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Student Senate

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February 7 marked the second student senate meeting of the spring semester. It convened in the Administration Building auditorium an hour later than it's customary, 7:30, due to a scheduling conflict.

David Dick addressed the old business after an acknowledgement of the two new off-campus senators, Wanda McNaughton and Steve Cunningham.

Included in the old business were such items as the ratification of the Meeker Constitution, deferred until a later meeting, the ongoing issue of dryer installation in the Price, with no immediate resolution, as well as the announcement that next year spring break will correspond with the Ottawa school district spring break to the benefit of off-campus students and local faculty. Also addressed was the on-campus vaccination for measles and mumps by the Franklin County Health Department, which, due to the lack of an impending epidemic, shall be offered through the Office of the Health Department, behind the hospital, for one dollar. It was brought up that a letter was sent to

the business office concerning accrued finance charges, with no current response, and an appointment has been scheduled with Dean Fouste regarding switchboard operators and their duties. Finally, Dean Sandstrom sent word that, though no policy existed requiring student finals be kept on hand to allow for later review, he would make a point to suggest that the faculty do so for those who might wish access to them after breaks.

New business required the rescheduling of senator elections for Brown Hall due to a tie last Wednesday and the announcement of a delegation consisting of Shawn DeJarnett, Doug Savage and Jerry Schaffer, among others, to attend the Student Leadership meeting in Lindsborg on Feb. 8.

The budgets for the on-campus clubs were submitted for ratification but, due to low Senator attendance, voting was forestalled until Feb. 13 or 14.

Tim Stone of the Budget Committee has proposed a 40% increase in allocations to the fund from which student groups draw their budgets. The current allocation is \$15 for every full time student, of which there are 455.



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Leigh Browning, OU instructor in speech/communications, and Brad Howard, KOFO owner and general manager, worked out the mutually-beneficial agreement whereby the Radio Workshop students will provide the programming and manpower to keep the station on the air during the evening hours, while KOFO will provide the transmitter and antenna facilities. KOFO's normal daytime operation will not be affected.

In the fall of 1985, Ottawa University's own campus radio station KTJO-FM mysteriously and unceremoniously vanished from the air when its antiquated 10-watt transmitter blew out just before halftime in an OU football broadcast. For the past three years the station has remained silent as efforts to rejuvenate it have encountered one obstacle after another.

While efforts were being made to get the station's 10-watt transmitter repaired, notice was received from the Federal Communications Commission of regulation changes which would require the station to upgrade its power to a minimum of 100 watts. This new wrinkle would require a new transmitter, antenna facilities and costly field engineering studies.

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The campus operation will be overseen by Browning and a staff of six communication majors, including senior Ralph Young, Arvada, Colo., as general manager; sophomore Amy Files, Lake Winnebago, Mo., as news director; sophomore Danielle Spreier, Wichita, as music director; sophomore Elan Deeter, Topeka, as fine arts director; sophomore Tim Buis, Jerseyville, Ill., as public relations director; and sophomore Tim Conard, Ottawa, serving as traffic and production director.

More than 25 students are enrolled in the Radio Workshop class, and each will be on the air about once every two weeks. Students will be recorded while broadcasting and then evaluated by Browning. While students are broadcasting from the campus studio, a University student will be at KOFO's studio to run network feeds and to monitor the transmitter.

KTJO-FM has filed an application with the FCC for a construction permit for transmitter and antenna facilities, but cannot proceed until it is approved. Long-term plans are for KTJO-FM once again to be self-sufficient, but for the moment, the campus community is very excited about the opportunity to broadcast using the KOFO facilities.

Once the station had been operating for decades with outdated equipment, University officials decided that this was an appropriate time to look at upgrading the entire station. Initial conservative cost estimates were made in the neighborhood of \$80,000 and fund-raising efforts were launched toward that goal.

Browning decided that since it would take time to raise the total amount needed, the station's studios should be the first priority. New studios were constructed in Behan Hall, a vacant dormitory building on campus, and with the purchase of new equipment the studios could be utilized as a learning lab until such time as the transmission equipment could be purchased.

With the new sound boards, turntables, recorders, cartridge machines and microphones in place, the learning lab was nearly ready to begin operation when the opportunity to broadcast utilizing KOFO's license and equipment was suggested.

The OU Radio Workshop will broadcast from its own campus studios during the evening hours, from 6-10 p.m., on Monday through Friday. The nightly programming will be non-commercial in nature and will include public service announcements, programming information, and a complete rotation of music, weather, news and information.

The format will be easy rock,



Ottawa University students Doug Savage of Winchester, Illinois, and Jana Wright of Wellsville, Kansas, were crowned King and Queen of Courts during halftime of the OU men's basketball game with Friends University. (Photo by Adam Hanson).

Wheaton Appoints Smith as V-P

Ottawa University President Wilbur Wheaton has announced the appointment of James R. Smith, 1236 E. Frontier, Olathe, as vice president for university relations effective Monday, Feb. 20, replacing Jack E. Patty who resigned the post in September.

Smith, a 1960 OU alumnus, received his bachelor's degree in physical education and science. He

earned a master's degree in biology from Emporia State University in 1964 and completed his administrative certification in 1966 at the University of Kansas.

After graduating from OU, Smith taught biology, general science, physical education and speech, and coached football, basketball and track at Stilwell High School. In 1962 he joined the

Olathe District Schools as a science teacher and coach at Olathe High School. During the next 23 years, Smith served in a variety of teaching and administrative roles for the ODS, including eight years as assistant principal/teacher at Millbrooke Junior High, two years as principal of the Vocational School, three years as principal of Oregon Trail Junior High,

and five years as principal of Indian Trail Junior High.

For the past two-and-a-half years, Smith has served as president and national marketing director of Europa Distributors Inc., a company which imports sparkling mineral waters from West Germany and distributes it throughout the United States, in Canada, Mexico and the United

Kingdom.

Smith has been involved, over the years, in a variety of entrepreneurial activities, including residential and commercial real estate sales; the construction and sale of a racquetball center; part owner of a business which sold computer programs and training to small businesses