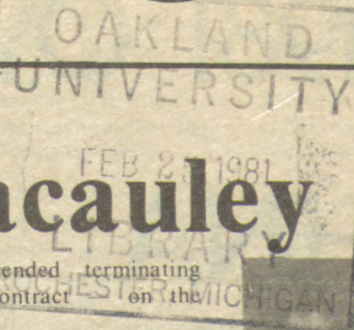


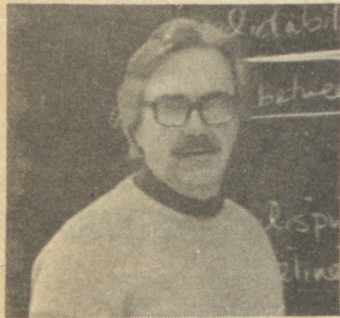
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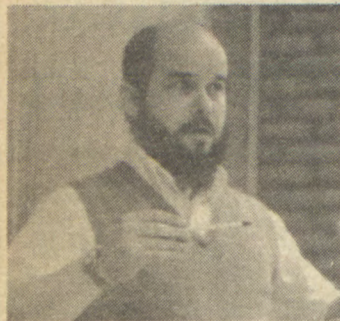


Two faculty members resign in protest

## Board delays action on Macauley case



Roger Marz



Thomas Casstevens

In an emotionally-charged atmosphere, the Board of Trustees delayed a formal decision on the "Macauley issue" causing one faculty member's resignation that evening and another on the following day.

Roger Marz, professor of political science and director of the public administration and public policy program at OU resigned from that post because of what he called "no confidence in his judgement and a lack of trust on the part of his immediate supervisors."

Thomas Casstevens, chairperson of the department of political science, resigned the following day from that position, although his resignation will not become effective until the end of the winter semester.

**THE BOARD MEETING**, held Wednesday, brought together numerous faculty members, students, and union officials who

quickly filled the available space in the meeting room.

The action taken at this board meeting was a review of a decision to terminate Associate Professor of Political Science William Macauley, a move recommended by Provost Frederick Obear and adopted by the board during the Jan. 21 meeting.

Macauley's contract was terminated because he had not published adequate scholarly research, according to Obear at the Jan. 21 meeting.

At that meeting, numerous students and faculty members turned out to protest the action taken by Obear.

Since that time, charges and allegations have created an atmosphere of distrust and disillusionment among the faculty, union, and student leaders on one hand, the provost's office and the Provost Personnel Committee (PPC) — the review committee

that recommended terminating Macauley's contract on the other.

**PRIOR TO THE** meeting, most observers were optimistic about Macauley's reinstatement. "I've been optimistic all week," said Jane Hershey, University Congress president. "We turned in 400 signatures and several letters (of support) to the Trustees today."

"A lot has happened these past four weeks. I feel Dr. Macauley has a good chance," Hershey said.

Richard Headlee, chairperson of the Board of Trustees, indicated prior to the meeting that Macauley might be reinstated. "It was obvious that at the last meeting a broad cross-section of student concern was present," Headlee said. "We felt that the information and data we received was not sufficient. We got a fair resolution with the union on this decision. It looks good."

(See MACAULEY, page 5)



Frederick Obear

## Drastic changes may come in General Ed

By GEORGE SCOPAS  
Staff Writer

After an extensive two year study, the Ad Hoc Commission on General Education has recommended a proposal that would drastically change the current General Education system here at OU.

The proposal, a 32-page report, was submitted to the Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) for study and evaluation and is being made available to faculty and students through the University Congress office.

Dr. David Bricker, chairman of the 17-member ad hoc commission, was present at the University Congress meeting on Thursday, to discuss the report (sometimes referred to as the Bricker report) and to answer some 40 questions that Congress had formally prepared.

**HOWEVER, BRICKER** stayed only a short time, and, according to Congress member Angela Hodges, "he side-stepped the few questions he did have time to answer."

Under the proposed "all-university" policy, a minimum of 28 credit hours would be devoted to general education in all University undergraduate programs. Presently there are 13 different sets of general education requirements being used.

