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Briefly ...

Interview schedule

The four finalists for president of Oakland University will be interviewed during an all day open-meeting of the OU Board of Trustees March 3. Though times have not been confirmed, candidates will be interviewed in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center in the following order:

Luis Proenza (8:00 a.m.); Richard Meyers (10:00 a.m.); Sandra Packard (1:00 p.m.); Claire Van Ummersen (3:00 p.m.)

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held in the Meadow Brook Health Institute on Thursdays at 8 p.m. for those who wish to attend.

Sidelights

The College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Continued Education, the Oakland Press, and Meadow Brook Theatre present: *Sidelights*- an exploration into the issues behind the plays presented by Meadow Brook Theatre this season. Professor Sheldon Appleton, OU Associate Provost will discuss the life and times of the baseball legend Ty Cobb. The lecture will take place Monday, Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m.

with a dessert reception starting at 6:30. Tuition for OU faculty and students is \$8. Call 3120.

Second Saturday Seminars

Seminars for non-traditional students will be held on Mar. 14 from 9-11:30 a.m. "Financing your education and building supports on and off campus" in the Oakland Center rooms 128-130, and "Stress and time management" on April 11, from 9-11:30 a.m. in the OC Abstention Room. All seminars are held the second Saturday of the month in the morning. There is a \$5 for the series, or \$3 per seminar. Advanced registration is required and breakfast refreshments will be provided. Please contact *Commuter Advocates* or call 2020.

Volunteer Programs

Volunteer Programs of Oakland County is looking for a volunteer to spend 2-4 hours a week with a needy kid. They will hold training sessions on Mon. and Tues., March 9-10 from 7-9 p.m. in the Probate Court Conference room on the second floor in the east wing of the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac. To register call 858-0041.

Brown Bag Series

The Women of OU February "Brown Bag Luncheon" Series will present "Scarf-tying revisited", an opportunity to learn how to tie scarves and show others what you know regarding the art. This installment will take place on Feb. 19, at 12 p.m. in the West Crockery of the OC.

Black Awareness Month

Part five of "Eyes on the Prize", a documentary depicting the civil rights movement, will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 12 p.m. in the Exhibit Lounge of the OC.

Station WOUX close to FM birth

By KYLE GREEN
Copy Writer

After four years of labor, Robert Kuron finally had his baby.

As General Manager of OU's student radio station WOUX, Kuron's dream of the station broadcasting FM is one step closer to become a reality.

Interim President John DeCarlo signed the necessary Federal Communications Commission (FCC) paperwork for the station to broadcast FM last week.

Kuron is still dazed.

"It's an accomplishment. I don't know how you can put it in words. When it happens I feel like I gave birth to a four-year-old child," Kuron said. "You tell somebody we got the signature for the FCC and they say 'That's neat,' but it's not neat ... it's more than that. It seems like it would never get to this state."

The FCC paperwork was sent out February 14 and will take three months to a year and a half before the station will receive a construction permit, which authorizes the radio station to assemble a station

for FM, Kuron said.

Currently, the station has a FM frequency, a tower to place an antenna, and some broadcasting equipment. The station needs new equipment including transmitter equipment, an antenna and emergency broadcasting equipment, which Kuron estimates will cost more than \$52,000.

WOUX has been trying to acquire an FM license since 1977, when members of the station first began the process with OU administration and the FCC.

Once the station acquires its li-

cence, the station could help the university, according to Interim President DeCarlo.

"I believe it could possibly be beneficial if it is well organized, well structured, well managed and tied into the academic structure," DeCarlo said.

While the paperwork is being processed, the station will raise the needed money through donations which will be matched by the Oakland University Presidential Foundation, Kuron said.

The station, which is staffed with students, now broadcasts in the

Oakland Center, and is college oriented, but also has country, oldies and classical music shows. WOUX also broadcasts daily news casts and home basketball games, he said.

"Everything we are doing is certainly being done as if we have an FM license," Kuron said. "When we turn on the switch for FM, I want us to sound like we have always been there."

"If the FCC approved our application in the next three months, theoretically we could be set up by fall," Kuron said.

Congress lifts budget freeze

By JENNIFER HEIL
Staff Writer

Congress thawed a one-week budget freeze and approved the first reading of a proposed budget at its meeting Monday night.

Proposals that concern money such as the budget must be approved after each of two readings. Amendments can still be made to the budget before it is made official at the next Congress meeting.

