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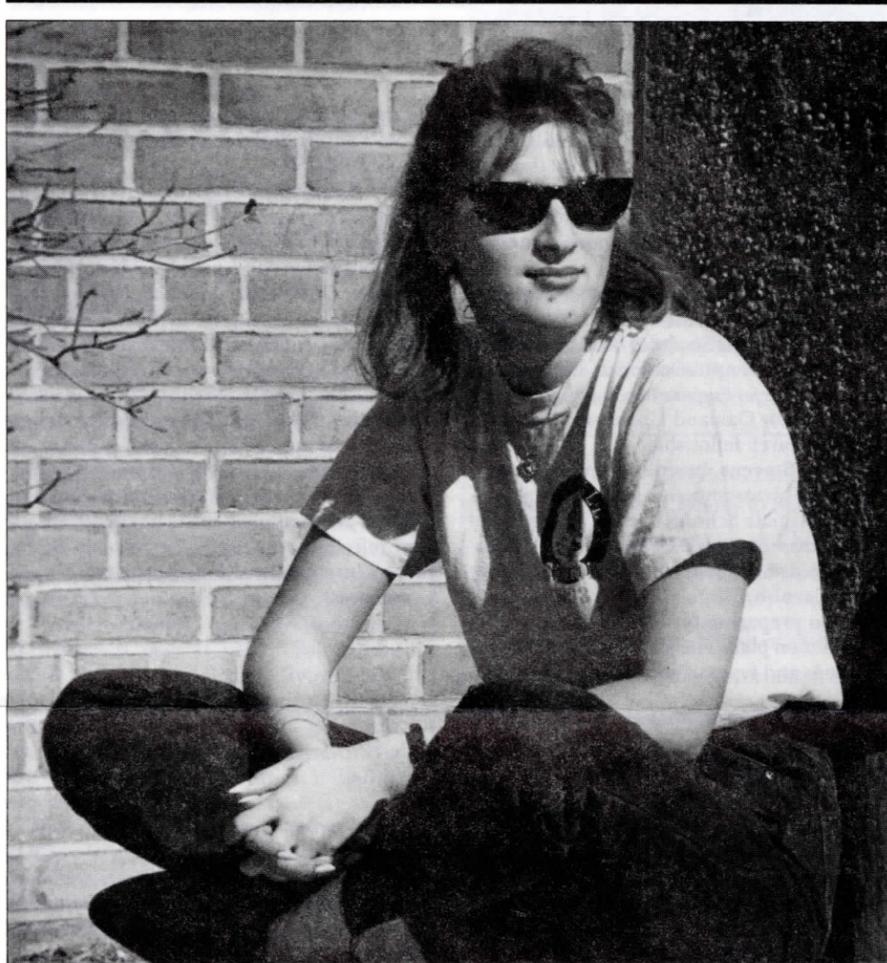
New Payment Options Aimed at Easing Students' Ability to Pay

You gotta give Oakland University students credit when it comes to registering for classes. Credit, that is, in the form of Visa and MasterCard. The university administration has adopted a policy to allow students to charge their tuition and fees, and housing bills with major credit cards, starting this fall. President Sandra Packard promoted the option of paying by credit card. "The change is a service for students. It will also bring consis-

tency, since credit cards are accepted on campus for Continuing Education and Continuum Center classes, for example, and in the Bookcenter." Ray Harris, associate vice president for finance and administration, said credit cards are often accepted at other institutions, and many transfer students come to Oakland expecting to use their cards. Credit cards were dropped as a payment option several years

ago, but students have continually requested their return. Although there is a cost to the university in providing the service, Harris said, the convenience to students outweighs that consideration. The cards will be a quick and efficient means for the university to collect the amounts students charge. In another related move concerning bill payments, the university is recommending a deferred-billing plan to make it easier for students to pay their tuition and fees, especially for those who do not have a credit card or do not care to use one. The deferred-billing proposal will be presented to the university Board of Trustees for consideration, since it involves a fee. Full details are yet to be worked out, but in a nutshell, here's how it will work: Students choosing deferred billing who

early register for fall or winter semesters will pay 25 percent before the semester begins, and be billed three times for the balance. Students who register on regular registration days or during late registration for fall and winter semesters would pay half the outstanding balance at registration, and receive two additional billings. Students could make their first payment with cash or credit card. Additional plans are proposed for spring and summer semester students. Students choosing deferred billing would pay a \$30 service charge. "The whole package has been put together as a service to students," Harris noted. An ad hoc Tuition and Fee Committee, chaired by Harris, developed both plans. It noted that the deferred-billing payment plan has been in the planning stages for several years, but implementation has been held up due to the changeover in the student records system.▼



A Respite from the Cold

After enduring what seemed like an eternity of subfreezing temperatures, students like Michelle Shanks took to the outdoors when the thermometer shot up to 63 degrees last week. Since this is Michigan, the temperature quickly dropped back, but don't worry — it will be warm again, maybe in August.

