

# OU NEWS

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## Ad hoc committee formed to study South Africa issue

Oakland University has appointed an ad hoc committee to obtain university and community input prior to drafting a policy recommendation on investments in the Republic of South Africa.

Two discussion programs will be held November 29 and December 6 with speakers from government, industry, and other institutions that have adopted policy statements on the issue. Both sessions are at noon in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center. The public is invited.

The ad hoc committee will draft a statement for consideration by the Board of Trustees at the March 21 meeting.

Among guest speakers at the December 6 meeting are Dr. Audrey Radcliffe and Thomas Roach representing the Michigan State University and University of Michigan governing boards.

MSU has voted to sell its holdings in firms doing business with South Africa while U of M is working within the corporate structure to put pressure on South Africa to end apartheid and provide equal rights for all citizens.

In addition to the public discussions, hearings will be held on the issue. Interested persons should contact Sheldon Appleton, committee chairperson, at 377-2350 prior to January 19.

Other members of the ad hoc committee are Johnetta Brazzell, urban affairs; student Gail DeGeorge; Gwen Heard, Pontiac city official; Gayle Partmann, linguistics; Karl Gregory, economics and management; alumnus Steve Day; student Mark Ott; Dick Light, business office; and Vincent Khapoya, political science.

## Leadership training project started

Oakland University is one of six Michigan institutions forming a consortium for a new Union Minorities/Women Leadership Training Project.

The program was developed in cooperation with the Michigan State AFL-CIO and the United Automobile Workers. A joint announcement of the new program was made November 13.

The project goals are to identify leadership potential among female and minority union membership, design educational programs for these groups, assemble and/or develop relevant materials and audio-visual aids, operate training programs throughout the state, and evaluate the impact of this programming on participants.

William Marshall, president, Michigan State AFL-CIO, and Douglas Fraser, president, United Automobile Workers, said in a joint statement that "We are happy to endorse and fully support the newly created project for leadership skills training for trade union women and minorities. The project is a major innovation in American labor education, affording the Michigan labor movement a unique opportunity to develop the potential of its female and minority membership."

In addition to OU, the consortium includes University of Michigan, Northern Michigan University, Wayne State University, and Eastern Michigan University. Funding is provided by an appropriation from the Michigan State Legislature and by a grant to OU under Title I of the Higher Education Act.

Don Stevens, director of the Labor Education Service at OU, will provide overall direction for the project. The state appropriation will be used largely for program appropriations while the Title I funds will be used for coordination of the project throughout the state.

Special committees of women and minority group members will be established to assist the project staff in operating and evaluating the program.

"We feel that this pioneering project not only affords Michigan unions an unprecedented opportunity to develop leadership potential, but it will also serve as a model for similar programs in other states," Marshall and Fraser said.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**A School of Engineering** faculty member has received a \$79,840 grant from General Motors Corporation to support his study to find a new mirror system that will provide improved rear vision for van drivers.

Ron Mourant contributed to an earlier GM study on rearview mirror systems in passenger cars. Now all 1979 GM cars with right outside mirrors will use a convex model that Mourant found superior to others.

In the new tests Mourant is looking for the best possible right outside mirror system to aid van drivers in making the difficult right lane changes or merges.

Van drivers have a particular rear vision problem. Their vehicles lack an inside rearview system and they are wider than cars. As a result, drivers must turn their heads a considerable distance to make right maneuvers safely.

Mourant will pick up a new van on November 8 and fit it with television cameras inside and out. Cameras will record the eye movements as each driver seeks the rear view information needed to make right lane changes or merges. Observers will note the length of time each driver takes to react to four different mirror systems.

A course has been established between the university and I-75, Woodward Avenue, M-59, and Crooks Road. The course requires many right lane decisions for the drivers.

The professor says van owners are concerned about better rearview vision for their vehicles, and he sees no problems in obtaining test drivers. When the road tests start in a few weeks Mourant says he will put notes on the windshields of vans parked on campus inviting the owners to participate in the study.

**Oakland University** has received full chapter status in Tau Beta Pi, the prestigious national engineering honor society, School of Engineering officials have announced.

Final approval of the chapter, officially named the Michigan Beta Chapter, came at the Tau Beta Pi annual meeting held recently in Syracuse, N.Y. Formal installation will take place in February.

