

# OU NEWS

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## Funds strengthen course offerings

Six Oakland University academic units have won travel/consulting awards from the OU Teaching and Learning Committee to strengthen their course offerings.

The grants allow faculty to investigate outstanding academic programs at other institutions, programs that may be adapted for the OU curriculum.

"The yearly competitive awards give us a chance to look at instructional methods at some institutions with the best current reputations in various disciplines and to see what ideas might be used at OU," said Frederick W. Obear, academic vice president and provost. The travel or consulting awards range from \$220 to \$500.

The travel/consulting grants will assist the School of Education in establishing a full-service reading clinic to train graduate students and provide aid for children with severe reading disabilities; assist the Department of Physical Education and Athletics in developing a master's degree program in movement science; and provide an intensive training course for an engineering professor on the new Honeywell Level 6 minicomputer.

In addition, three units have won funds to bring consultants to campus to consider new programs.

The Department of Art and Art History will seek help in developing a studio arts program; the Graduate Council Committee on Liberal Studies is looking at a master's degree level liberal studies program; and the Department of Sociology & Anthropology will get aid in curriculum and personnel development.

## Art works enhance gallery collection

The Meadow Brook Art Gallery has received significant new contributions of art works valued at \$22,600.

Kiichi Usui, curator, said the works came from individuals in New York, Connecticut, and France through arrangements by the Martin S. Ackerman Foundation in New York.

The works are by well known contemporary European and American artists such as Mark Tobey, Richard Lindner, Karl Appel, Edward Ruscha, George Segal, and others.

On the local scene, Dr. and Mrs. George Brewer of Brighton have donated a construction by Mon Levinson, Usui said.

The new works will be among the art displayed at the gallery in April and May in a show entitled "New Acquisitions from the Oakland University Art Collection."

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**The second allocation** of funds pledged by President Donald O'Dowd last year for the purchase of undergraduate instructional equipment has been made to various departments and organizations on campus. The funds are from non-general fund sources and have been distributed to: the School of Engineering, \$15,000; the Center for Health Sciences, \$5,000; the Department of Physics, \$8,500; the Slavic Folk Ensemble, \$1,520; the Department of History, \$1,980; the Department of Chemistry, \$15,000; and the Department of Psychology, \$3,000.

The funds have been designated for various purchases, including three additional films of the "Civilization" series, and the remodeling and equipping of the on-campus clinical laboratory for the Physical Therapy program.

**The Division of Continuing Education** will reach out to new learning areas and locations beginning 1979 winter term.

Evening courses will be offered at Harrison High School, on Twelve-Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, and at Stevenson High School, 39701 Dodge Park Road, north of 16-Mile, Sterling Heights. Day courses will be held at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, 746 Purdy.

In addition, two nondegree courses will be offered through the media: Death and Dying, through The Detroit News, and Ethnic America, via Channel 56. Classroom sessions for the latter will be held at Shrine High School, Royal Oak.

New Dimensions courses, which explore personal abilities, writing resumes, and controlling one's life and finances, are scheduled for days and evenings off-campus. Courses to improve interpersonal relationships are scheduled both days in Birmingham and evenings on campus.

A new series of retail courses, designed to explain the fundamentals of retailing for those seeking employment or changing jobs in retailing will be conducted on site beginning January 16. Legal assistant courses will be conducted evenings in Sterling Heights as well as on campus. New courses in the award-winning small business program, to be offered evenings on campus, are designed to develop a competitive edge. The small business courses received top national awards in 1978 from U.S. Small Business Administration for innovative programming.

Brochures detailing the 1979 winter term may be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

**The university** is offering 70 evening extension courses at sites in Birmingham, Royal Oak, and Sterling Heights for the winter semester in response to community interest in those areas.

Some 1,322 OU students took credit classes at off-campus sites during the fall semester, according to statistics from the OU Center for General and Career Studies.

Students may register for the off-campus courses at the extension sites during the first week of classes starting January 8.

Thirty-two classes will be offered at Shrine High School in Royal Oak, 23 at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, and 15 at Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights. In addition to these sites, classes are scheduled at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, and at the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

For a course brochure call the Center for General and Career Studies at 377-4010.

**The university community** will be requested in the near future to submit names of senior students whom they believe should be considered for the Matilda R. and Alfred G. Wilson Awards.

The students selected are judged on their contribution as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens of the institution, noting especially if they have given evidence of an interest in the social problems of our community and our society. The selections must be made from those students who graduated in June, August, and December 1978, and who will graduate in April 1979.

Further information about deadlines, nomination forms, and other information will be made soon.

**There is an opening** for one child in the pre-primary program at the Child Care Center. The full day kindergarten program runs from 9:15 to 3:15 p.m. with additional care available. The fee for children of students is \$111 per month, for children of faculty or staff, \$148 per month, and for the general public, \$156.50 per month. For further information call Barbara Bennett at 377-2187.

**The Payroll Office** has moved to 114 North Foundation Hall. The telephone number remains 377-3488. Please bring all time sheets and payroll authorization forms to the new location for processing.

**Douglas Gregory**, economics and management, has published "Multiplicative Risk Premiums," in the December 1978 issue of the **Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis**. He recently presented "The Role of Risk Preferences in a Hospital Self-Insurance Decision," at the national meeting of the Institute for Management Science at Los Angeles. Also, he will discuss the topic of Hospital Self-Insurance of Employee Medical Benefits at a conference for hospital administrators being held at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency on December 1, 1978.