Committee Exploring Offer from Detroit College of Law

An inquiry from the Detroit College of Law to collaborate with Oakland University is now under review. Based on this inquiry, some discussions have occurred about potential programmatic opportunities and cooperation between the two institutions. Oakland University recognizes that the Detroit College of Law is a well-established Detroit institution. The university did not initiate talks nor has it suggested that the college move out of the city. The university's position is that if DCL governing board wishes to explore alternative or additional sites for its programs, then Oakland will participate in the discussion. Consistent with Oakland's mission to enhance the educational well being and economic development in the region, Oakland has recently established several cooperative agreements with area institutions of higher learning. New partnership examples include articulation agreements with community colleges, program offerings at corporate sites, and joint training and research programs with area hospitals. The inquiry by Detroit College of Law concerning cooperation between DCL and Oakland promises to further enhance this mission.

At its February 3 meeting, the Board of Trustees established a committee to explore benefits that might be achieved by working together with the Detroit College of Law. Oakland Board Chairperson James Sharp, Jr., Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, President Sandra Packard, Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Russi, and Rob Bunger, acting secretary to the board and assistant general counsel, are meeting with DCL officials. Should these initial conversations prove fruitful, subcommittees representing constituent groups, on and off both campuses, will be formed to develop specific details of a possible collaboration. Any agreement would be subject to the approval of the governing boards of both institutions. Since its opening in 1891, the Detroit College of Law has provided high quality legal education to students in the metropolitan area. Since its opening in 1959, Oakland has provided high quality baccalaureate through doctoral level education to students in the metropolitan area. By working together, both institutions, each of which has been historically committed to regional service and excellence in education, may further benefit the citizens of Michigan.▼

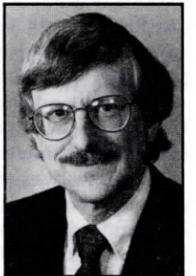
Where's Michigan's Top Mathematics Instructor? Right Here

One of Oakland University's most honored professors has received the statewide Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. Jerrold Grossman received the honor from the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America. "It is extremely unusual for a faculty member to make significant con-

tributions in the wide arenas of teaching activities as demonstrated by Professor Grossman's record," said James McKay, chairperson of the Department of Mathematical Sciences. "Many students view him as a model of all the qualities of an outstanding teacher of mathematics." Grossman commented, "I am certainly hon-

ored to have received the Michigan MAA Teaching Award, because I know how many really creative, talented and caring mathematics professors there are, both here at Oakland University and throughout the state. "Excellence in teaching and excellence in research, each interpreted in as broad a

sense as possible, are both important to the vitality of our profession, and it is encouraging to see that both of them are being promoted and recognized in various ways, at the local, state and national levels. I view both of them as integral parts of a job I really love. To have received this honor is frosting on the cake, but the real joy comes from being able to convey my enthusiasm and insights to students, and to help advance the frontiers of mathematical knowledge."



Grossman

President Outlines Need for Increased Funding

In remarks to the Michigan Senate Higher Education Subcommittee on February 4, President Sandra Packard outlined some of the concerns that Oakland has about future state funding support. Here are excerpts of her presentation:

Commitment to Education
"Your commitment to accessible, high quality education has helped us weather tough economic times. You have shared our belief in education as the only realistic solution to poverty, crime, bigotry and despair. "You understood that by cutting higher education funding, Michigan would not only be eating its seed corn, but contaminating its soil for generations to come. Along with the outstanding state stewardship of Governor Engler, you have kept us from irreversible damage during lean years for Michigan. "Over the days of the hearings, we will tell you that we will not be able to hold the line much longer without serious jeopardy to educational quality or affordability — and this is true. But please know, that even as we try to communicate our most urgent and real needs, we do so mindful of the consistent and coura-

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funded for the third year in a row. The amount grew to \$21 million unadjusted for inflation. No new square footage, expanding Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, an expanding business and residential community seeking assistance, and a time of great need for institutional revitalization have added additional budgetary demands." **Signs of Strain**
"Senators, the strains are showing! Enrollment growth over the last two years has taken us from a campus of 12,500 to approximately 13,000 students, and the demographics of our region indicate that within the next two years we will grow again. To hold the line on enrollments we have had to raise our admission standards to indefensibly high levels — minimums of 3.6 in physical therapy, 3.3 in nursing, similarly in education, and engineering. "Are we prepared to allow access to only the brightest in the state, increase tuition so only the rich can attend our universities, allow our quality to erode to the standards of lesser states — important issues of policy I hope we can address. "While 2.3 percent is a small step in the (Continued on page 4)

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Gallery Adds 'Wall' to its Collection

Meadow Brook Art Gallery has received another major donation of art from the collection of Florence and S. Brooks Barron.

Wall, a major work by contemporary New York artist Richard Artschwager, increases the stature of the gallery's collection, which now includes 209 paintings and prints, 222 African art works, 41 Chinese paintings and calligraphy, and 12 outdoor sculptures.

President Sandra Packard had visited with the Barrons and suggested a gift of the Artschwager piece would make a valuable addition to the gallery's holdings.

"It is wonderful to have this important piece to enhance the Meadow Brook Art Gallery collection," adds Kiichi Usui, gallery curator. "Having a work by this major American artist helps move the gallery's collection to museum level in terms of important contemporary artists."