This "all-university" policy would immediately create a conflict with Engineering, Nursing, and several other majors. Currently engineering students are only required to complete 16 credit hours of general education (Learning Skills credits are excluded because they will not count as general education in the

new program). Exactly how these majors can solve the problem of a shortage of curricular space for the 28 required general education credit hours is unknown.

The report lists several alternatives, including raising the credit minimum for graduation and reducing credit hours devoted to "genuinely free electives." The former alternative, however, may require some students to attend OU for over four years.

**ACCORDING TO THE** report, the general education program would be divided into two sections, Track I and Track II.

Track I will consist of three courses which "promote understanding of the ways earlier cultural achievements influence mankind today."

Track I classes will have an average enrollment of 300 students, and will be taught by a team of three or four faculty members.

Congress members questioned the value of a class with 300 students, and the ability of the students to learn the teaching "styles" of four different professors for just one class. Bricker said the "only way to get (faculty) teams is to increase class size."

Track II is divided into four groups and every students will be required to complete a course in each of the groups.

**THE REPORT VIEWS** groups as "applied inquiry" courses which "should help students learn about inquiry from the inside through their participation in specific investigations."

An example of a Track II course as listed in the proposal is, "How to Watch a Film." This course (See EDUCATION, page 8)

## Just a face in the crowd

Among the spectators who filled the bleachers to watch the swim meet Friday night was Dr. Joseph Champagne, OU's president-designate. Champagne came alone, preferring not to be escorted by University administrators.

The new president arrived on campus Thursday evening with plans to move into the official president's residence, Sunset Terrace. His family was expected to join him yesterday.

Champagne will be officially inaugurated into office March 19.



The Oakland Sail Bob Knoska

## Nursing dean leaves OU

By RITU SEHGAL  
Editor-in-Chief

OU will lose another top administrator this week as Geraldene Felton, dean of the School of Nursing, leaves OU to accept a similar position at the University of Iowa.

Felton, who submitted her resignation last May leaves behind a mixed bag of reactions from administrators and associates who have worked with her over the last few years.

During her five-year stay at OU, Felton has seen the Nursing School grow from a mere proposal on paper to a solid program that employs 18 full-time and six part-time faculty members, and which has grown in enrollment from 158 students in its first year of existence to the 300 students it currently has.

"WE'RE A VITAL, vibrant part of the community — an example of excellence," she says.

And Felton has been a part of that vitality and vibrance since she

came to OU in 1975 to take what was essentially a germ of an idea and make it a reality.

Almost all OU nursing graduates find jobs within a few weeks of graduation and all are regarded well by their employers, she says, pointing proudly to a survey recently conducted by the school.

Her decision to leave OU was precipitated by a "firm" offer from Iowa, Felton says. But, privately, some members of the university say Felton has had disagreements with administrators and other faculty members at OU, and that may have played a part in her decision to go to Iowa.

Publicly, Felton will not comment on these differences. "It would not be politic to do so," she says.

**IN A CAREFULLY** crafted statement recently read to a group of nursing students in her farewell address, Felton said, "I will never express dissatisfaction with

Oakland University on anything that happened while I was here."

But others are not that reticent. Moon J. Pak, director of Health Sciences, criticizes Felton for "isolating" the nursing program from related medical and health science programs offered at the University.

"There is no socialization between the nursing school and other departments," he says. "Students (nursing) are isolated, competing only among themselves. There is no sharing of faculty."

Felton is quick to defend the independent status of her school.

"There is a distinct advantage to being autonomous," she says. "You have control over your own resources, own curriculum, you relationships with those inside and outside the university. There is no advantage to (nursing) to integrate with other programs."

**PAK DISAGREES.** "We are in an academic setting," he says. (See FELTON, page 5)

## INSIDE

•The "Countdown to Youngstown" has begun for the men's swimming team as it drives towards its second straight national title. See page 10.