Oakland University's School of Engineering established Sigma Chi Epsilon, a local honor society, in 1970. Members were chosen on the basis of scholarship, character, and service, the same criteria as the national society, and OU has worked since 1970 toward admission in the national society.

**The Department** of Mathematical Sciences conducted a full day workshop at Troy Athens High School for about 275 honors math students from six Metro Suburban League High Schools on October 24. The schools involved were Rochester Adams, Troy Athens, Bloomfield Lahser, Birmingham Groves, Southfield Lathrup, and Royal Oak Dondero.

The program consisted of three segments: careers in mathematics, different aspects of mathematical modeling, and a competition among students with teams of six with one person from each school.

Oakland participants included George Feeman, Jerrold Grossman, Curtis Chipman, Wanda Mourant, Bradley Sands, Irwin Schochetman, and Harvey Arnold. Other participants were Edward Moylan, Ford Motor Company and adjunct professor of mathematical sciences at Oakland, John Harrison, Chrysler Corporation, and Clarence Tabar, Troy Athens. Book awards were made by the department to each participating school and members of the winning team.

**A regional conference** on "Numerical Analysis" will be hosted by the Department of Mathematical Sciences from noon to 4:30 p.m. on November 18. Guest speakers will be James Cavendish, General Motors Corporation research laboratories, "An Analysis of Infinite Element Approximation for Parabolic Boundary Value Problem"; Carl de Boor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Optimal Nodes for Polynomial Interpolation"; Richard Varga, Kent State, "Some New Results in Linear Algebra and Applications"; and Werner C. Rheinboldt, University of Pittsburgh, "On a System for Adaptive, Parallel Finite Element Computations."

All the talks will be given in room 195 Hannah Hall. For further information call, Lala Krishna, mathematical sciences, 377-3430.

# FOR YOUR INFO

**Harry B. Van Hook Jr.**, Division of Continuing Education, spoke about continuing education for women at a meeting of the Huntington Woods Study Club on November 1. Representatives from the University of Michigan, Michigan State, and Wayne State also appeared on the program.

**Harold Zepelin**, psychology, was an invited panelist at the annual conference of the American Association of Homes for the Aging in Cincinnati last month and spoke on "Assessing Mental Impairment."

**David Stevens**, communication arts, delivered a paper on "Audience Taste as Reflected in the Repertory of a Caroline Private Theatre" at the Speech Communication Association in Minneapolis, November 2-5.

**As of November 20**, the portion of Foundation Drive between the Oakland Center and the Sports and Recreation Building will be closed permanently. The west entrance to the university on Walton Boulevard has been designated the entrance for all construction traffic.

**Auditions for *The Rivals*** by Richard B. Sheridan will be conducted from 3:30-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., November 20 and 21, in room 133 Varner Hall. Auditions are open to all members of the OU community: faculty, staff, and students. Director of the production will be Adeline Hirschfeld-Medalla.

**Responding to audience demand** an additional production of Count Dracula has been set for November 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the Barn Theatre on the campus of Oakland University. For ticket information on the special November 16 show call 377-2245.

**V.K. Moudgil**, biology, attended the fifth International Congress on Hormonal Steroids October 29 through November 4 in New Delhi, India, where he presented a paper on "Aurintricarboxylic Acid: Inhibitor of Activated Estrogen and Progesterone Receptors." He also chaired one of the scientific sessions of the Congress. The research presented was co-authored by undergraduate students working on the project and was supported by a Faculty Research Grant Fellowship and Biomedical Funds from the university.

**University Congress elections** and referendum questions will be decided on November 20 and 21. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center and 6-10 p.m. in South Foundation.

**Musical attractions** activities, using copyright music, may be subject to royalty agreements; therefore, any students or staff members planning such events should contact Richard Light at 377-2373 or Addie Nowacki at 377-2240 for information regarding the filing of reports.

The university community is reminded of, and encouraged to use, the commercial limousine service for trips to and from Metropolitan Airport. Cost for the limousine is \$10 per person each way, compared to an average \$30 cost for a Motor Pool car and driver. Tickets for the limousine can be obtained from Motor Pool and charged to the departmental travel account. The limousine will drop off passengers at motels along the route, with the Spartan Motel in Rochester the final stop. It will also pick up and discharge passengers at Wilson Hall and Meadow Brook Hall. For further information, contact Pat Hogan, 377-2166 or 377-2168.

