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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Robert E. Thackaberry, Professor Emeritus of English, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 1981. He joined our faculty in 1938 as an Instructor, was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1941. He received leave to enter military service in 1943 and returned in 1946. He was made an Associate Professor in 1948 and Professor in 1956. He retired as Professor Emeritus in June 1976.

Dr. Emily Davis, Emeritus Professor of Art, passed away on Sunday, November 29, 1981 at Rockynol Retirement Home, Akron. Dr. Davis began twenty-eight years of service at The University of Akron in 1945 as a Professor of Art and Head of the Department, a position she held until 1972. She retired the following year, in 1973.

UNIVERSITY DATES

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| December 24-26 | <u>Christmas Holiday</u> , University Closed. |
| December 31, 1981 January 1, 1982 | <u>New Year's Holiday</u> , University Closed. |
| January 12,13,14 | <u>Thomas Hall</u> presents "Annie", 8:15 p.m. |
| January 16 | <u>Akron Symphony Orchestra</u> , "An Evening in Old Vienna", Louis Lane conducting, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p.m. |
| January 18 | <u>Day and Evening classes</u> begin. |
| January 23 | <u>Thomas Hall</u> presents "The Tamburitians", 8:15 p.m. |
| January 24 | <u>World-at-Our-Door travelog</u> , "Himalayan Foothills", narrated by Frank Klicar, Thomas Hall, 2:30 p.m. |
| February 3 | <u>Thomas Hall</u> presents the Paul Taylor Dance Company, 8:15 p.m. |
| February 4 | <u>First regular meeting of University Council</u> in 1982, Leigh Hall 307, 3 p.m. |

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, December 3, 1981

The regular meeting of University Council was called to order by the Chairman, Senior Vice President Noel L. Leathers, at 3 p.m., on Thursday, December 3, 1981 in Leigh 307.

Fifty-four of the 74 members of Council (including two ex officio for 1981-82) were present. Those absent with notice were Dean H. K. Barker, Dr. D. Byrne, Mrs. J. Chamberlain, Dean L. DeYoung, Dean A. Gent, President D. J. Guzzetta, Dean D. Jenkins, Dr. I. MacGregor, Dr. C. Poston, Dr. L. Roemer, Dr. W. A. Rogers and Dr. K. Siloac. Others absent were Dr. M. L. Adams, Dean C. Carrino, Mrs. M. Gipson, Mr. W. Mendenhall, Mrs. C. Morgan, Mr. J. Moss, Mr. B. Rochford and Mr. D. Van Doros.

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of the University Council of November 5, 1981 as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle of November 18, 1981. He announced that there was one correction in the curricular changes in the College of Education, on page 8: 5400:699 Thesis Research should be 4-6 credits instead of 1-4 credits. With this correction, the minutes were approved.

Because President Guzzetta was unable to attend the meeting, Dr. Leathers proceeded with the other agenda items, first calling upon Mr. John Miller, who said that the Procedural Committee met on November 18, 1981 when it approved the agenda for today's Council meeting.

Dr. Watt, speaking for the Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee, referred to the document circulated to members of Council, dated November 25, 1981, which contained three items requiring consideration. He moved the approval of Item No. 1, the following policy statement, explaining that it represents a partial response to the report of the Advisory Commission on Articulation Between Secondary Schools and Colleges.

1. Proposed Policy Statement

New students entering the University in Summer Session I, 1983 and thereafter will be required to enroll in developmental courses when they fail to qualify for college level credit courses in English and mathematics according to placement tests administered by The University of Akron (conditional enrollment). A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in any developmental course in order for the student to qualify for entry into the appropriate credit course.

Dr. Watt said that the current policy is that students can be urged and advised to take developmental courses but not required to do so. This is the only change in current policy and procedures. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Watt then moved the approval of Item No. 2, which called for changes in minimum grade point average required for graduation with honors as specified below:

2. Graduation with Honors

Baccalaureate Programs

| | | | | |
|-----------------|------|------|----|------|
| Cum laude | FROM | 3.25 | TO | 3.40 |
| Magna cum laude | FROM | 3.50 | TO | 3.60 |
| Summa cum laude | FROM | 3.75 | TO | 3.80 |

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

2. Graduation with Honors (continued)

Two-year Associate Degree Programs
With distinction FROM 3.25 TO 3.40

Additional Honor for Associate Degree Graduates
With high distinction 3.60

These changes will be effective for students entering the University in June 1982 and thereafter.

