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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**VICE PRESIDENT
AND PROVOST**

Those of us in higher education have the opportunity of observing two "New Years" annually—in September we welcomed the new academic year, 1977-78, and this January we greet the new calendar year, 1978.

Last fall we also celebrated the tenth anniversary of state status for The University of Akron as well as the tenth anniversary of the founding of our College of Fine and Applied Arts and of the College of Nursing.

In this new calendar year 1978 we shall watch the completion of a building for Health Sciences to house the College of Nursing, and which will be named in honor of Miss Mary E. Gladwin, Class of 1887, a remarkable woman who gave unparalleled service as a war nurse. Sixty years ago the University offered the world's first course in rubber chemistry under Dr. Charles M. Knight. His name has distinguished two buildings successively, and in 1978 will be transferred to the third chemistry laboratory, now under construction. This new year will also see further recognition for the College of Fine and Applied Arts; and the College of Education will honor Dr. George F. Zook, President of the University (1925-33), later U.S. Commissioner of Education and then President of the American Council on Education, by identifying its building with his name.

These are some of the important current physical manifestations of our mature University. However, the clean slate of a bright new year offers added impetus to the continuing reevaluation of our academic courses, the further development of sound innovative programs, and rededication to our ideals and goals. Let us meet these challenges with enthusiasm and hope as we work together for the advancement of The University of Akron.

FOUNDERS DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1978

The Faculty Educational Conference will focus on the theme, "The Educated Person in the Contemporary World: General Education", in the Summit Lounge, Gardner Student Center, at 2 p.m. Dr. Noel Leathers will preside. A faculty discussion will follow the panel's presentation. The traditional Wreath Ceremony in tribute to the University's founders will be held in the Student Center entrance foyer at 11 a.m. The customary faculty/staff luncheon will be served in the Hilltop Dining Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes will be dismissed only between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

UNIVERSITY DATES

January 10	Tuesday Musical Concert, Gary Graffman, pianist, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.
January 12	Founders Day.
January 13	Deadline for applications for faculty research grants starting February 1 and later. Thomas Hall Theatre Series presents "The Robber Bridegroom", 8:15 p.m.
January 15	Travel Series—W. Stockdale on "America's Many Surprises", Thomas Hall, 2:30 p.m.
January 19	Regular meeting of <u>University Council</u> , Leigh Hall 307, 3 p.m.
January 20-21	Ohio Ballet, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.
January 29	Travel Series—K. Armstrong on "Hong Kong and Macao", Thomas Hall, 2:30 p.m.
January 31	Akron and Canton Symphony Orchestras, Lane conducting, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m.

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UNITED WAY-RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The University of Akron set another record in its support of the annual United Way-Red Cross Campaign by pledging its largest amount ever—\$41,981.74. This was 97.2 percent of the \$43,200 goal. Last year the campus pledged \$41,811.94, which was 100.3 percent of its goal. This fall the participation of faculty was 63.8 percent, and the participation of staff was 29.6 percent, for 46.8 percent of the total University family. All of these categories represented an increase over 1976 statistics. The average gift of the 790 people who responded was also higher, at \$53.08. Dr. R. J. Gigliotti, Associate Professor of Sociology, chaired the 1977 drive, and Dr. J. V. Fee, Professor of Mass Media-Communication, was co-chairman. Others on the campus who assisted were Mr. R. E. Alexander, Law; Mr. F. S. Buchtel, Administration; Dr. B. A. Deitzer, Business Administration; Dr. D. T. Dolan, Community and Technical; Mr. J. A. Edminister, Engineering; Mr. R. N. Giersch, Physical Plant; Mrs. Patricia Godfrey, Nursing; Mrs. Norma Spencer, Education. Dr. Fee will chair the 1978 drive.

PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE 1977-78

(November 23, 1977)

Drs. C. F. Chen and C. S. Chen	\$1,541
"Digital Compensation of Control System"	
Dr. James Egan	725
"The Art of Pamphleteering in England, 1550-1700"	
Dr. Daniel L. Ely	1,873
"Adrenal Gland Ultrastructure in Hypertensive Animals"	
Drs. J. R. Hewit and J. Padovan	2,500
"Theoretical and Experimental Investigation into the Dynamic Control of Robot and Manipulator Arms"	
Dr. Sebastian V. Kanakkanatt	1,518
"Reaction Products of Tributyl Tin Oxide with Amino Acids"	
Dr. Joseph C. Latona	620
"Participative Management in the Public Sector: A Longitudinal Study"	
Dr. Lazarus Walter Macior	427
"Seedling Development in <u>Pedicularis furbishiae</u> , the Furbish Lousewort"	
Dr. Daniel J. Smith	1,851
"Stopped Flow Surface Labeling of Membrane Bound CF ₁ -ATPase"	
Dr. Kenneth N. Wexley	1,117
"The Effects of Goal Setting and Leader Preference on Performance"	
Dr. Robert L. Zangrando	1,100
"A Book-Length Biography of Walter F. White of the NAACP"	
Total	\$13,272

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