**Judith K. Brown**, sociology/anthropology, delivered a lecture at Grinnell College in Iowa on "Anthropological Perspectives on the Lives of Women." The lecture was part of a continuing series dealing with views of women in a variety of academic disciplines.

**Charles Cheng** and Y.C. Wu, mathematical sciences, each presented papers in a special session on Homological Algebras at the regional American Mathematical Society meeting October 27-28 in Syracuse, New York. Cheng's talk was entitled "Categories of Hochschild Dimension One" and Wu gave a talk on "Low Dimensional Cohomology Groups of Associative Algebras."

# JOBS

**Secretary/Academic Affairs**, CT-6, a permanent full-time position in the Office of Provost.

**Departmental Secretary**, CT-3, a permanent full-time position in the Department of English.

**Interlibrary Loan Assistant**, CT-3, a permanent full-time position in the Kresge Library.

**Library Clerk**, a temporary part-time position in the Kresge Library.

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# CALENDAR

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 12nn World Travel Series, Anna Barnes, "Italy," 126-127 OC  
12:30 p.m. Judo Club Meeting, Sports and Recreation  
6:30-10:30 p.m. Auditions for **Jesus Christ Superstar**, Barn, S.E.T.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 8-5 p.m. Dried Flower Sale, Table #8, & 9, OC, ACE  
Miss OU Ballots, Table #3 & 4, OC, Intrepids  
9-5 p.m. Photography Exhibit, Exhibit Lounge, OC, Photography Club

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 8-5 p.m. Miss OU Ballots, Table #3 & 4, OC, Intrepids  
11 a.m. Jewish Student Organization Meeting, 19A-1  
1:30 p.m. Engineering Seminar, 239 Dodge Hall  
7 p.m. ACE Meeting, Meadow Brook Room, OC  
7:30 p.m. Lecture, Chris Miller, author of **Animal House**, "Is Sex Funny?"  
Crockery, OC, Concert Lecture Board  
7:30 p.m. Christian Fellowship Meeting, 4th Floor Vandenberg Lg. East  
8-10 p.m. OU Chess Club, 129-130 OC  
8 p.m. Abstention Coffeehouse, "Herbie Williams," Abstention OC  
10-2 p.m. Rap Session and Lunch, Women's Center, 18 OC, Undergrad.  
Dept.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 10-2 p.m. Rap Session and Lunch, Women's Center, 18 OC, Undergrad.  
Dept.  
12nn-1 p.m. Bible Study, Faculty Lounge, OC  
7-9:30 p.m. "Monterey Pop," 201 Dodge Hall, WOUX  
8 p.m. OU Singers In Concert, Varner Recital Hall, Music, Free  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Pickwick Game Room Pool Party, Free  
9:30-1:30 a.m. Last Gasp Bash featuring "Masquerade," Crockery OC

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 12:30 p.m. "Outlook," WPON 1460 AM, Dr. Ralph Schillace, Associate  
Professor of Psychology  
8 p.m. Warren Benson Workshop & Concert, Varner Recital Hall  
9 p.m.-2 a.m. Intrepid Ball, Vandenburg Cafeteria

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 1-5 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall Tours  
3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Cinematheque, Fredrico Fellini's **White Sheik**, 201 Dodge Hall  
3-5 p.m. Meadow Brook Art Gallery Reception for "Detroit Realists," WH  
8 p.m. Warren Benson Workshop & Concert, Varner Recital Hall

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:30-10 p.m. David Cason, "Managing the Urban Governmental Bureaucracy," 120 VBH, New Charter College  
7:30 p.m. Winter Team Night, Sports & Rec Bldg.  
8:00 p.m. Afram Jazz Ensemble, Varner Recital Hall, Music

Meadow Brook Theatre presents **That Championship Season**, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 p.m., Sat., 6 & 9:30 p.m., Sunday, 6:30 p.m., WH  
**Dracula**, Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Sunday, 2:30 Matinee, 6:30 p.m., Barn Theatre  
**Starting Here, Starting Now**, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday, 3 p.m., Studio Theatre, VH