



OU NEWS

Meredith dies

Services for Nelson L. Meredith were held Jan. 25 in the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The 72-year-old Meredith died Jan. 22 after a lengthy illness.

For the past 12 years Meredith was president of the Matilda R. Wilson Fund. The philanthropy was established in 1944 by university benefactress Matilda R. Wilson.

Since Mrs. Wilson's death in 1968, the university has continued to benefit from the fund. Support has been received for a wide range of university programs, and fund grants have aided Meadow Brook Hall, the library, and provided a sophisticated nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer for the Department of Chemistry.

The university recognized Meredith in 1973 awarding him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Fuller lectures

Buckminster Fuller will lecture Jan. 31 on the topic "Spaceship Earth." Members of the OU community will be admitted free to the 1 p.m. program in the Crockery of Oakland Center.

Fuller is best known to many as the father of the geodesic dome, but his long, varied career defies simple labels.

His many honors include the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture presented by the Queen of England, the Gold Medal Award of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, and a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Appropriation up 8.6%

University officials have given Gov. William Milliken a qualified well done for the portion of the proposed state budget that will be devoted to higher education.

The general feeling is that, while the appropriation recommendation is not enough, it is higher than anticipated.

The following are the Governor's 1980-81 budget recommendations for higher education:

	% of Change from 1979-80	\$ Amount of Change
Central	9	2,657,799
Eastern Michigan	7	2,423,386
Ferris State	8.9	1,948,869
Grand Valley State	7	923,874
Lake Superior	9	516,555
Michigan State	8.8	10,851,714
Agriculture and other special units	7	
Michigan Technological	9	1,754,568
Northern	7	1,459,451
Oakland University	8.6	1,697,771
Saginaw Valley State	7	466,508
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)	9.5	13,957,484
Dearborn	8.8	824,814
Flint	7	597,429
Wayne State	6.8	6,690,306
Western	9	4,203,612

Compared with other segments of the state budget, higher education was treated well, officials say. OU was treated slightly better than average. The recommendations for public colleges and universities are listed below.

OU Foundation gives \$97,000

The Executive Trustees of the OU Foundation have approved four university requests for funds totaling \$97,000.

The decisions came at the Jan. 17 meeting of the trustees.

Some \$50,000 will support the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

A total of \$30,000 of foundation money will be used to help refurbish the language laboratory. An additional \$20,000 has been requested by Provost Frederick W. Obear from regular university funds. Total cost of the project is \$50,000.

The trustees allocated \$10,000 to the president's discretionary fund. The money will be used for university related purposes that do not receive general fund support.

The OU Foundation is contributing \$7,000 to match student self-assessed donations to the library during 1979-80. The students have the option of adding a \$1 library donation to the student fees paid at registration. It is estimated that by the end of the year a total of \$7,000 will have been collected from students for this purpose.

New word processing centers

Note: Oakland University has made a major investment in word processing equipment this year. Because of the importance of this new technology in improving office productivity, the OU News is running this special story announcing the introduction of the new word processing centers.

After more than two years of careful study and experiment, Oakland University has begun development of several "regional" word processing centers. These centers, utilizing Wang Laboratories equipment, are available for general use by university offices.

Regional word processing centers are clusters of machines in one location that service several offices or buildings. The two main centers are in 113 North Foundation Hall and 168 Dodge Hall. These centers are generally open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Arrangements can be made to use the centers at other hours by contacting Mary Rice in public relations (NFH center) or Sue Fightmaster in Engineering (Dodge center). University personnel may use either of the systems simply by reserving time on one of the terminals.

Each department must provide its own operators for the equipment. Only staff members who have been trained on the system are permitted to use the equipment. Several training sessions are being scheduled for new users. In addition, self-training manuals are available.

In order to familiarize both managers and users with the system and its capabilities, the public relations department is holding an introductory seminar to outline the features of the system and some techniques for improving productivity through its use. The seminar will be held 3-5 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, in Room 159 North Foundation Hall. The seminar will be repeated on Thursday, February 14 at the same time and location.

Training sessions for new users are scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays, beginning February 15. Training sessions will be conducted for the rest of the semester. If there is enough demand, training sessions may also continued during the spring and summer.

Training sessions are limited to three persons each, so departments are asked to send one representative only. The first person trained by a department can then train other departmental users. To make reservations for training, please call Mary Rice at 7-3183.

With the advent of these new word processing systems, the university has elected to limit acquisition of word processing equipment (such as memory typewriters, magnetic card machines, etc.) to Wang Laboratories systems.

In addition to the North Foundation and Dodge centers, the university hopes to develop word processing centers in other buildings as budgets permits. The existing systems are expandable, and the university has developed a procedure for departments wishing to purchase their own terminals to tie into the main systems. The whole cost of the terminal can be paid for at time of installation, or a department may spread the cost over a maximum of three years. Assuming a three-year acquisition, a department would pay approximately \$2,850 per year, including all costs. After the terminal has been paid for, departments are responsible for maintenance costs on their own terminals. Units wishing to consider obtaining their own terminals should submit requests to the Word Processing Advisory Committee, care of William Connellan, public relations.

Lecture program set

The Oakland University Area Studies Program and the history Club are sponsoring a free discussion series on "South and West Asia: A Region in Turmoil."

The meetings begin with brief, informal lectures, then turn to open discussion of the problems. The dates and sessions are listed below.

Jan. 31-noon, "Iran: The Political and Religious Background," with Professor Munibur Rahman, rooms 129-130, OC.