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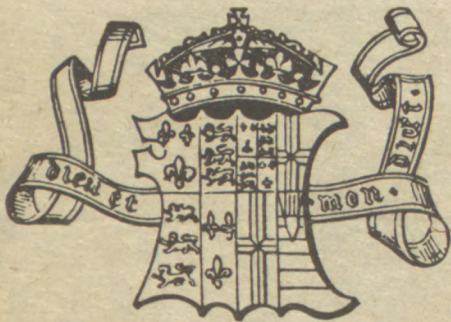
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## Alumni director takes new job

# He made the alumni association 'more viable'

By KEITH WARNACK  
Staff Writer

After 14 months of successful fund raising for OU, Ron Barr, director of alumni relations, has accepted the position of director of development for the School of Music at the University of Miami. Barr will start his new job by the end of February.

Barr's jovial appearance and easy going manner seems contrary to the expected image of a person who has raised approximately \$80,000 in 1980 from individual and corporate donations. Barr attributes his success to, "the ability to help people identify with a successful project which they can be part of."

Rick Reuter, president of Undergraduate Student Alumni

Association (USAA), recognizes the successful efforts Barr has made at OU.

"I THINK HE'S made the alumni association a much more viable association. The alumni is the foundation of the university. He (Barr) has increased the prestige of the university," Reuter said.

When complimented on the success of the alumni program, Barr is quick to give credit to the volunteers.

"The only thing I did was reorganize," Barr said. "This university is blessed with more volunteers than we know what to do with. The coach doesn't win the world series, the teams do."

Barr's interest has not always been fund raising. In 1978 he

earned a B.A. degree in journalism English education at Indiana University, Bloomington. At IU, Barr was a newsman for the campus radio and directed campus reports for the local commercial television station. During this time, he served for two years as a national officer of the Student National Education Association (SNEA). The SNEA position provided experience in organizational and professional development, public relations, publication production, and communications.

AFTER GRADUATION from IU, Barr went to graduate school and served as research assistant to the IU alumni association. Soon he assumed directorship of IU alumni clubs and set aside his graduate studies. After a year as director of alumni clubs at IU, Barr came to OU as Director of Alumni Relations.

In October, of 1980, the vice president of the University of Miami contacted Barr about a position at the school. Barr did not get the job but was told that they would keep his name on file.

Two months later, Miami wrote Barr about the position of Director of Development for the School of Music. Barr applied and eventually got the job.

Barr feels that the new position will push his career about five years ahead of schedule.

"THIS IS LIKE a dream opportunity. I didn't expect to hit this opportunity until I was 32 or 33," Barr said with a wide-eyed expression.

As Director of Development for the School of Music in Miami, Barr's work will be more specialized. Barr views his previous role at OU as that of a

"jack-of-all-trades." In Miami, Barr will direct a capital fund drive for a \$6 million music building and will be in charge of identifying a \$2 to \$3 million donor to name the building.

When asked what he'll miss most about OU, Barr quickly replied, "The poeple." This is obvious when Barr is observed walking through campus greeting most people he meets by name. Barr jokingly said, "I never forget a face."

The tough decision regarding Barr's replacement will be made this spring. With the increase of budget cuts within the university, fund raising will become more and more important.

COMMENTING ON the future success of the alumni program, Barr said, "If we were able to better the alumni program, then I've done my job."

## Malpractice insurance protects instructors

By TERRI REDMOND  
Assistant Editor

Doctors aren't the only professionals who are insured against possible "malpractice suits." In recent years, university faculty and administrators have included in their contracts professional liability insurance coverage protecting them against legal action.

OU professional employees are covered by an insurance policy that provides coverage against suits up to \$1 million dollars.

"Since the university may be held responsible for any action we (university employees) take, the insurance policy gives protection," said Professor Edward Heubel, president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

OU has included this coverage in its contracts since 1971. Paragraph 112 of the contract states, "OU shall provide a professional liability program. Coverage shall consist of one million dollars arising out of any one occurrence because of personal injury or property damage, or any combination to a maximum of one million dollars; arising out of all occurrences during each policy year. OU shall pay the full cost of such insurance."