The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach moved to amend the word "June" to read "January". The motion to amend was seconded. Explaining his reasons, Dr. Gerlach said that he felt that if a change were going to be made, it should be done as early as possible since it is for students entering the University at a given date.

Mr. Baldwin spoke against the amendment from the standpoint that a new class for any given year generally begins with the summer term, which was the reason for the designation of June as opposed to January. He said that it is administratively cleaner to start with a summer term rather than with a spring or fall term.

Dr. Focht asked if it would not be even cleaner if a graduation date were selected; otherwise there would be several graduations before the new rules were totally in effect.

The Chairman expressed the feeling that using a graduation date would be even more difficult to administer. This position was supported by Mr. Baldwin.

Dr. Buchthal suggested that it would make better sense to make the changes effective for all students as of a given date, so that students graduating at the same time would be judged by the same standards for honors.

Dr. Gerlach indicated that such a procedure would violate the principle that the rules in effect at the time a student enters are the ones that apply to him during his entire college career.

Dr. Gwinn proposed that using the entry date could create a real problem at several future commencements in that graduates having the same grade point average might receive different levels of honors.

Dr. Watt supported the position that a student should graduate according to the rules and regulations which existed at the time of his entrance into the University.

The Chairman observed that he interpreted this policy as being contingent upon the student's remaining in continuous attendance toward his degree, excluding summer sessions. If this is not the case, the Academic Policies Committee has another question to work with.

Dr. Dye asked whether his understanding was correct that the commencement programs would distinguish between those graduating with honors under the different rules.

The Chairman indicated that from his knowledge there was no resolution on this point in the Academic Policies Committee; he did not favor such a differentiation.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

Dr. Leathers called for a vote on the amendment, which was to change the date from June, 1982 to January, 1982. The amendment was approved, twenty-seven to eighteen.

Dr. Leathers then asked for discussion of the main motion, as amended.

Dean Weyrick moved to amend the motion to add an additional honor for students graduating with associate degrees with the designation to be "with highest distinction", a 3.80 minimum grade point average required. The motion was carried.

Dean Weyrick expressed appreciation for the recommendation of the additional level of distinction for Community and Technical College graduates which has come through Council, and proposed that this third honor would provide comparable recognition for those outstanding students graduating with an extremely high grade point average with an associate degree. He feels that these students are just as deserving of recognition for their achievement as are those graduating with baccalaureate degrees and the parallel system of honors is most certainly beneficial to those students. He asked Council's support of the amendment which would provide well deserved recognition for some University students.

Dr. Gerlach said he had opposed this in committee and wished to repeat his opposition here for the benefit of Council. The committee had been guided by the practice that had been observed in the bulletins of other Ohio universities of drawing some clear distinctions between two-year programs and baccalaureate ones in awarding honors, including designations in English rather than in Latin.

Dean Weyrick alluded to the situations at two comparable institutions, Youngstown State University and the University of Cincinnati, both of which have identical levels of honors at the associate and baccalaureate levels.

Dr. Sturm supported the amendment to add a third designation for Community and Technical College students, in that they are recruited to this campus with the idea that they are privy to the same rights and privileges as are all other students.

In response to Mr. Bradshaw's comment that possibly the grade point average necessary for honors for two-year students might be higher than that required for four-year students, since it takes a little more endurance over the longer period, Dean Weyrick indicated that at the present 3.25 requirements, approximately seven percent more baccalaureate degree graduates receive honors than those with associate degrees (about 25 percent to less than 18 percent). He expected that this situation would continue under the proposed changes.

The Chairman then called for a vote on the amendment to add a third classification "with highest distinction" at 3.80 for the two-year associate degree graduates. The amendment was approved.

Replying to a question from Dr. Farona, Dr. Watt asserted that the proposed levels would put The University of Akron in line with comparable institutions in Ohio.

A discussion ensued regarding the impact that the passage of this motion would have on students enrolled in the honors program. The Chairman suggested that this be reviewed by the Honors Council, which would then report to the Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee.

The motion on graduation with honors, with amendments, was put to a vote and carried. the proposal for graduation with honors as amended and approved follows:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

Graduation with Honors

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Two-year Associate Degree Programs

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|----|------|
| With distinction | FROM | 3.25 | TO | 3.40 |
| With high distinction | | 3.60 | | |
| With highest distinction | | 3.80 | | |

These changes will be effective for students entering the University in January 1982 and thereafter.

