5. Purchase deadline for season tickets and Michigan game tickets is Sept. 18.

Married faculty members will be permitted to purchase four tickets to the Michigan game. Single faculty members will be allowed two tickets, as will students.

Detroit Lion tickets are available for Sept. 16 (Pittsburgh), Sept. 23 (San Francisco), Oct. 14 (Los Angeles), Oct. 28 (Chicago), Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving game — Green Bay), Dec. 2 (Baltimore) and Dec. 9 (Minnesota).

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President Alfred C. Girard of the Community National Bank of Pontiac, and James L. Howlett, Pontiac attorney, are co-trustees. The trustees said:

"The Pryales have always been primarily interested in Oakland County business, charitable and educational activities. They are gratified that the Pryale Foundation can support a project by which this community, through the faculty and students of MSUO, can benefit the nation and bring further credit to Oakland County, to Michigan, and to the university."

The atomic particle accelerator is the first of several costly pieces of equipment needed by Drs. Ralph Mobley, Robert Williamson, and other faculty members for basic research seeking to uncover the key properties of atomic nuclei. This type of work must be the forerunner of any efforts to achieve commercially useful controlled energy from the fusion of hydrogen atoms.

Dr. Mobley previously has conducted a major research program for the Atomic Energy Commission in this field.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "Ad Hoc" column on page 1 of today's paper will be a regular part of the Oakland Observer. The column, to be written by William Hoke, former Observer editor, will express Hoke's viewpoints and not necessarily those of the editors.

Thrifty Tip

NEW YORK (UPI)—To get more mileage out of each tankful of gas, warm up the engine by idling it for a few seconds and then driving it gently for a few miles; adopt slow and easy acceleration and steady driving speeds; avoid starting the engine only to run the car a few minutes.

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Hoke to Publish Literary Magazine

Plans for a literary magazine to include writings by MSUO students, faculty and staff, as well as students at Wayne State University, have been finalized according to magazine editor William Hoke.

Untitled as yet, the magazine will be published by "a patron of the arts," according to Hoke.

The magazine will include poems, essays, short stories, and art work. A special section of the

magazine will be devoted to line drawings.

Contributors will not be paid for publication, but copies will be provided.

Price for the magazine will be nominal if at all.

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