

# OU NEWS

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## Educator opens President's Club series

A black educator who claims that desegregation research fails to show any gains for blacks in either school achievement or employment because of culturally biased tests will open the President's Club Lecture Series at Oakland University September 21-22.

Barbara A. Sizemore, consultant and visiting associate professor in black studies at the University of Pittsburgh, will speak at 10 a.m. on September 21 and at noon on September 22 in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center. The public is invited at no charge.

Sizemore's first address is entitled "Educational Research and School Desegregation: What Do We Know and What Should We Do?" and the second lecture is "Human Variation and Quality Education."

The speaker is a former superintendent of schools for the District of Columbia, and she has worked as a teacher, principal, and administrator in the Chicago area.

Sizemore states that "The problem of human variation has yet to be addressed by American educators." She goes on to state that "Clearly the desegregation research fails to show gains for blacks in either school achievement or employment. If desegregation is to work for black students, a new model must be designed, one concerned about education, equality, and equity. This change will be difficult because tests are anchored in the present curriculum...There is no way a culturally biased test can reflect the true abilities and gifts of any who differ from these norms."

The 1978-79 lecture series is devoted to the general theme of "Human Values and the Environment." For additional information on other speakers call 377-3222.

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Dana P. Whitmer** has joined the university administrative staff as special assistant to president Donald D. O'Dowd.

Whitmer, a nationally prominent educator, retired this spring after 24 years as superintendent of the School District of the City of Pontiac. He is immediate past president of the American Association of School Administrators.

Keith Kleckner, associate provost, said Whitmer will work closely with the Office of Admissions and work in the secondary schools on behalf of the university. The appointment to the new part-time position is for one year.

"Dana P. Whitmer is widely recognized as an innovative leader in the field of education. His friendships in and knowledge of the school districts throughout the state will enable him to make an important contribution to this university," Kleckner said.

**Has your boss** ever criticized your business writing? Do your letters fail to get your message across?

If your answer is "yes" to either of these questions, you can receive help through an individual analysis of your writing in a small group setting at one of two seminars on "Effective Business Writing" offered at the university. The seminars will be held Friday, October 6 and Friday, November 3 at Meadow Brook Hall.

Recommended for managers, supervisors or anyone who writes or dictates correspondence, this all-day workshop will give practice in using a systematic method to write with clarity and impact.

Sponsored jointly by the English department and the School of Economics and Management, in cooperation with the Conference Department, the seminar will be conducted by Professors H.J. Schwartz and Al Bellamy.

Participants should register by September 20 for each seminar as enrollment is limited. The fee for each workshop is \$60.00 (with a 10% discount for three or more participants from one organization). For additional information, or to receive a brochure, contact H.J. Schwartz, English, 377-2250 or the Conference Department, 377-3272

**The gap that** exists between commuter and residence hall students will be no larger than a dormitory room for a group of university students on September 22-23.

They are participants in a new commuter resident exchange program. The purpose is to break down some of the fragmentation that exists between the groups and to encourage commuters to return to campus for events, explains Rick Roach, one of the student organizers.

Commuters and residence hall students will share dorm rooms and meals; watch vintage films; and dance during the program lasting Friday through Saturday noon.

The cost is \$5 per student to cover lunch

and dinner on Friday and a Saturday brunch. Some 50 students have already signed up for the exchange that is being sponsored by the student Tautological Society/Commuter Council. For additional information call 377-4297.

**The Area Studies Program** at Oakland University is sponsoring a free public seminar this fall to focus on world areas of interest.

The programs are all scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center. The schedule: September 27, "The Politics of Succession in Africa: Kenya After Kenyatta," with Vincent Khapoya, political science; October 25, "The Present Political Situation in India and Pakistan: A Personal Appraisal," with Munibur Rahman, modern languages and literatures; and November 29, "From Istanbul To Yaroslavl, Summer 1978," with Robert C. Howes, history.

**For the second** consecutive year the Division of Continuing Education received recognition from the U.S. Small Business Administration (USSBA) for its small business management non-degree courses, including a 1978 National Honorable Mention Award as well as the midwest Regional Award.