A motion to continue to freeze congress funds was voted down because changes to the budget may still be made during the second reading at the next meeting.

Congress president Derek Wilczynski said that he is happy Congress members scrutinized the budget before voting on it.

"Congress has the right to tear the budget apart," Wilczynski said. "It can be amended."

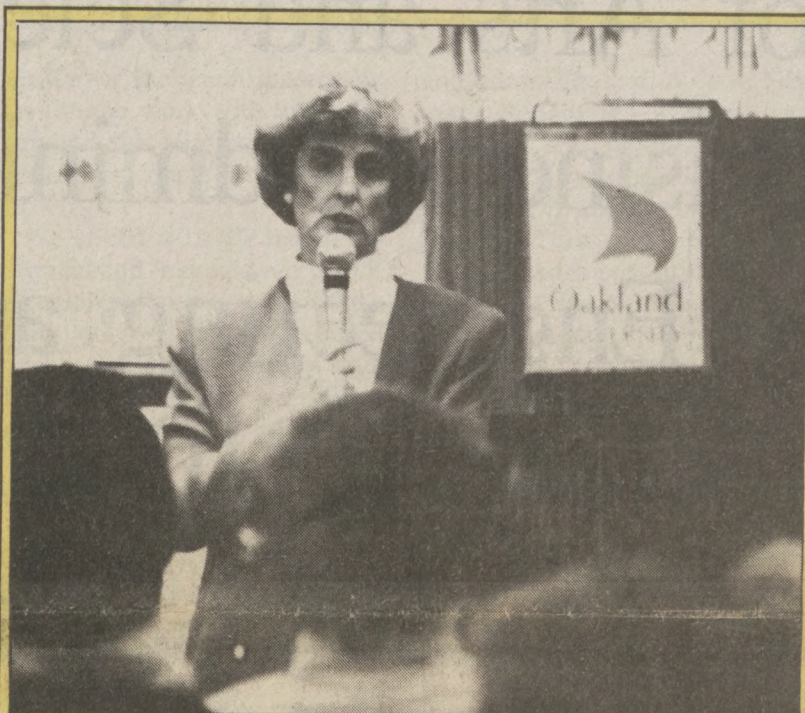
The proposed total budget for this semester is \$108,738.20. That sum includes over \$65,000 from the student activities fee distribution.

The approval of the budget's first reading comes on the heels of what Wilczynski describes as "not a very smooth start" for his administration.

"A lot of it has to do with the elections. The way it turned out, there are still some bad feelings," Wilczynski said.

The initial Congress elections last fall were invalidated due to im-

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OU presidential finalist, Claire Van Ummersen, answers a question at the faculty forum in the Oakland Center Monday.

Presidential finalist impresses small crowd at faculty forum

By ROBERT PARKER
News Editor

OU presidential finalist, Claire Van Ummersen, made a strong impression with faculty members at an open forum, Monday in the Oakland Center.

Ummersen, currently chancellor for the University System of New Hampshire (USNH), answered faculty member's questions, and asked questions of her own about the university and the role of the president.

Characterizing herself as a team player, Ummersen said she was an honest, open person.

"Someone my size can't afford to be authoritarian,"

Ummersen said.

Questions from the crowd included inquiries about her job as chancellor, the importance of graduate and undergraduate programs, and how she would handle faculty and administrative relationships.

Ummersen stressed the importance of developing strong relationships with state legislators, and that state dollars come in quicker when the university is confident and ready to match state appropriations instead of the tin can approach, asking for complete funding.

Tuesday, she took a tour of the campus, and attended a reception in the Oakland Center.

Candidate Meyers eager to accept OU challenge

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Features Editor

Many call Richard Meyers a scrapper. He had to be, if he wanted his job as president at Western Oregon State College, because unbeknownst to him, when he stepped on its grounds in February 1983, it was scheduled to close.

Meyers, 53, is one of four finalists for the OU presidency. He arrived late yesterday and is the last candidate scheduled for two and half days of meetings and interviews with various university groups and individuals.

As president of Western, a school of approximately 4,000 students, Meyers oversees a \$40 million budget, half of which comes from the state funding and tuition and the other half from gifts, grants and contracts.