Dr. Watt proceeded to Item No. 3 and moved approval of FA-82-03 as revised, saying that this is a change in curriculum requirements for both the Coordinated Undergraduate Program in Dietetics and the traditional Program in Dietetics from the College of Fine and Applied Arts. (The complete summary appears in the Appendix to these Minutes.) The motion to approve FA-82-03 was seconded and carried.

Proceeding to reports of the other standing committees, Dr. Leathers said that Dean Barker had been excused from Council to attend another meeting, and there was no report from the Athletics Committee.

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Campus Facilities Planning Committee met on November 30, 1981 and discussed capital improvements approved for the 1981-83 biennium as follows:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN FOR 1981-1983 BIENNIUM

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Utilities and Renovations | \$ 1,200,000 |
| Physical Education Building | 6,000,000 |
| Natatorium | 6,000,000 |
| Wayne Branch Physical Education Facility | 1,300,000 |
| Building Renovation | 3,000,000 |
| Crouse Hall Renovation | 1,120,000 |
| Land Acquisition | 700,000 |
| High Temperature Water Conversion | 2,700,000 |
| Child Study Center | 500,000 |
| Akron Convocation Center Planning | 250,000 |
| Total | \$22,770,000 |

Dr. Timmerman said that it should be recognized that some of these figures may be readjusted slightly, depending upon two things—the needs of these facilities and what the State Controlling Board will allow, and the total amount of \$22,770,000 may be in excess of the funds that will be available. In other words, there may be some shortage, depending upon the revenues the State actually receives.

In answer to a query from Dr. Gerlach regarding the naming of campus buildings and the role of this committee and the Council, the Chairman indicated that this is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees and that there is no urgency in the matter of selecting names for future campus buildings.

In Dr. Roemer's absence, the Chairman announced no report from the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

On behalf of the Faculty Well-Being Committee, Mrs. Clinefelter reported that the committee met with Dr. Noel Leathers on November 9, 1981 to discuss the current status of the Ohio budget and its impact on the University. The committee chairman met with Mrs. Desnay Severit of Academic Personnel Services on November 23 to discuss gaps in insurance coverage for present and retired faculty. Committee member Richard Kovach has written an article on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) for publication in The University of Akron News.

There was no report from the Library and Learning Resources Committee.

Dr. Krigline had no report from the Reference Committee.

Dr. Gent, who could not be present, had submitted his report to the Chairman. Dr. Leathers told Council that the Research (Faculty Projects) Committee met on November 16 and 17, 1981 to consider eighteen proposals for research to start before the spring semester. The committee approved funding for fifteen of these proposals for a total amount of \$20,638.00. A list of these awards is included in the Appendix to these Minutes. Further meetings of the committee are scheduled for December 7 and 8, to consider twenty-six applications received for Summer Research Fellowships. A deadline has been established for receipt of research proposals for projects starting next year as February 6, 1982. The proposals will be reviewed shortly thereafter.

Dean Hansford announced that the Student Affairs Committee had no business to report.

Dr. Vander Ark, Akron's representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, distributed copies of his report of the meeting held on November 18, 1981. (The report, with revisions, is included in the Appendix to these Minutes.) Dr. Vander Ark told Council that the main issues under discussion were the Capital Improvements Bill and the foreign graduate student issue, with the latter being a very emotional one. He said he was very pleased with the information received from several deans, department heads and faculty in response to his request for information on foreign graduate students. He added that he has been very discreet with the information and even though he has his report ready, does not intend to submit anything to the committee until he sees what the other universities have prepared. He went on to say that the committee will support the Chancellor's strategy in trying to get the legislators to look at this issue from a data-based viewpoint rather than an emotional one. The Chancellor will, of course, consult RACGS (Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Study) on this point.

There being no old or new business, the Chairman said he had two comments to make. The first—final exam week starts on December 14, 1981, and in the event an instructor gives a final exam prior to that date and a student complains about his grade, the Provost will have to be on the side of the student. The second—he extended best wishes for a happy holiday season.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, December 3, 1981

CURRICULUM CHANGES

SCHOOL OF LAW

Pursuant to prior University Council authorization (Minutes, February 19, 1970, page 12 of the Faculty Bulletin, March 4, 1970 issue), I certify that the following course changes have been duly adopted by the Faculty of the School of Law at its meetings of September 5, October 8 and November 12, 1981, all to be effective fall semester 1982, unless otherwise noted, and are submitted for filing with the University Council Minutes.