The Artschwager work adds to the Meadow

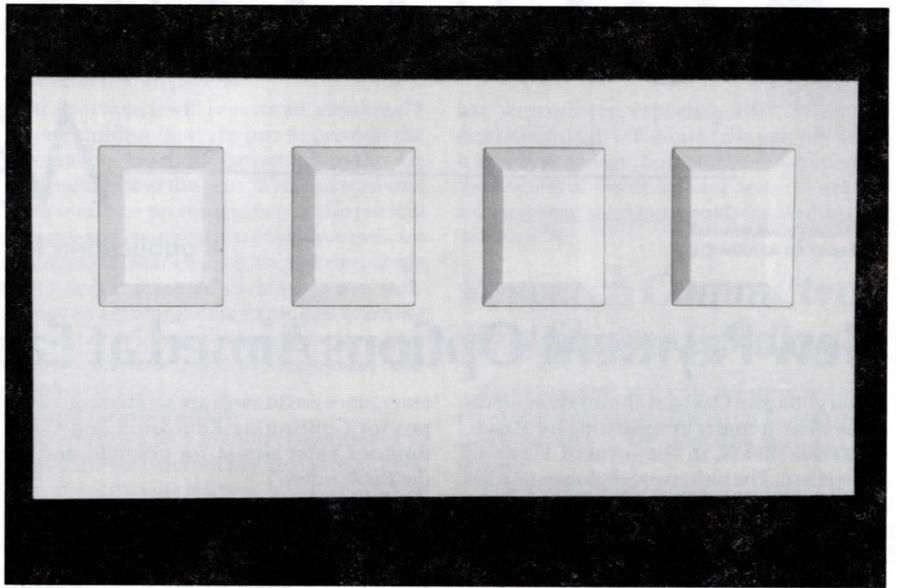
Brook gallery's holdings of important contemporary artists. The gallery already boasts works by Botero, Katz and Winters.

Artschwager's piece is white Formica construction on wood, 36 inches wide by 17.5 inches high and five inches deep.

Usui notes that the Barrons have long been staunch supporters of the gallery, aiding it financially through acquisitions.

"Meadow Brook Art Gallery would never have developed to its current level without the support and guidance of Florence and S. Brooks Barron," Usui adds.

The Artschwager gift is among the works on display now through April 5 at the gallery in a show called University Art Collection and Recent Acquisitions. The originally scheduled exhibition, Art of the Indonesian Archipelago from the Paul and Diane Haig Collection, has been postponed until autumn due to a serious overseas vehicle accident in which Paul Haig was injured. ▼



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Of Distinction ...

Items about professional activities or honors from anyone within the university community may be sent to the Publications Department, 109 NFH. Items run as space permits. Persons with E-mail capabilities are encouraged to send their items to:

jacksonj@vela.acs.oakland.edu

Augustin K. Fosu, political science, published *Do Black and White Women Hold Different Jobs in the Same Occupation? A Critical Analysis of the Clerical and Service Sectors* in the spring issue of *Review of Black Political Economy*. He also made the following presentations: *The International Debt Constraint and Economic Performance in Africa*, in the plenary session of the spring conference of the Stanford-Berkeley Joint Center for African Studies, held at Stanford University; *Elite Political Instability and Economic Growth: The African Experience*, at the International Conference of the Council of Black Studies, held in Accra, Ghana; and *The International Debt Burden and Economic Growth in Africa*, at the Center for Advanced Study of Interna-

tional Development at Michigan State University.

Robert Eberwein, English, read a paper, *No Body's Perfect: Masculinity and Health in Current Films*, at the Florida State University Conference on Film and Literature. He also served as a respondent to a panel on *The Crying Game*. He published an essay, *Framing and Representation in 'American Gigolo'*, in *Gender: Literary and Cinematic Representation*, published by the University Press of Florida in Gainesville.

Frank Cioch, engineering, has received an \$83,907 one-year grant from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command to conduct research on *Software Engineering in Simulation Development*.

Pamela Marin, continuing education, has been named vice chairperson of the Economic Development Group of the Oakland County Chamber Division of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald Sudol, rhetoric, served as a faculty

consultant to the College Board and was a presenter at its program for teachers of advanced placement courses in English, held at the University of Missouri. In addition, he presented *Holistic Assessment in Theory and Practice* at the annual meeting of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English.

Ching Ko, engineering, wrote *Variational Analysis for the Steady-State Flexural Behavior of Rotating Orthotropic Sandwich Beams*, which has been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Strain Analysis for Engineering Design*. The work was funded by Oakland University through a faculty research fellowship.

George Stevens, business administration, completed his assignment as American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business Pre-Candidacy Adviser to South Carolina State University. Stevens has spent the past year assisting South Carolina State University's business school in preparing for the submission of its accreditation plan. The plan describes the specific steps and types of support the university

will use prior to submission of the business school's application for professional accreditation by AACSB.

John Klemanski, political science, coauthored *Urban Regime Capacity: A Comparison of Birmingham, England, and Detroit, Michigan*. It was published in the *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Robert Goldstein, political science, lectured at the University of Michigan's Institute for the Humanities as part of its theme semester on the *Geography of Identity*. Goldstein spoke about the *Origins of the American Flag Desecration Controversy, 1890-1943*. Biographical sketches of Goldstein appear in the latest editions of *International Authors and Writers Who's Who* and *Who's Who in American Education*. Similar sketches are to appear in the next editions of these reference sources: *Writers Directory*, *Dictionary of International Biography* and *Men of Achievement*.

The Campus Register

For Your Benefit

Follow Your TIAA/CREF Performance

The performance of TIAA/CREF now appears in the *Morningstar Variable Annuity/Life Performance Report*.