The awards were presented Tuesday, September 12, in tandem with the announcement of a new joint university program, the Small Business Institute, established by the Division of Continuing Education and the Division of Urban Affairs.

"Unusual innovation in accomplishing business management training for the small business" was cited by the USSBA. The Continuing Education evening

nondegree courses also won last year's Distinguished Small Business Management Training Award for the midwest.

The presentation of this year's awards was made by Thomas W. Anthony, of the USSBA Detroit office, at a noon luncheon at Meadow Brook Hall. Harry B. Van Hook, Jr., assistant dean for courses, accepted the awards for the Division of Continuing Education.

Innovative teaching techniques cited in the award include presentation of actual case histories, brainstorming solutions to actual business problems, and interchange between beginners and experienced small business operators.

The new Small Business Institute offerings are built upon the original courses, which are instructed by experienced small business owners and consultants to aid potential business owners and the small business proprietor with "growing pains." Special needs of minority business persons are incorporated into the courses.

**The United Way** campaign gets underway on campus September 26. Chairperson of this year's drive is Bill Connellan, director of public relations and information services. Vice chairpersons, and their areas of responsibility, are: Keith Kleckner, academic administrators, Jerry Dahlmann, AP staff, Judy Wharry, CT staff, Bob Payne, faculty, Katie Royce, students, and Dick Leonard, police officers. AFSCME employees do not yet have a representative.

# FOR YOUR INFO

**All faculty and staff** are urgently requested to complete the research interest survey form and return it to the Office of Research and Instructional Services, 212 Varner Hall, as soon as possible. Additional forms are available in the office or by calling 377-3222.

**The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools** has selected October 30 and 31, and November 1 and 2 as the dates of their on-campus visit. The association will tour campus, meet with faculty and administrators, and discuss the university's future plans as part of the university's reaccreditation by the group.

**New members** are being sought for the OU Women's Bowling League, which bowls on Monday evenings, 5:45 p.m., at the Classic Lanes, M-59 and Crooks Road. CTs who are interested should call Jan Guzdial, linguistics, 377-2175.

**David Stevens**, communication arts, presented a paper entitled "The Reputation and Audience of the Phoenix Theatre, 1617-1642" at the annual convention of the American Theatre Association this summer in New Orleans. Stevens' paper was one of three selected from national submissions for the Competitive Panel in Theatre History.

**Several members** of the psychology department participated in the 86th annual convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, August 28-September 1. Marie Brane and Jean Braun co-authored a paper presented on "Organic Factors in Three Schizophrenias"; Algea O. Harrison was a discussant for a symposium entitled "Black Women: Myth and Reality"; Virginia E. O'Leary presented a paper entitled "Women: Managers Stuck in the Middle" and was a discussant for a symposium on "Sex Roles and Career Decision Making"; Sandra K. Webster presented a paper entitled "Problems in Drawing Implications from Menstrual Cycle Research" and co-chaired an open symposium on "Issues and Research on Psychology of Women."

**Audrey Mariner**, director of specialized programs and marketing, Division of Continuing Education, has been appointed for a two-year term to the Concerns of Women Committee of the National University Extension Association. She served the association for the last two years as a member of the Program Planning Committee for the annual conference.

**"Integral Operators** in the Theory of Induced Banach Representations" by Irwin E. Schochetman has been selected to appear in *Memoirs of the American Mathematical Society*.

**Mohammed S. Ghausi**, dean of engineering, presented a paper entitled "Active Networks" at the 19th general assembly of the International Union of Radio Science this summer in Helsinki. Ghausi's invited lecture reviewed the state of the art of linear active network design over the past three years. In addition to presenting the paper, Ghausi visited the Polish

scientists at Polytechnic Institute of Warsaw, in conjunction with his scientific cooperation program funded by the National Science Foundation.

**Lawrence Orton**, history, authored a book entitled **The Prague Slav Congress of 1848**, which has been published jointly by the East European Quarterly and Columbia University Press. A historiographical article by Orton, "Polish Publications since 1945 on Austrian and Galician History" has also appeared in volume XII-XIII of the Austrian History Yearbook. In July, Orton delivered a paper on "The Lands of Partitioned Poland: The Case of Galicia" to the Polish American Heritage workshop held at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake.