"THE COVERAGE doesn't include medical malpractice, something that would occur in a clinical setting," Heubel said.

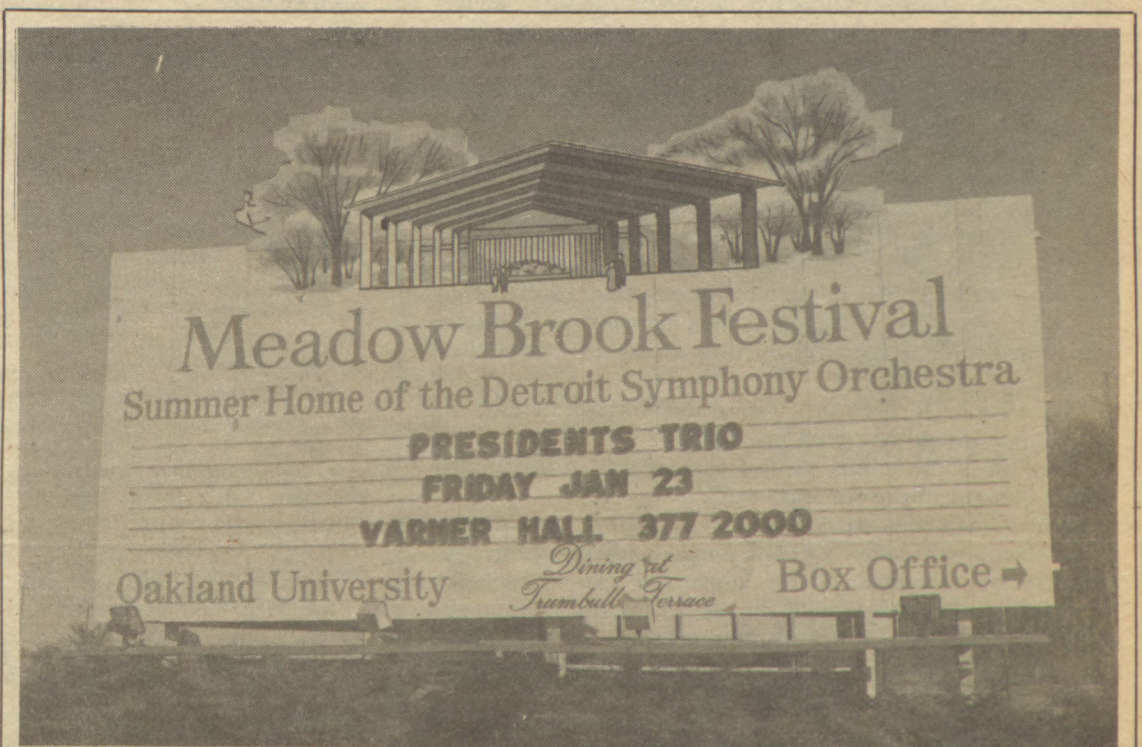
The insurance policy has never had to be used at OU, and Heubel couldn't give any specific examples of what the coverage insures against. "I couldn't say off-hand," he said. "The policy just sort of sits there. There has never been a suit by a student against the university."

Heubel also couldn't say whether any university departments are more vulnerable to suits than others, "since nobody's sued anyone in any department."

Heubel said professional liability coverage is fairly common among universities now, but he knew of no instances of it being used in Michigan.

Wayne State University faculty are not covered by a university wide insurance policy. "Faculty are not covered by a policy the university takes out on all faculty," said Ken McKanders, general assistant council at Wayne.

(See INSURANCE, page 5)



### Out of date?

"The President's Trio" has come and gone, but apparently someone forgot to tell the billboard on the south side of campus.

The Oakland Sail: Ted Villella

## Prep tests: Are they worth it?

By ARNOLD SHANNON  
Staff Writer

Despite their claims as being beneficial, test preparation centers such as the Stanley H. Kaplan and University LSAT groups may not be worth the money they command according to some OU students and faculty members.