But when Meyers began his job

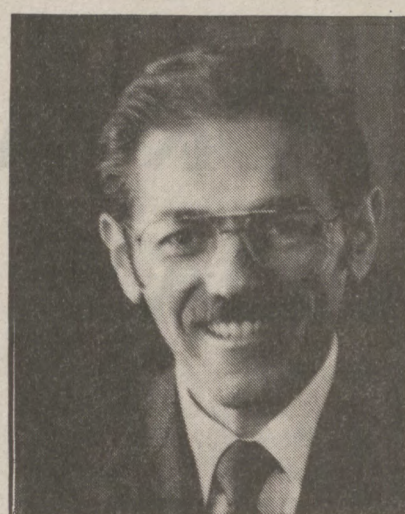
ten years ago, many thought the teacher education institution was on the embalming table, plagued by low enrollment, low faculty morale and severe budget cuts. The state planned to turn Western into a maximum security prison.

"Everyone was hunkering down in fox holes trying to avoid a lay-off," Meyers said. "No one believed there was a way out."

But Meyers chose to fight and convinced state legislators to give the college a second chance.

"When Meyers came to Western, it had the worst relationship with the state legislature and with the state news media. He immediately started working with the legislature ... going to breakfasts ... going from office to office," William Neifert, dean of admissions, said.

He devised a plan and presented it to the university commu-



Richard Meyers

nity for suggestions and improvements.

"I refused to do it (save the college) alone," Meyers said. "We were a family and had to work as a team ... at the problems facing us all."

Once the plan was finalized and

unanimously approved by the faculty senate, Western started on a road of recovery and transformation.

"The institution was on its knees, and in 10 years Meyers has turned Western around," said Janine Allen, director of enrollment.

While Oregon's other colleges and universities saw drops in enrollment, Western's student numbers have grown by 60 percent since Meyers took the helm, despite a drop in the number of high school graduates, according to Allen. From 1983 to 1988, Western's enrollment increased to 4,000 from 2,400 students.

Months before Meyers began his job, the college expanded the mission of the school from a single purpose institution (teacher education) to a comprehensive liberal arts institution, according to William Cowart, provost.

Cowart said that Meyers added, within his first six months on campus, three new programs in response to student's interest in 21st century higher education curriculum—business, computer science and international studies.

"It was critical to him to begin to serve the mission," Cowart said.

"He organizes for a campaign and then finds the resources for that," Cowart, who has worked with Meyers for more than seven years, said.

Partly a desire to create new things and also hoping to fulfill the college's mission to serve the public sector, Meyers is credited with creating the first public service park in the United States. The park brings federal, state and local agencies to Western to work together for their mutual benefit, according to Neifert.

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Board approves Olympia contract

By KYLE GREEN
and JENNIFER HEIL
Staff Writers

The OU Board of Trustees approved a tentative contract with Olympia Arenas, Inc./Brass Ring Productions, who own and operate Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, Cobo Hall and The Fox Theatre, to operate the \$1.2 million debt-ridden Meadow Brook Music Festival at its meeting last Wednesday.

The three-year contract, which includes a five-year renewal option, calls for Olympia Arena Inc.'s to pay OU \$200,000 a year in rent or

six percent of all ticket sales, whichever is greater.

"We have authorization now to negotiate a tentative contract. We've already told them to go ahead and start booking because we have an understanding with the general terms and conditions," Interim President John DeCarlo said.

The Board has to approve the final contract, DeCarlo said.

The tentative contract means that Olympia Arenas may also apply for a Class C liquor license that would allow it to serve beer, wine

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OU swim club looks to bridge troubled waters

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Features Editor

The Oakland University Swim Club seeks life-saving memberships to keep the 56-year-old outdoor pool open this summer.

Swim Club members, made up of faculty, staff and community members, were given two months by the Board of Trustees at its January meeting to come up with solutions to keep it from pulling the pool's plug, after the board decided that it would not cover the cost to repair the pool.

A budget proposal was sent on February 3 to Howard Sims, chairman of the Board of Trustees, from the OU Swim Club Committee. Its

income would be based on 160 members, with community members paying \$525 a year, faculty and staff paying \$325 and a \$100 initiation fee for new members, according to Izzat Khapoya, spouse of Vincent Khapoya who is a political science professor and resident of the Meadow Brook faculty subdivision.

The proposal states the need for a "phased three-year approach to repairing the pool to be negotiated between OU and the Oakland County Health Department."

In order to comply to Oakland County Health Department regulations, university officials says it would cost \$143,000 to get the pool

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