—Donald M. Jenkins, Dean

(LS-82-01)

Change

Credits

| | | |
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| Description | 9200:621 | <u>Accounting for Lawyers.</u> 2 credits. <u>TO</u> |
| Effective | 9200:621 | <u>Accounting for Lawyers.</u> 3 credits. A study of the underlying assumptions and principles of financial information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the evaluation of such information in terms of its significance to users of such information. |
| Summer I, 1982 | | |
| Description | 9200:619 | <u>Basic Legal Communications.</u> 1 credit. Introduction to basic skills in written exposition in a legal context through preparation of an office memorandum and other assignments. |
| Description | 9200:620 | <u>Intermediate Legal Communication.</u> 1 credit. Enhancement of legal writing skills through preparation of an argumentative brief and other writings; development of oral advocacy skills through presentation of an argument based on a brief. |
| Recommended Prerequisite | 9200:635 | <u>Creditors' Rights.</u> 3 credits. Recommended Prerequisite: 9200:629. |
| Credits | 9200:683 | <u>Seminar in Product Liability.</u> 2 credits. <u>TO</u> |
| | 9200:683 | <u>Seminar in Product Liability.</u> 3 credits. |
| Description | 9200:688 | <u>Advanced Legal Communications.</u> 1 credit. Prerequisites: 9200:619, 620. Refinement of skills in written legal analysis through performance of drafting assignments, including preparation of a written exposition on a proposed solution to a drafting problem. Required course for all students. |
| Description | 9200:689 | <u>Appellate Advocacy.</u> 1 credit. Prerequisites: 9200:619, 620 and 688. Development of skills in written and oral advocacy through handling an appellate case from receipt of trial record through oral argument. |

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

CURRICULUM CHANGES

The following curriculum changes, in accordance with the Curricula Change Process adopted by the University Council on December 12, 1974, have had final approval by the Senior Vice President and Provost, or through specific vote by University Council, all effective September 1982 (unless otherwise indicated).

COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

Change:

(FA-82-03)

| | | | | |
|---------|------------|---|------------|-----------|
| Credits | ✓ 7400:314 | <u>Introduction to Food Systems Management: Clinical.</u> | 2 credits. | <u>TO</u> |
| | 7400:314 | <u>Introduction to Food Systems Management: Clinical.</u> | 1 credit. | |
| Credits | 7400:416 | <u>Quantity Food Preparation.</u> | 4 credits. | <u>TO</u> |
| | 7400:416 | <u>Quantity Food Preparation.</u> | 3 credits. | |
| Drop | 7400:281 | <u>Introduction to Dietetics.</u> | 1 credit | |
| Drop | 7400:484 | <u>Professional Dietetics.</u> | 2 credits. | |

Summary of changes in the Coordinated Undergraduate Program (CUP) in Dietetics:

Drop:

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|------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| ✓ 3100:265 | Introduction to Human Physiology | 4 credits |
| ✓ 7400:281 | Introduction to Dietetics | 2 credits |
| ✓ 7400:484 | Professional Dietetics | 2 credits |

Change in credits:

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|----------|---|-----------|
| 7400:314 | Introduction to Food Systems Management: Clinical | 1 credit |
| 7400:416 | Quantity Food Preparation | 3 credits |

Add:

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| 3100:206-7 | Anatomy and Physiology | 6 credits |
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Summary of changes in the Traditional Dietetics Program:

Drop:

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| ✓ 2280:236 | Menu Planning and Cost Control | 3 credits |
| ✓ 2280:243 | Food Equipment and Plant Operations | 3 credits |
| ✓ 3100:265 | Introduction to Human Physiology | 4 credits |
| ✓ 7400:281 | Introduction to Dietetics | 1 credit |
| ✓ 7400:484 | Professional Dietetics | 2 credits |

Change in credits:

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| 7400:416 | Quantity Food Preparation | 3 credits |
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Add:

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|------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2420:212 | Basic Accounting II | <u>OR</u> | 3-4 credits |
| 6200:202 | Accounting II | | |
| 3100:206-7 | Anatomy and Physiology | | 6 credits |

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

PROJECTS AWARDED BY THE FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE 1981-82
(first awards, fall 1981)