**Several members** of the physics department attended the fall meeting of the Michigan Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers on November 18 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Those who presented papers were: Paul Doherty, "Shape Synthesis Using Spherical Legendre Polynomials"; John McKinley, "Clock Paradox, Equivalence Principle, and Tides"; and Ralph Mobley, "An Improved Atwood's Machine." Robert Edgerton, who has an appointment as lecturer in physics for the winter, 1979 term, also gave a paper on "Comparing Soft and Hard Energy Paths that Lead Us into the Uncharted Future."

**Ronald A. Sudol**, Department of Learning Skills, organized and chaired a session entitled "Revising: An Analysis of the Techniques" for the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, November 22 to 25 in Kansas City, Missouri.

# FOR YOUR INFO

**The Division of Continuing Education** demonstrated its outstanding model in humanities continuing education, Nov. 27-30, at a program development workshop sponsored by the National University Extension Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities in Albany, N.Y.

The Lew Ayres film-seminar, "Altars of the World" and "Phenomenon of Man," which attracted more than 7,000 persons to campus last year was presented by Lowell Eklund, dean of continuing education, and Audrey Mariner, director of specialized programs. They acted as resource persons to teams from 20 post-secondary educational institutions selected from competitive entries to attend the workshop for the purpose of developing their own humanities continuing education programs.

**David Shantz**, psychology, presented a paper on "Human female chronic marijuana use and endocrine functioning" at the eighth annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in St. Louis, Missouri, November 7.

**Keith Stanovich**, psychology, co-authored a paper entitled "The effect of stimulus probability on naming letters under speed stress" presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society in San Antonio, Texas.

**Carol D. Stevens**, Learning Skills, delivered a paper on "Harlan Ellison: Nightmare Comedy in the Disintegrating Universe," at the annual convention of the Midwest Modern Language Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 4.

**Laura L. Frader**, Visiting Assistant Professor of History presented a paper, "Grapes of Wrath: Vineyard Workers, Labor Unions and Strike Activity in the Aude, France, 1903-1913," on November 30 at the University of Michigan's Center for Western European Studies.

**Mark Workman**, English, has had his article, "When Fancy Meets Fact: The Revision of Sensationalistic Accounts of Notorious Criminals to Accord with Reality," published in **Indiana Folklore**.

**Priscilla Hildum**, assistant director of the Division of Continuing Education legal assistant program, will serve on the American Bar Association visitation team to the paralegal program at Dyke College, Cleveland, Ohio, on Dec. 11 and 12. Hildum will act as program director representative and chairperson of the ABA on-site visitation team.

**Jennie B. Cross**, University Library, has been elected president of the newly formed association, Government Documents Round Table of Michigan. Resulting from a meeting held on October 17, 1978, this association's primary objective is "to promote the effective use of publications issued by all levels of government." The new Government Documents Round Table of Michigan will be an affiliate of the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association.

# JOBS

**Jane L. Briggs-Bunting**, journalism and communication arts, wrote the cover story for the December, 1978, **Monthly Detroit** magazine. The story focused on the two-year search for a child killer in south Oakland County. Briggs-Bunting wrote extensively on the case while she was writing for the **Detroit Free Press**.

The **Monthly Detroit** article is an overview of the investigation, the mistakes the police made and the innovations they used in their unsuccessful hunt for the kidnap-killer of four children.

**On November 10 and 11**, Faye Kicknosway, Visiting Instructor in English, gave a reading from her poetry as well as participated in a Poetry Workshop at the University of Michigan. Kicknosway was one of four poets of national reputation selected to participate in the 4-day workshop which involved university students, high school students, and senior citizens from the Ann Arbor community. It was a pilot project and very successfully organized by Professor Stephen Dunning of the University of Michigan.

**Frederick W. Obear**, academic vice president and provost, attended the recent meeting in Boston of the Center for Planned Change where he was one of four workshop leaders. The topic was "The Changing Role of the Academic Vice President."

The center is a unit of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

**Senior Programmer Analyst**, AP 6, a permanent full-time position in the Office of Computer Services.

**Placement Specialist**, AP 5, a permanent full-time position in the Career Advising and Placement Office.

**Assistant to the Dean**, AP 4, a permanent full-time position in the School of Engineering.

**Student Intern Field Coordinator**, AP 2, a permanent full-time position in Urban Affairs.

**Digital Technician**, CT-10, a permanent full-time position in the School of Engineering.

**Academic Secretary**, CT-7, a permanent full-time position in the Chemistry Department.

**Biology Lab Assistant**, CT-6, a permanent full-time position in the Biology Dept.

**Secretary**, CT-5, a permanent full-time position in the Veteran's Affairs Office.

**Secretary**, CT-3, a permanent full-time position in the School of Economics and Management.

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# CALENDAR

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre presents **Ring Round the Moon**, WH

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Lake Michigan College

2 & 8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre presents **Ring Round the Moon**, WH

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

7:30 p.m. University Congress Meeting, OC, Lounge II

8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre presents **Ring Round the Moon**, WH

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

12nn-1 p.m. Bible Study, Faculty Lounge, OC

7:30 p.m. University Congress Meeting, Lounge II, OC

8 p.m. OU Band in Concert, Varner Recital Hall, Music,

8:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre presents **Ring Round the Moon**, WH

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

12:30 p.m. "Outlook" presents Fred Stransky, director of OU's exercise, physiology lab talks about proper diet and exercising during the holiday season, WPON-1460 AM

6 & 9:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre presents **Ring Round the Moon**, WH

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9 & 11 a.m. Catholic Mass, St. John Fisher Chapel, Campus Ministry

1-5 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall Tours

6:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre presents **Ring Round the Moon**, WH

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Christmas at Meadow Brook Hall, begins November 29, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.