Morningstar, Incorporated, is one of the leading and most comprehensive providers of variable annuity information. The Morningstar reports are available at most libraries. In its debut appearance in the January *Morningstar*, TIAA Retirement Annuity had the highest fixed-account interest rate among all annuities of that type, and the TIAA Supplemental Retirement Annuity was among the top 10 performers. *Morningstar* gave its highest five-star risk-adjusted rating to the CREF Stock and CREF Bond Market Accounts for periods ending December 31.

Nominations

Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Awards

Any regularly enrolled undergraduate is eligible upon nomination by a faculty or staff member for the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Awards, which are presented at fall commencement.

The awards recognize extraordinary academic achievement, and cite originality, extent of effort, scholarly significance and artistic merit/significance.

A maximum of three awards will be presented. Nominations should be sent to Geoff Brieger, chemistry, by April 18.

Distinguished Alumni Service Award

Nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumni Service Award are being accepted until May 13.

Nominees must be alumni who have contributed exceptional service to the university, or who have taken on a special project that has advanced the university. To nominate, send a brief statement outlining the person's activities to the Alumni Relations Office, John Dodge House. For details, call 370-2158.

Research Excellence Award

The University Research Committee seeks nominations for the annual Oakland University Foundation Research Excellence Award.

The committee will select a recipient from one of the professional schools this year. The award carries a \$2,500 stipend and will be pre-

sented in the fall. Eligible faculty members include scholars from the School of Business Administration, the School of Education and Human Services, the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the School of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing. Next year, faculty members in the social sciences/humanities will be eligible, and in 1996, faculty members from the natural and mathematical sciences.

Nominations should cite the candidate's quality of work, level of peer acceptance, national/international reputation and information that clarifies the value of the candidate's contributions to the field.

Nominators must also include a curriculum vita of the candidate structured in a format acceptable for tenure/promotion review of research accomplishments, and one representative example of the researcher's work.

The application deadline is March 7. Nominations should be sent to Kathleen Healy Moore, University Research Committee chair, Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, 370 SFH.

Wilson Awards

Nominations for the annual Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards are due March 24 in the Office of Student Life, 144 Oakland Center.

The awards are presented to a senior man and woman who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the university community. Nominees must be seniors who have maintained a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 GPA or higher, and have demonstrated leadership qualities.

Students who have completed their academic work in June, August or December 1993, and those who will complete it by April 1994, are eligible.

Human Relations Award

Nominations for the Human Relations Award, presented to a senior man or woman who has contributed to a greater racial understanding on campus, are sought.

Students who have completed their academic work in June, August or December 1993, and those who will complete it by April 1994, are eligible.

Nominations are due March 24 in the Office of Student Life.

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, 370 SFH, provides details about the following external sources of funding. Call 370-3222.

Environmental Protection Agency

Proposals for cooperative research to support the Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program are solicited by the EPA. EMAP aims to establish the status and trends in the ecological health of the nation's natural resources, including forests, estuaries and ecosystems, wetlands, agroecosystems, the Great Lakes and surface waters. Information requests must be received by March 18. Proposals are due May 6.

Department of Education

The department invites applications for projects that develop materials for educational television and radio programming to be used with telecommunications and video resources to teach students and enhance teacher training and professional development. Projects should increase teachers' participation in learning communities of colleagues to enhance their access to resources for self-improvement and provide information about how teachers can use electronic networks as an efficient means of professional development. April 29 deadline.

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Proposals for education, journalism, the arts and community improvement initiatives are invited. Grants are awarded for projects that develop innovative approaches to education, advance the quality and effectiveness of the free press, and support cultural institutions having wide impact. April 1, July 1, October 1 and January 1 deadlines.

Capital Cities/ABC Foundation

The foundation makes grants to support communications training, education, health, the arts and community welfare. Projects that contribute to professionalism in the communications industry, with emphasis on education initiatives that target minorities, strengthen education, promote health, foster the arts and advance community improvement efforts are sought. April 30, July 30 and October 31 deadlines.

Jobs

Information about job openings is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling the Job Hotline at 370-4500.

- Adviser (part-time), AP-6, College of Arts and Sciences
- Director for governmental and public relations, miscellaneous, Office of the Board of Trustees
- Secretary II, C-5, Office of Admissions and Scholarships
- Group sales manager, AP-4, Meadow Brook Theatre
- Associate vice president for enrollment management (director of admissions and scholarships), miscellaneous, Division of Academic Affairs
- Administrative assistant, AP-4, Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration
- Director, AP-16, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment
- Admissions recruiter, AP-6, Office of Admissions and Scholarships
- Director, AP-10, Handicapped and International Student Services
- Food handler I, AFSCME, Oakland Center
- Secretary II, C-5, Continuing Education
- Supervisor of building maintenance, CT-10, Oakland Center
- Financial aid adviser, AP-6, Office of Financial Aid
- Senior systems analyst, AP-11, Office of Computer and Information Services
- Vice president for student affairs, executive, Division of Student Affairs

Reaching Us

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Quote

"Is all that we see or seem
But a dream within a dream?"
— Felicia Dorothea Hemans

Bits & Pieces

Take a Swing at Golf

The Athletic Department is offering eight-week indoor golf lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

Classes are limited to 15 persons, and run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for advanced (starting March 8), Wednesdays for intermediate (March 9), and Thursdays for beginners (March 10). All classes are in the Lepley Sports Center multipurpose room with George Wibby teaching.