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| Dr. C. S. Chen, Professor of Electrical Engineering "Optimal Design of Digital PID Controller" | \$ 1,946.00 |
| Dr. Stephen D. Darling, Professor of Chemistry "Alkene and Alkadiene Phosphorus Intermediates: A Study of their Synthesis and Reactions" | \$ 1,540.00 |
| Dr. Michael F. Farona, Professor of Chemistry "Synthesis of Polymers Containing Stained Bonds" | \$ 700.00 |
| Dr. T. Neal Garland, Associate Professor of Sociology "An Evaluation of an In-Home Hospice Program" | \$ 1,600.00 |
| Dr. Carole G. Garrison, Visiting Assistant Professor of Urban Studies "Adolescent Criminal Behavior and Substance Use: A Search for Causes" | \$ 363.00 |
| Dr. H. Roger Grant, Professor of History "The Corn Belt Route: A History of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company" | \$ 900.00 |
| Dr. Peter N. Henriksen II, Associate Professor of Physics and | |
| Dr. Harry T. Pinnick, Associate Professor of Physics "Inelastic Electron Tunneling Spectroscopy of Bonding Agents Polymers to Inorganic Substrates" | \$ 1,535.00 |
| Dr. John J. Houser, Associate Professor of Chemistry "Photodehalogenation of Aromatic Halides" | \$ 2,612.00 |
| Dr. Dale M. Lewison, Professor of Marketing "An Investigation Into the Role of State and Local Industrial Location Incentives" | \$ 445.00 |
| Dr. R. Paul Merrixx, Professor of English "An Annotated Bibliography of Shakespeare's Sonnets and Longer Poems" | \$ 450.00 |
| Dr. Wallace H. Nolin, Professor of Music and | |
| Dr. Sherman D. Vander Ark, Associate Professor of Music "The Analysis of Component Musicianship Elements and Music Mistake Identification in Music Students and Music Teachers" | \$ 254.00 |
| Mr. Jeffrey A. Parness, Associate Professor of Law "The Uncertain Future of 1983 Actions" | \$ 810.00 |
| Dr. Louis E. Roemer, Professor of Electrical Engineering "Synthesized Radar for Underground Exploration" | \$ 2,053.00 |
| Subtotal: | \$15,208.00 |

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

PROJECTS AWARDED BY THE FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE 1981-82 (first awards, fall 1981), continued

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| | Balance Forward | \$15,208.00 |
| Dr. Edwin C. Rowland, Assistant Professor of Biology "Relationship of Eosinophils and Resistance to <u>Trypanosoma</u> <u>cruzi</u> Infection" | | \$ 2,450.00 |
| Dr. Robert F. Savinell, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering "Mass Transfer in Shallow Porous Media" | | \$ 2,980.00 |
| | Total | \$20,638.00 |

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS—Dr. Sherman Vander Ark

Meeting of November 18, 1981

Chancellor Moulton discussed the following topics:

Budget—The Chancellor gave a brief presentation on a number of items including:

1. The OBOR sought a \$50 million increase over the biennium, split evenly over two years instead of \$35 million applied to the second year.
2. The foreign graduate student issue is a very emotional one which is under legislative consideration by consensus of the leadership of the Ohio House and Senate. According to the Chancellor, many other states, except Pennsylvania, are concerned about the same issue. Chancellor Moulton is seeking data and support from RACGS.
3. There will be a 15% and 10% increase in Ohio Instructional Grants for this year and next year, respectively.
4. Salary limitations at state universities have been eliminated.
5. The new law permits colleges and universities to change the sick leave provisions from 1/4 up to 12 days to as much as 1/2 for an "open-ended" number of accumulated days.
6. The Legislature has placed the responsibility for program review with the individual boards of trustees. The OBOR is to function in a coordinating role.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, 12/3/81, continued

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS, continued

Meeting of November 18, 1981, continued

Capital Improvements Bill—Over one hundred amendments have raised the amount of the Capital Improvements Bill from \$250 million to \$750 million. Several of the projects in the present bill appear to be serving interests other than higher education. There is concern by OBOR with the debt payment of the projects. A very modest provision has been given for equipment replacement of \$6 million at four schools and \$10 million at the two-year schools.

Master Plan—This proposal has been temporarily held up for several "last minute changes" to be made. It was originally scheduled to be released in November, 1981.

Central Michigan University—The administrative hearing on CMU's request to offer two programs with Master of Administration degrees has been delayed until January, 1982. The Chancellor has requested that twelve days be made available for the presentation.

Civil Rights—It is believed unofficially that the recommendation from the Civil Rights Commission on discrimination charges in Ohio will be made in January, 1982.

Any comments concerning the contents of The University of Akron Chronicle may be directed to the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost or to the Executive Director of University Relations and Communications.

MR. JOHN S. WATT
ASSISTANT PROVOST