

Oakland University reluctantly discloses employees' salaries

By KEVIN ROSEBOROUGH

Oakland University trustees, under pressure of state law, reluctantly agreed to make public the salaries of employees Wednesday night.

The Michigan State Legislature recently amended the Freedom of Information Act to compel universities to reveal the salaries of their employees upon request.

"All other (state) universities had or will be releasing the information," Oakland University general counsel John DeCarlo told the trustees.

He said the ruling would require the trustees to revise their policy of nondisclosure of salaries. Trustees had refused to disclose salaries on the basis of maintaining the privacy of its employees.

A computer readout detailing the salaries of all Oakland University employees — from deans to maintenance personnel — showed recently retired president Donald O'Dowd to be the highest paid person on staff.

O'Dowd was scheduled to be paid \$54,860 plus \$600 in longevity pay for the 1979 year.

Oakland University's next highest paid employee is Frederick Obeir, pro-

vest and vice president of academic affairs. Obeir's base salary for 1979 is \$52,310, plus a \$600 longevity stipend.

Mohammed Ghauri, the dean of Oakland's School of Engineering, is scheduled to receive a base salary of \$52,650 in 1979. He joined the University in January 1978.

DeCarlo, also secretary for the trustees and a University vice president, will earn \$50,900 this year, plus \$360 in longevity pay.

George Matthews, currently Oakland University's interim president, was to be paid \$45,400 with \$600 in longevity pay for his service as vice provost and professor.

Vice president of business affairs Robert Swanson is to earn \$48,020 and an additional \$960 longevity payment in 1979. Swanson is also treasurer for the trustees.

Reuben Torch, the dean of College of Arts and Sciences, is scheduled to earn \$47,900 and longevity pay totaling \$480.

Director of Urban Affairs Wilma Bledsoe's base salary is \$41,290. She is also entitled to a \$240 longevity bonus.

Robert Dearth, Director of Special Projects, will earn \$40,060 and a longevity sum of \$240.

Lowell Eklund, Dean and professor

in the University's Division of Continuing Education, will earn a base salary of \$43,750 and receive a longevity bonus of \$750.

The Dean of the School of Nursing, Geraldine Felton, has a base salary of \$42,300, and has received \$100 in pay for work with the continuing education department.

THE DEAN of the University library, George Gardiner, has a base salary of \$37,000 and \$240 in longevity pay due him.

Lazlo Hetenyi, acting dean of the School of Performing Arts, will earn at the rate of \$42,500 per year with longevity pay adding up to another \$600.

Ronald Horowitz, dean of the School of Economics and Management, has a base salary of \$45,000. He was hired by the University Sept. 1 of this year.

Philip Johnson, the dean of Graduate Study, has a base salary of \$45,700 and \$480 in longevity pay.

Associate Provost Keith Kleckner's base salary is \$40,500. He is due \$360 in longevity pay as well.

Mom Pak, the director of Health Sciences, will earn a base salary of \$35,875 and receive a longevity payment of \$360.

The director of Research and In-

structional Services, Lewis Pino, has a base salary of \$39,750. He is also entitled to \$360 in longevity pay.

THE DIRECTOR of the Institute of Biological Sciences, Venkat Reddy, has a base salary of \$40,400, and will receive \$360 in longevity pay.

Robert Simmons, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will make \$39,900 in 1979.

David Beardslee, the Director of Institutional Research, will earn a base salary of \$39,000 and receive \$600 in longevity pay.

The director of the Honors College, Melvin Chernow, has a base salary of \$37,450. He also will receive \$600 in longevity pay and has made \$50 in event pay through November.

The associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Isaac Eliezer, has a base salary of \$36,000.

The highest paid faculty member is engineering professor August Durelli. Durelli is paid \$43,000 for his services during the nine-month school year, and earned an additional \$5,375 for teaching during the spring term.

The lowest paid fulltime faculty member is a communications art instructor, earning \$13,892 in base pay with a \$30 event pay stipend so far this year.

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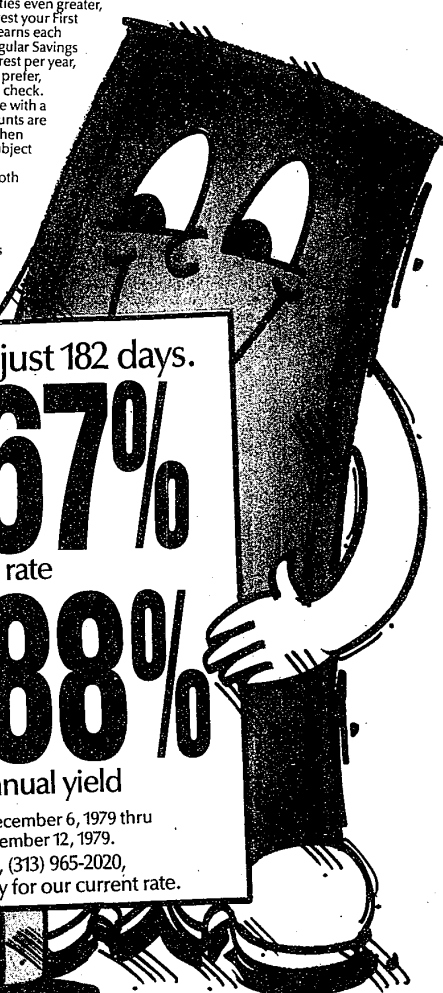
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