Faculty and staff get first crack at enrollment; others will be admitted if there is room. Note to beginners: Be sure to replace all divots in the multipurpose room.

AOP Offers Positions

Peer counselors and tutors are needed for the Academic Opportunity Program's Summer Institute. Benefits include good pay and work experience.

Interested students should pick up an application and job description in 375 West Vandenberg by March 18. Call 370-3262 for details.

Library Adds Resource

Kresge Library now has the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature and it is accessible through the LUIS electronic catalog.

The CINAHL is updated monthly and contains citations to journal articles, health-care books, dissertations, selected conference proceedings and standards of professional practices. On-line coverage is from 1983 to date and it contains abstracts.

To reach CINAHL, type "STA" to get you to the menu, then "CNHL." You will be asked for your social security number, which when entered (without hyphens) will allow you to use CINAHL. Users can reach the CINAHL index through LUIS via the MERIT computer network, if dialing with a modem.

The same search keys apply as in regular LUIS search, such as "a" for author, etc. For more details, call Frank Lepkowski (370-2497), Richard Pettengill (370-2490) or Millie Merz (370-2457).

Reduced Hours for Break

While the students are away, the staff on hand will ... eat less.

Dining service during winter break will be reduced, thereby increasing your chances of sticking to your diet. Sweet Sensations and J.W.'s in the Oakland Center will curtail hours. Sweet Sensations will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. February 26 and from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. February 27. J.W.'s will be open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. February 28-March 4. Both eateries will be closed March 5-6.

Departments Present Lectures

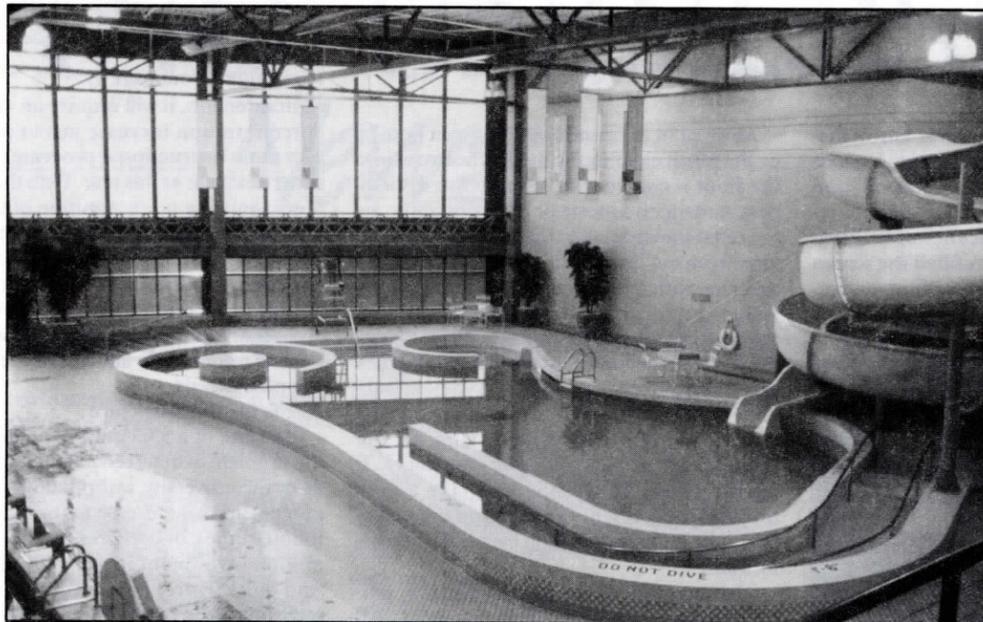
Guest lecturers from American University and Tulane University will speak to the university community in March.

Professor Terence Murphy of American University in Washington, D.C., will speak on *Some Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Suicide*. His talk will begin at 1:30 p.m. March 11 in 204 O'Dowd Hall. Murphy has published several articles on various aspects of British social and cultural history. He has also coauthored *Sleepless Souls: Suicide in England, 1500-1800*, published in 1990 by Oxford University Press.

Murphy's visit is sponsored by the Department of History with assistance from the Departments of Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology.

At noon March 25 in 118 NFH, Professor David Herrmann of Tulane University will talk about *Crisis Decision-Making and the Origins of the First World War: Mentalities in an Armaments Race, 1904-1914*. Herrmann's book, *The Balance of Military Power in Europe, 1904-1914*, will be published this year by Princeton University Press. During 1992-93, Herrmann was a fellow at Harvard University's Institute for Strategic Studies, Center for International Affairs. The professor's talk is the annual lecture of the Department of History.

A discussion will follow both lectures. For information, call 370-3510.



The University of Toledo recreation center includes a pool area suitable for more than just swimming.

Opinion Please: Have a Say on Rec Center

A feasibility study to determine what kind of recreation facility could be supported on campus will be conducted during the next three months by a Washington, D.C., consulting firm.

The administration has hired Brailsford & Associates to conduct the study, which will include a survey to determine user needs, a cost analysis, a site analysis and other issues related to the proposed recreation center.

Representatives of the consulting firm plan to attend the March 3 Board of Trustees meeting to outline their plans. David Herman, acting vice president for student affairs, also

plans to show slides of recreation centers in use at other universities in the Midwest.

Herman has shown the slides to more than 500 students, staff members and alumni. The response has been "very positive," Herman said. The administration wants as many individuals to see the slides as possible, and to fill out comment cards to express their opinions. (You may also use the form below.)