Feb. 6-11:45 a.m., "Old Patterns Renewed: U.S.S.R., China, and Afghanistan," with Professors Robert Howes and John Garver, West Crockery, OC.

Feb. 14-noon, "Elections in India: New Armaments in Pakistan," with Professors Peter Bertocci, Thomas Casstevens, and Richard Tucker, rooms 126-127, OC.

Nominations still open

The Presidential Selection Committee would like to remind all members of the university community that nominations can still be made for the office of president of the university.

Anyone who wishes to submit a nomination can do so either by notifying the appropriate advisory committee (Faculty: David Shantz, chairperson; AP: Pamela Marin, chairperson; Student: Eric Baar, chairperson; Alumni: Ruth Adams, chairperson) or by sending the nomina-

tion directly to Laszlo J. Hetenyi, executive secretary, Presidential Selection Committee, 227 Varner Hall. Every nomination will be given serious consideration and all nominees will be notified. The process can be speeded up considerably if each nomination contained the individual's name, current title, and up-to-date address.

Faculty exchange

There are still several registration forms available for OU faculty interested in registering with the Faculty Exchange Center, which coordinates plans for teaching exchanges between member colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. The center facilitates temporary academic relocation of professors who maintain their appointments, salaries, and professional prerequisites from the home institution while teaching elsewhere. Any member of the faculty whose teaching or research interests for next year might benefit from such an exchange should consult Jane Eberwein in the Provost's office for information and registration materials.

Burnett named

Gary Burnett has been named the assistant acting director for student affairs. Burnett first joined the university staff in 1975 as a head resident in Hill House. During the past four years, he has served in various administrative capacities in the residence halls and was most recently serving as administrative assistant to the Director of Residence Halls. The appointment was effective Jan. 21.

Directory sale

Student telephone directories are now on sale.

Faculty and staff may order student directories through the mail by calling the Student Congress Office at 7-3097.

Directories are also available at the CIPO ticket office, Book Center, and Hamlin or Vandenberg reception desks.

Science series begins

The OU community is invited to the "Seminars in the Biomedical Sciences" series starting Jan. 30.

The programs are sponsored by William Beaumont Hospital and the Center for Health Sciences and Institute of Biological Sciences.

The seminars will explore current thinking and findings in the biomedical sciences.

All programs will be held at noon in the seminar room of the Institute of Biological Sciences, Dodge Hall of Engineering.

Jan. 30—Edward L. Kean, professor of biochemistry, Case Western Reserve University, "Biochemistry of Visual Pigments" (Lipid Activation of Carbohydrates and Glycosylation of Rhodopsin).

Feb. 12—David Evans, assistant professor of biochemistry, Wayne State University School of Medicine, "Multi Functional Proteins."

Feb. 26—Grant Fairbanks, senior scientist, Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, "Study of ATP-dependent Functions of Human Red Blood Cell Membrane."

March 12—Nai-Teng Yu, associate professor of chemistry, Georgia Institute of Technology, "Biological Applications of Raman Spectroscopy."

March 26—Paul Russell, staff scientist, National Institutes of Health, "The Application of Tissue Culture to the Study of Cataractogenesis."

For additional information call the Institute of Biological Sciences at 377-2392.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

noon Film, "Modeling the Universe" about Buckminster Fuller, Exhibit Lounge, OC
noon "Iran: The Political & Religious Background," Prof. Munibar Rahman, Rooms 129-130 OC
1 pm Buckminster Fuller, Crockery, OC
8:30 pm "A Summer Remembered," Meadow Brook Theatre
9 pm Jazz, Walt Szymanski & Jazz Quintet, Abstention Coffeehouse, OC

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

noon Afram Jazz Band, Fireside Lounge, OC
noon MISL Winter Tournament, Varner Hall
2:15 pm Dr. Yehuda Wallach, Alternating Sequential Parallel Processing, 239 Dodge
7 pm Women's Basketball vs Lake Superior State
7 & 9:30 pm "Every Which Way But Loose," 201 Dodge Hall
8:30 pm "A Summer Remembered," Meadow Brook Theatre
9 pm Dance, Beach Party, Crockery, OC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8 am MISL Winter Tournament, Varner Hall
9 am Conference, Handicapped Children, Meadow Brook Hall
10 am Games, "Anything Goes," Crockery, OC
noon "Two Centuries of Black American Art," Art Lounge, OC
2 pm Men's Basketball, Wayne State University
2 & 8:30 pm "A Summer Remembered," Meadow Brook Theatre
4 pm Women's Basketball vs Wayne State

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:30-5:00 pm New Student Competitive Scholarship Testing and Career Workshop, Sports & Rec.
1 to 5 pm Tour, Meadow Brook Hall
6 pm Open Gaming, Iron Kettle Annex, OC
6:30 pm "A Summer Remembered," Meadow Brook Theatre

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

noon "Two Centuries of Black American Art," Exhibit Lounge, OC
noon "Mysterious Dr. Satan," "Zorro's Fighting Legion" & "Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe," Abstention, OC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

noon Burton & Tapper Concert, Fireside Lounge, OC
8:30 pm Play, "A Summer Remembered," Meadow Brook Theatre

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

11:45 am Professor Robert Howes and John Garver, "Old Patterns Renewed: USSR, China & Afghanistan," West Crocker, OC
noon Slides & Commentary, "Biking thru the Russian Countryside," Gold A, OC
2 & 8:30 pm "A Summer Remembered," Meadow Brook Theatre
7:30 pm Men's Basketball, Northern Kentucky
8 pm Toulouse Chamber Orchestra, Varner Recital Hall