

# Four finalists compete for presidency of OU

A presidential search advisory panel has named two men and two women as finalists for the presidency of Oakland University in Rochester.

The finalists were named after three days of interviews with seven semifinalists, according to Larry Chumovich, trustee and chair of the Advisory Presidential Search Committee.

Final selection of a president will be made in March by the full board of trustees. Finalists will come to campus in February for on-site visits with faculty, administrative staff, students and community members.

OU is seeking a replacement for Joseph E. Champagne who resigned Aug. 1 after a decade of service. John De Carlo, vice president of governmental affairs, secretary to the board of trustees, and general counsel, has been serving an interim president since June 5, 1991.

Although he took the interim post with the restriction that he was not a candidate, some faculty members recently petitioned for the board to also consider De Carlo.

"The semifinalists were of extremely high caliber and we feel our final four candidates will meet the expectations of the board of trustees and university community," Chumovich said.

They are:

• Richard Stuart Meyers, president, professor of educational psychology and foundations and professor of music, Western Oregon State College, Oregon State System of Higher Education. Meyers heads an institution distinguished for its efforts to internationalize all aspects of the curriculum and for its innovative Public Service Park established as an outreach effort. He is credited with saving the college from closure and initiating several entrepreneurial projects which led to the expansion of campus facilities. Meyers holds a bachelor's degree in music education from De Paul University, a master's degree in music education and Ph.D. in instructional technology from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

• Sandra Packard, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of curriculum and in-

struction, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Packard has responsibility for an annual budget of \$27 million and she initiated and raised funds to establish a \$3.5 million center for arts education. She co-raised funds for and established nine \$1 million endowed faculty chairs of excellence and established the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Social and Community Services. Packard received a bachelor's of fine arts degree from Syracuse University and a master's and doctorate in art education from Indiana University.

• Luis M. Proenza serves as vice chancellor for research and dean of the graduate school at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and as science advisor to Governor Walter J. Hickel of Alaska. Proenza is charged with overall leadership and coordination of \$60 million in university research activity. A neurobiologist, his research has been continuously supported by grants from the National Eye Institute, including a Research Career Development Award. His initiatives include a Center for Global Change and Arctic System Research and a \$25 million Arctic Region Supercomputer Center. He has a baccalaureate degree from Emory University, a master's from Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

• Claire A. Van Ummersen, chancellor, University System of New Hampshire (USNH). Van Ummersen serves as chief executive and academic officer for a system of over 29,000 students with an operating budget of \$300 million. She has instituted a system-wide planning process, developed a 10-year capital plan for USNH, and developed an instructional television network to link all campuses within the system beginning this spring. The chancellor's responsibilities include oversight for legislative and governmental relations between the board of trustees, the institutions of the USNH, and state government. Van Ummersen holds a bachelor's and master's of science and Ph.D. degrees from Tufts University, working in the areas of microwave radiation and radio frequency waves and their effects on chick embryo.



Luis M. Proenza



Claire A. Van Ummersen



Sandra Packard



Richard Stuart Meyers

## Film critic booked Thursday at Roma's

Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall presents film and theater critic Susan Granger at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Roma's of Bloomfield, Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township.

Granger was raised in the Beverly Hills area and grew up with Margaret O'Brien, Jane Withers, Jane Powell and also Gary Cooper's daughter Maria Cooper.

Granger insists that all of Beverly Hills mothers weren't like Joan

Crawford and Lana Turner. Her own family was a close-knit, loving, stable family. As for Turner and Crawford "these were dysfunctional people to begin with."

She had former White House press secretary Pierre Salinger as a journalism teacher, which she says turned her whole life around. She decided to become a journalist instead of an actress.

Her newest book, scheduled for release soon, is "Gossip, America's

Hidden Addiction," a book which explores America's fascination with its media stars and their personal lives. Tickets to hear Granger may be

obtained by sending a check payable to: Pontiac-Oakland Town Hall Inc., P.O. Box 431889, Pontiac, Mich. 48343 or by calling 873-0306.

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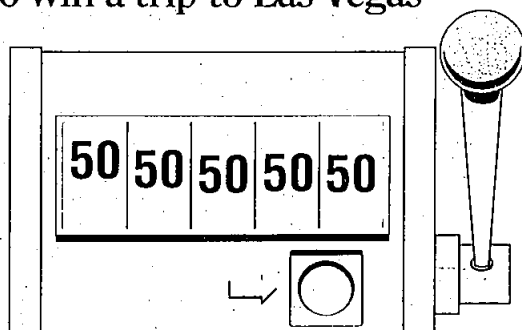
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