No decision has yet been made to construct a new building or to renovate and expand Lepley Sports Center. The discussion has focused on a recreation center that could include convocation-type seating for special

events. An improved facility is, however, among the university's 1992-94 goals.

A decision to go forward will be up to the board, which would authorize President Sandra Packard and the administration to move ahead with requests for architectural plans and the sale of bonds to finance the construction.

Facilities at other institutions in Michigan and northern Ohio have been studied as a model for Oakland's recreation center. The University of Toledo, which has a facility considered to be a model for others, built its facility three years ago for approximately \$17 million. A facility at Oakland would be aimed at both recreational and intercollegiate athletic use. Preliminary estimates are the project would be in the \$20 million range.

Membership fees from students and others who use the facilities would pay the construction bonds and operating expenses. A prime reason for developing the recreation center would be its affect on improving campus life for the entire university community.

When the 74,000-square-foot Lepley Sports Center opened in 1963, the university had approximately 1,500 students. It was intended strictly for recreation; the university did not have intercollegiate athletic programs then. Now, the university has approximately 13,000 students. Fifteen intramural programs and 12 NCAA Division II athletic programs are based at Lepley, which lacks a running track and other facilities for aerobic exercise. When athletic teams are practicing or in competition, the building is unavailable for general student recreation.▼

Name _____ SS No. (students only) _____

University status: Faculty Staff Student Alumnus President's Club

If you are a student, are you a Fr So Jr Sr Grad Other

Your age: 17-22 23-28 29-34 35-40 40+

Check all that apply:

I support the construction of a student-fee-funded recreation/athletic center

I do not support the construction of a student-fee-funded recreation/athletic center

I am willing to help build support for the new recreation/athletic center

List the activities you would like to see in the center (in priority order):

1. _____ 4. _____ 7. _____

2. _____ 5. _____ 8. _____

3. _____ 6. _____ 9. _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Fill out only one form to avoid duplicated responses. Return this form to 157 NFH.

Report of the Task force on Graduate Education

This is another in a series culled from the November 1 reports of the Strategic Planning Task Forces. Complete copies of all the reports are available for inspection at Kresge Library.

The Task Force on Graduate Education charge was to "plan for the advancement of graduate education, including the development of a prioritized list of new programs and ways to serve a diverse student population."

The task force found that in many respects the present graduate programs encompass the wide range of programs characteristic of a comprehensive university. The programs serve a diverse group of majority and minority students, among whom are full- and part-time students, professionals seeking further skills and qualifications, traditional and nontraditional as well as local and international students. These programs and the students they serve represent an essential component that distinguishes Oakland from other local and regional institutions.

The task force strategic recommendations (abbreviated for space reasons) follow:

- The pay level for master's and Ph.D. stipends should be substantially increased, and the number of stipends available should be increased significantly.
- Tuition awards accompanying stipends should cover tuition for the minimum number of hours required for completion of a program. Oakland should also provide tuition awards for students supported by external grants that generate overhead for the university. Oakland should also provide additional assistantships to departments on a matching basis for each assistantship that is funded from an external grant. Monies for matching stipends should come from overhead produced by external grants and priority for the awarding of these matching

stipends should be given to grants that generate overhead. The task force also recommends that Oakland also provide special tuition awards not associated with stipends. These special tuition awards would be granted on the basis of merit to promising students who did not receive a stipend, were ineligible to receive a stipend because they worked part time, or received a stipend from a grant that did not generate overhead for the university.

- Upon implementing recommended increases in stipend levels and numbers of stipends, Oakland should vigorously publicize both its new and previously existing graduate programs.
- Oakland should increase its library resources in those areas with graduate programs, and in particular, those areas with Ph.D. programs.
- Oakland should increase its efforts to attract and retain minority students.
- For initiating new graduate programs, Oakland should focus primarily on those programs that involve collaboration between disciplines or between Oakland and other institutions. These collaborative programs should be innovative programs that do not directly compete with surrounding institutions that have superior resources.
- Each Oakland graduate program should examine its clientele and its schedule of graduate course offerings to determine if it should and can offer more graduate courses in the evening, on Saturdays, or off campus (including on site) to accommodate those students who have day jobs.
- Budgeting, review and planning processes for graduate programs should include both the costs and the benefits associated with each program, as well as assessments of the quality and distinction of each program.

The task force tactical recommendations (abbreviated for space reasons) follow:

- New programs: Ph.D. in applied mathematical statistics, M.S. in physical therapy, and a Ph.D. in early childhood education.
- Informal proposals: study feasibility of an M.A. in training and development, an M.S. in science education, an M.S. in software engineering, a Ph.D. in computer science and an M.S. in accounting; form a committee to examine interest and feasibility of a Ph.D. in administrative sciences; form a committee to examine the feasibility of a Ph.D. in applied physics; and study the feasibility of developing an M.S. in information management. The task force reported it did not have sufficient data to analyze a proposal for an M.S. in industrial health and safety, and the task force recommends the university not give serious consideration to establishing a law school unless substantial resources from outside the university are identified. The task force was also concerned with the need, at the state and national level, for another law school. The task force was also concerned about the control of quality in the program should the program involve collaboration with another institution.
- Expansion or strengthening existing programs: Expand the M.A. in counseling; strengthen the Ph.D. and M.A.T. programs in reading; have the Department of Biological Sciences and the Eye Research Institute collaborate more extensively to strengthen the M.S. in biology and enrollment in it be expanded; expand the Master of Physical Therapy program; strengthen the Ph.D. in biomedical sciences; medical physics; expand the M.Ed. in early childhood; study the feasibility of an M.B.A. with environmental management concentration.▼