**Relief from stress** through a technique involving muscle relaxation will be taught by James McCormick, physical education and athletics, on Wednesdays, beginning September 20, through the Division of Continuing Education. The five-week nondegree course involves no calisthenics, but rather concentrates on relaxing muscles, the sites of tension. McCormick monitors participants' progress with an electronic measuring device. Registration can be made with the Continuing Education office, 265 South Foundation Hall, 7-3120.

**The Mime Ensemble** will present a 45-minute public lecture-demonstration of the fools' school on Saturday, Sept. 23, to preview new courses for senior citizens and children, which will be offered fall term through the Division of Continuing Education.

The free lecture-demonstration begins at 2:30 p.m. in the recital hall of Vamer Hall, located in the southeast corner building on campus.

**Norman Tepley**, physics, has returned from Grenoble, France, where he presented an invited talk on "Magnetocardiography in Weak DC Magnetic Fields" and chaired one session of the second International Workshop on Biomagnetism. Tepley reports that sensitive magnetic measuring techniques have been demonstrated to be extremely useful in several areas of medicine and biology. For this reason, the International Society of Biomagnetism has recently been organized by active researchers in Canada, Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, West Germany, Yugoslavia, and the United States.

## JOBS

**Laboratory Stockroom Assistant**, CT-6, full-time vacancy in the Department of Biological Sciences.

**Accounting Clerk**, CT-4, full-time vacancy in the Business Office.

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# CALENDAR

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 12 nn-1:00 p.m. Beer Can Collectors Club, organizational meeting, 125 OC
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Faculty/Staff Colloquium, Crockery, Oakland Center
- 6:30 p.m. AHC Meeting, Fitzgerald House
- 7:00 p.m. Concentration and Memory Workshop, 442 Hamlin
- 7:30 p.m. Pre-Marriage Seminar, St. John Fisher Chapel

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 8:00-5:00 p.m. OU Photography Club Art Exhibits, Exhibit Lounge, OC
- All Day Student Organizations Day, OC

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:00-5:00 p.m. Photo Showing Works by Aldele Hodge, free-lance, writer, photographer, Exhibit Lounge OC
- 10:00 a.m. President's Club Lecture Series presents Barbara Sizemore, Gold Room, OC
- 12nn-1:00 p.m. PIRGIM Meeting, 19 A OC
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. OUSNA Meeting, 126-127 OC

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 9:00-5:00 p.m. Art Exhibit by Aldele Hodge, free-lance, writer, photographer, OC
- 12nn President's Club Lecture Series presents Barbara Sizemore, Gold Rm., OC
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Unicon Productions, **The Omen**, 201 DH
- 9:00 p.m. Dance featuring "Big Foot," Crockery, Tautological Soc.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 2:30-4:00 p.m. Mime Demonstration, Varner Recital Hall
- 2:00 p.m. OU Soccer vs Spring Arbor, soccer fields
- 9:00 p.m. "Straight Legs and Silk," disco featuring the new rock band "Ruf Mix," "Phase II," Crockery OC

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall Tours, Adm. \$2 students, under 12 and over 65, \$3.50 adults
- 3:00 p.m. & Cinamatheque presents: Francois Truffauts **Jules and Jim**, 201 DH, Adm, \$1 students; \$1.50 general
- 7:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 12nn-1:00 p.m. S.A.B. Hearings for Budget Requests, Meadow Brook Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Films, **You Can Pack Your Own Chute**, Van Wagoner Lounge

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**Agape**, Friday & Saturday, 8:30 p.m., Sunday, 2:30, 6:30 p.m., Barn Theatre, S.E.T., Adm. \$3 general, \$2 OU students, 99¢ matinee.

**Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris**, Friday & Saturday, 8:00 p.m., Sunday, 3:00 p.m., Studio Theatre, Varner Hall. Adm. \$3 general, \$2 students

For news of daily campus events, call the OU Hotline at 377-4650

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