



STAFF BULLETIN



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EDITORIALS PRAISE VARNER FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OU

Editorial response was swift and complimentary last week following Chancellor Varner's announcement that he was resigning to accept the chancellorship of the University of Nebraska, effective February 1. The Pontiac Press expressed "deep regret . . . over the loss of one of the country's outstanding educators." The Detroit Free Press commented with unaccustomed understatement "Oakland University won't be quite the same without Durward B. Varner running the school." And the Detroit News, reporting the comment of MSU Acting President Walter Adams that Varner's departure would be a "painful loss to higher education in Michigan," editorialized that now was the time for OU to be given its independence from MSU. "Its own board should pick a new president -- not chancellor--and get on with new chapters in the university's development," the News said.

At Nebraska, Varner will be chancellor over a three-campus system with a total enrollment of 32,000. Each campus has its own president and administration. Provost Donald D. O'Dowd, who assumed the additional title of Vice Chancellor last fall, is expected to be named acting chancellor by the MSU Board of Trustees at their January meeting.

LET'S HEAR A 'RAH_RAH' FOR THE SCHOOL COLORS

Gene Boldon (sports and recreation) can sympathize with state officials who are agonizing over the lack of contrast in gold and white Michigan license plates for 1970. The OU school colors were adopted for plates in observance of Oakland's Tenth Anniversary Year, and police officials charge they cannot be read on moving vehicles. A similar problem with the school colors is bringing about a change in basketball team uniforms.

Boldon said the gold letters of the new "home" white uniforms will be framed in black for easier identification from the sidelines. When "away" uniforms are bought later, Boldon said, they will be changed from the present gold color to black. That will prevent a re-occurrence of a recent tournament mixup when Oakland's players wore gold as the dark-uniform contestant and the opposing players, whose school colors were blue and gold, wore gold as the light-uniform contestant.

HOSPITAL SAYS THANKS

Ted A. Panaretos, Director of Community Relations at Pontiac State Hospital, has sent a letter of thanks to the OU staff for their donation of new clothing to the hospital patients. He feels that the patients will be much happier this Christmas because they have not been forgotten.

UNIVERSITIES NEGLECT THE AGED, EKLUND CONTENDS

Dean Lowell Eklund (continuing education) urges campuses to operate as "perpetual universities for lifelong students" in a chapter of a book, *Aging and Society: Implications for the Professions*, just published by the Russell Sage Foundation, New York. Eklund's treatise on "Aging and the Field of Education" accuses higher education of ignoring the aged in its current emphasis on fixed units of education and terminal degrees. Instead, he contends, all educational programs--from kindergarten through those for the aged-- should stress "learning how to learn" and problem-solving skills.

"Institutions of higher learning should be viewed . . . as perpetual universities that assume a responsibility, not just for four years, but for forty-four or more years of educational pursuit by their lifelong students," the dean writes. "Older adults must be served through education . . . they deserve it; society needs it . . . (their) ever increasing numbers and days represent a growing resource whose potential is too precious to neglect; and, conversely, whose neglect is too great a social and economic loss to countenance."

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN LECTURES AT OU

Noted historian John Hope Franklin will lecture and visit with students and faculty Jan. 12-13. He is OU's 1969-70 Sidney Hillman Lecturer. Franklin will hold an open discussion with students at 7 p.m., Jan. 12, in the lounge of Vandenberg Hall. His principal address will be at 2 p.m., Jan. 13, in the new multi-purpose room of the Oakland Center with a discussion period to follow. Franklin is the chairman of the department of history at the University of Chicago and he is widely known and respected as a scholar, teacher and author. His many books include *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans*, and *The Civil War Diary of James T. Ayers*.

DEADLINE EASED

Procrastinators who have postponed thinking of Spain until after the holidays now have until January 31 to make up their minds. There are still about 90 seats to fill on the spring vacation flight planned for OU students, faculty, staff and alumni (interested MSU staffers also). The 707 Pan American jet is tentatively scheduled to depart April 27 for Malaga, on the Mediterranean, and to return May 8. For further details and sign-up, contact the student activities center in the Oakland Center.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Luis Vargas-Saavedra (modern language) is the author of two articles, which appeared recently in two journals published in Santiago, Chile. One, "Estetica del Egoismo y Egoismo de la Estetica," was published in *El Mercurio* and the other, "Hispanismo y Antihispanismo de Gabriela Mistral," appeared in *Revista Mapocho* published by the Biblioteca Nacional.

BARGAINS

Now through December 24 all Christmas decorations will be sold at half price in the University Book Center.

BROWN HEADS A-P'S The Administrative-Professional Association now is official-- with members, by-laws, officers and an executive committee. In their respective order they were enrolled, adopted, nominated and elected at last week's organizational meeting. Glen Brown (admissions) is president, William Marshall (Book Center) is vice president, Virginia Menzies (continuing education), secretary, and Hilda Hicks (registrar's office), treasurer. Executive committee members are Richard Moore (plant operations) and Joe Davis (admissions), representing AP I-V classifications; Edward Birch (student affairs) and Richard Light (accounting and payroll) AP VI-X classifications, and Earl Gray (public safety), at-large representative.

CONFERENCE CITED OU's Division of Continuing Education has been awarded the Creativity Award by the National University Extension Association for a conference entitled "Suburbia and the Urban Crisis." The award was presented to Dorothy Owen, associate director of conferences, at the association's annual meeting.

JORNS TRANSFERS Reassignment of William J. Jorns as an educational counselor with the School of Education has been approved by the MSU Board of Trustees. Jorns formerly was on a joint appointment with education and the Continuum Center of the Division of Continuing Education.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS University offices will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Christmas holidays. The University will be similarly closed on the following Friday, the day after New Year's.

Calendar

Monday 8:00 p.m. Basketball (Varsity) -University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee -there
December 22

Thursday CHRISTMAS - UNIVERSITY CLOSED
December 25

Friday UNIVERSITY CLOSED
December 26