A Student Perspective

Tombstone, a glorious release at movie theatres, relives the adventures of western legends Wyatt Earp, portrayed by Kurt Russell, and Doc Holiday (Val Kilmer) as they fight to restore order in the lands. Scenes of brilliant sunsets and staged gunfights filled the screen with blazing colors and smoking shotgun barrels as our heroes gallantly rode through fields of swaying grains. This was the Old West, as perfect as can be — a tale of beauty, justice, romance and the cowboys...

Although a wonderful film, *Tombstone*, like many of its rivals — including the Academy Award-winning *The Unforgiven*, with Clint Eastwood, enchants its audience with drama and spectacle. The films of historical value, based on the life events of actual persons, provide the spectator with an inspiration perhaps to face the real world for a day or two.

I do not wish to destroy that illusion but, it simply wasn't that easy or welcome to the real people who lived then. A gunman's jealousy, disease and hungry animals were just a few of Death's servants. The heat of the sun scarred the cowhands with the touch of golden fire, and the stench of animal carcasses and human wastes filled the atmosphere with a most pungent blessing. Hollywood films cater to the entertainment of their audience and therefore cannot afford to place such realities within the productions. However, we mustn't forget these truths either, for they are building blocks of tomorrow's history.

Survival is indeed a key element of society's progress. Relatives and their friends who traveled the lands before us sought a new life, a better home one than that which they left behind. Explorers from the earliest days sought something to improve their lives: a new government, new land, different faces, different occupations; and so begins an infinite list of desired changes.



Gifford

As we sit in the comfort of our own homes, or the plush chair at the movie theatre where the floor is coated with an undefined stickiness, and watch a movie or television show, we are often transported to that imaginary world, away from our own troubled one. I am not disagreeing with this concept, but merely asking you to recognize the drives we receive from the inspirations of past events. Following a show, if you feel uplifted, jump up and dance with your husband or wife ... If you feel saddened, release the tears and curl up to a window, looking out and reflecting on the thoughts as the tears roll down your cheek. If nothing else, go outside and take a walk through the forest or even around the neighborhood, and reminisce on events flashed before you.

Although quite ironic, yet very true, perhaps it was said best when written: "All America lies at the end of the wilderness road, and our past is not a dead past, but still lives in us. Our forefathers had civilization inside themselves, the wild outside. We live in the civilization they created, but within us the wilderness still lingers. What they dreamed, we live, and what they lived, we dream." — T.K. Whipple, *Study Out the Land*

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right direction, it will require an additional 8 percent tuition increase just to provide the very same instructional programs to the students next year as this year. With this scenario, there would be no recognition of the need to improve and change to external demands, no additional assistance to retain and encourage the under-represented student, no new technology to accommodate extended learning and advances in teaching and research, and no new resources to address our serious campus plant needs.

Needs for Infrastructure

"In spite of a \$3.5 million commitment to the problem of deferred maintenance in 1993-94 by the university, without building in an 11 percent annual increase to the base, the institution cannot, by itself, rescue the state's \$158 million investment in our campus facilities. And these figures do not address contracted wage increases, and growing health care costs and retirement obligations.

"Even if we got a 5 percent increase, we would need to raise our tuition by 5 percent just to stay where we are. We must find a way to move forward, to fund the technology infrastructure absent on our campus that so many other campuses have, to hold the line on plant deterioration. We must find a way to move forward, to provide a better learning experience to meet societal needs, to correct sagging infrastructure and to maximize the efficiency of the human resources, by making them more efficient through technology.

"I repeat, a small step in the right direction

has been offered, especially after the steady erosion through inflation of the past few years is a positive change, but must be recognized in the context of where we have been, where we are, and what the future holds for Michigan's students."▼

Research Committee Distributes Funding

Eight students and a faculty member have received University Research Committee awards to carry out projects and attend a conference.

The Alumni Association provides the funding. Undergraduate awards are limited to \$300 each, and graduate student awards to \$500 each. Conference support is provided up to \$3,000. Recipients of 1993-94 funding are:

Undergraduate Student Grants

- Jodi Burwell, biological sciences, \$300 for *The Effects of Corticosteroid Therapy on 'Brugia malayi' Infected Birds.*
- Sarah Cloyd, sociology and anthropology, \$270 for *The African-American Church and Welfare in Pontiac, Michigan.*
- Christina Moore, art history, \$300 for *The Brace Collection.*
- Kurt Ludwig, biological sciences, \$150 for *Growth Factor-Induced Angiogenesis in Mesenteric Organ Culture.*
- Koushik Nag, biological sciences, \$150 for *Hormone Dependent Transformation of Chicken Oviduct Progesterone Receptor.*
- Mary Witcher, biological sciences, \$150 for *Postnatal Angiogenesis in Rat Retina.*

Graduate Student Grants

- Sandhyarani Kodali, biological sciences, \$500 for *Regulation of Proliferation of Human Breast Cancer Cells by o-phenanthroline.*
- Kathleen Schmitz, biological sciences, \$500 for *Recombinant 'Brugia malayi' Collagen as a Potential Vaccine for Lymphatic Filariasis.*

Alumni Conference Support

- Jacqueline Scherer, sociology and anthropology, \$2,745 for *Issues in Children's Rights for the Nineties.*▼

Alumni Office Needs Leads on Volunteers

The Alumni Relations Office and the Alumni Association would like your help in identifying prospective volunteers.