"I though the price was too high," said Marty Testasecca, a senior in political science who recently took the prep course from the Kaplan center.

Testasecca paid \$340 for an eight-week course preparing him for the LSAT (Law School Admission Test). At the end of the course, he returned the homework packet and received \$50 back which had been included in the price as a deposit.

"(IT) IS A LOT of money," Testasecca adds, "but for being beneficial...you have to take that risk."

Tara Booker, a senior in management, also took a prep course from the Kaplan center to prepare for the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test).

She however, feels the course was "well worth the money." Like Testasecca, Booker paid \$340 (with the \$50 deposit refunded to her when she returned the homework packet).

Booker feels the course was

good for her because it taught her "valuable test taking techniques."

"It goes farther than the GMAT (test taking techniques)," said Booker.

"I CAN TAKE ANY exam here (at OU) and feel like it would be easier to take," she said. "Not because of the content of the exam...but just because I know how to go about approaching answers on it. The biggest thing (the) Stanley Kaplan (center) teaches you is the ability to analyze questions."

According to a spokesman at the Kaplan Center, those "test taking techniques" are good guessing principles, knowing how to pace yourself during a time-pressured exam, and using good strategy in answering multiple-choice questions. Students learn this from what the Kaplan Center call a three-pronged approach: home-study materials, audio-tape reinforcement, and live class sessions.

The Kaplan Center, which recently raised its prices, now requires students to pay \$350 for an eight-week course, getting back \$50 of that money in exchange for the homework packet at the end of the class sessions.

However, the University LSAT center charges \$175 for 20 hours of preparation. The entire course is

held over one weekend: Friday from 6-10 pm, Saturday 9 am-6 pm, and Sunday 9 am-6 pm. Twenty-five dollars is refunded in exchange for homework materials.

"I THINK IT'S outrageous to pay \$350 or \$175 for a course that supposedly teaches you how to take a standardized test," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, assistant professor of communication arts, and pre-law advisor at OU.

"It's absurd. I honestly do not think a student should spend that kind of money for either service (Stanley H. Kaplan or University LSAT). They should save that money for law school," she said.

Bunting believes that students should use their money for courses that would prepare them for bar exams and not entrance exams.

The Josephson's Bar Review Course (BRC) offered in Southfield prepares law students for such a bar exam. It runs six-weeks at a cost of \$470. Potential entrants have access to law materials once they are enrolled in the course. The \$470 represents the total cost of the program with no deposit necessary.

THE NORD CLASS, another BRC offered in Southfield, runs for six weeks and costs \$325 (for books and correspondence course). Lectures are an additional \$50 and cassette tapes may cost up to (See TEST, page 8)

## Sail Shorts

The OU Board of Trustees Wednesday formally gave president-designate Joseph Champagne the title of tenured professor of management. Quipped Interim President George Matthews: "We had to do something to get him on the payroll!"

In other action, the Board relieved Laszlo Hetenyi, acting dean of the school of performing arts, of his charge of secretary to the Board's Presidential Selection Committee. "Though he got us into a suit with the Attorney General, we still think he did a fine job," joked Board chairman Richard Headlee, referring to the suit the Attorney General has filed against the Board for allegedly violating the state's Open Meetings Act.

Board members also commended Matthews for the "fine job" he has done as OU's Interim President for a year.

Hetenyi and Matthews will take \$350 and \$1000 cuts, respectively, in their salaries having been relieved of their special duties.

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OU will have more dorm space next fall after faculty offices are shifted from West Vandenberg Hall to O'Dowd Hall. The dorms presently house 1560 students. That figure will increase to 1850 in Fall 1980, according to Jack Wilson, dean of Student Life.

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The OU Women's Organization will sponsor a presentation this Thursday from Clark Heston, coordinator of the Cooperative Education Field Program (Co-op). Heston will give students information about internships and the co-op program. The presentation will be held from 12-1 p.m. in room 127 of the Oakland Center.

—Compiled from press releases and staff reports.