According to Jill Dunphy, director of alumni relations, alumni with a genuine interest in the university are needed. Volunteer experience of any kind, but especially in special events planning, marketing or fund raising, would be helpful. Persons with demonstrated leadership ability would be a plus.

Areas targeted for alumni volunteers in-

clude, but are not limited to, academic advisory and service groups, admissions ambassadors, alumni leadership positions, athletics, campus fix-up and cleanup, continuing education, fund raising, support of the Meadow Brooks, mentoring, orientation, the Oakland University Foundation, career advising and co-op positions, public affairs and lobbying, special events, student organization advisers and young alumni activities.

To make a referral, call the Alumni Relations Office at 370-2158.▼

Events

Persons with disabilities who need special assistance to attend any of the events listed should call the sponsoring unit, or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 370-3496.

FEBRUARY

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. 370-3140.

Through-March 6 — Play, *You Never Can Tell*, at Meadow Brook Theatre. Times vary. Admission. 370-3300.

20-April 3 — Exhibition, *University Collection and New Acquisitions*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Free. Hours vary. 370-3005.

MARCH

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. 370-3140.

2 — Workshop, *AIDS/HIV: Plain Talk for Ordinary People*, 7-9:30 p.m., Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute. Admission. Register by February 28. 370-3033.

8 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Free. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

10 — TIAA/CREF retirement counselor, by appointment. Sponsored by Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483.

11 — Lecture by Terence Murphy, *Some Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Suicide*, 1:30 p.m., 204 O'Dowd Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of History with assistance from the Departments of Psychology, and Sociology and Anthropology. 370-3510.

11 — Oakland University Concert Band Spring Concert, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

12 — Utica schools engineering design contest, hosted by the School of Engineering and Com-

puter Science, 208 Dodge Hall. Sponsored by the SECS and its alumni affiliate. 370-2158.

15 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Free. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

17-April 10 — Play, *The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln*, at Meadow Brook Theatre. Times vary. Admission. 370-3300.

18-20 and 25-27 — Play, *A Little Night Music*, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

22 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Free. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

24 — Afram Jazz Ensemble, *Jelly's Last Jam*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

25 — Lecture by David Herrmann, *Crisis Decision-Making and the Origins of the First World War: Mentalities in an Armaments Race, 1904-1914*, noon, 118 NFH. Free. Sponsored by Department of History. 370-3510.

25 — OU Community Chorus Spring Concert, 8 p.m., site to be announced. Admission. 370-3013.

26 — Saturday Fun for Kids Series with the International Puppet Place, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

26 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Ferris State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

29 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Free. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

31 — Vocal Jazz Ensemble, *Jazz Highlights*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department

of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

APRIL

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

1 — Pontiac Oakland Symphony concert, *Season Finale*, 8 p.m., Strand Theatre, Pontiac. Admission. 370-3103.

1-2 — Play, *A Little Night Music*, 8 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

3 — Easter buffet at Meadow Brook Hall, noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Reservations required. 370-4577.

3 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Northwood Institute, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

5 — Lecture by Jean Kilbourne, *The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women*, 2:30 p.m., Oakland Center Crockery. Admission. Sponsored by Student Life Lecture Board, University Student Congress and Student Program Board. 370-2020.

10 — TIAA/CREF retirement counselor, by appointment. Sponsored by Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483.

8 — Men's baseball with Calvin College, 4 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

8-9 — Meadow Brook Estate, *Spring Spectacular*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

12 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Ashland College, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

13 — Fidelity Investments retirement counselor, by appointment. Sponsored by Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483.

13 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Michigan Christian College, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

15 — Oakland Chorale and University Chorus Spring Concert, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Ad-

mission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

15-17 — Oakland Dance Theatre Spring Concert, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Varner Studio Theatre. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

16 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Wayne State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

17-May 15 — Exhibition, *Michigan Artists*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Free. Hours vary. 370-3005.

19 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Wayne State University, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

22 — Luncheon on the Aisle, 11:30 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. RSVP by April 12. 370-3316.

23 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Grand Valley State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

24 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Saginaw Valley State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

24-May 15 — Play, *Broadway Bound*, at Meadow Brook Theatre. Times vary. Admission. Call 370-3300.

MAY

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

3 — TIAA/CREF retirement counselor, by appointment. Sponsored by Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483.

7 — Saturday Fun for Kids Series with singers Cathy Fink and Marcy Marner, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3000.

7 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Hillsdale College, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

8 — Mother's Day dinner at Meadow Brook Hall, noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Reservations required. 370-4577.

JUNE

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

6-7 — Gehringer Golf Classic, all day, Katke-Cousins Golf Course and Meadow Brook Hall. Reservations required. Admission. 370-3140.

10-12 — Meadow Brook Landscaping and Garden Show, all day, Meadow Brook Hall. Sponsored by MBH and the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association. 370-3140.

18-19 — Meadow Brook Art Gallery Art Fair. Admission. Hours vary. 370-3005.

JULY

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

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