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Oakland Shares \$5 Million Grant to Help Minorities in Science, Math, Engineering

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$5 million to a partnership of six metropolitan Detroit area universities — including Oakland — for increasing the number of minority students receiving undergraduate degrees in science, engineering and mathematics.

The partnership, called the Metropolitan Detroit Alliance for Minority Participation (MDAMP), includes Oakland and Lawrence Technological, Madonna and Wayne State universities, the University of Detroit Mercy and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

MDAMP was established to address the problem of under-representation of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans in the hard sciences, to increase the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to these minority student groups and to enhance the quality of their undergraduate experience.

About 20 percent of the 70,000 students enrolled in the MDAMP institutions are minorities. The alliance plans to quadruple to more than 700 the number of minority bachelor's degree recipients in science, engineering and math by the end of the decade, and to see at least 200 of those go on to the graduate level.

Among initiatives the universities will use to accomplish their objectives are stepping up efforts to recruit minorities into the target programs, establishing new scholarship programs, holding special summer workshops for community college transfer students and high school teachers, holding career days and developing cultural diversity workshops for university faculty who will serve as mentors.

The partners will rotate host responsibilities for annual seminars that will feature student research programs and guest speakers, and forge special links with area schools and businesses.

A recent report by the National Research Council shows that only 8.3 percent of all Doc-

tor of Philosophy degrees awarded in 1993 to U.S. citizens and permanent residents went to African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans. Under-representation of these groups is especially pronounced in engineering and the physical sciences, where they accounted for only 1.7 percent of the Ph.D.s awarded.

Each institution developed its own proposal which became part of the larger proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation, according to Virginia Allen, assistant vice president of academic affairs, who wrote Oakland's proposal along with co-investigator Bushan Bhatt, associate dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science.▼

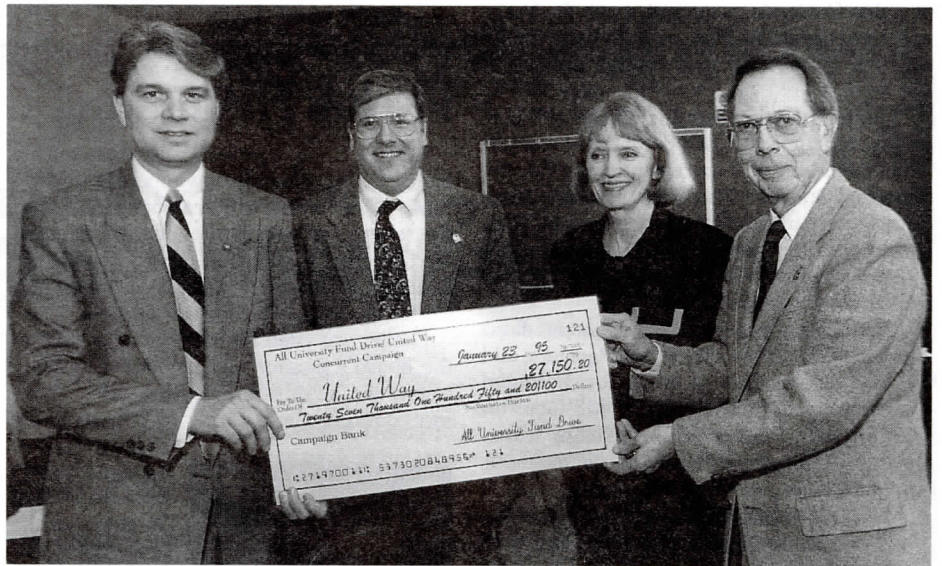
Gerrits Appointed General Counsel

After an extensive search involving more than 50 applicants, Susan Gerrits has been appointed general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees, effective February 2.

Gerrits joined Oakland University as a staff attorney in 1989 and within five years worked her way up to acting general counsel, a position she has held since February, 1994.

Gerrits graduated Summa Cum Laude from both Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science and philosophy, and the University of Virginia-Charlottesville, where she earned a master of arts in elementary education. She received her doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Michigan.

She will be responsible for all legal representation of the Board of Trustees and the university and supervise a team of seven staff members.▼



Oakland Gives in a Big Way: University employees contributed \$27,150.20 to the United Way campaign. Dave Herman and Margo King, co-chairs of the drive, presented United Way's Tom Laing and Randy Rosebush with a ceremonial check at the closing ceremonies January 23.

Fund Drives Bring Great Results

With record-setting participation, faculty and staff contributed \$56,976 to the fall segment of the All University Fund Drive, a 53 percent increase over the previous year. A total of 272 employees participated in the drive, an increase of 42 percent over the last campaign.

The United Way portion of the campaign reported a total of \$27,150, a 59 percent increase over the previous campaign. Employee participation also increased, up 42 percent, with a total of 250 faculty and staff contributing. The money will help fund more than 149 areas of need for the United Way.

The solicitation for the campaigns ran concurrently and were led by co-chairs Dave Herman and Margo King with campaign executives Bill Macauley, Pat Nicosia, Jerry Compton, Pam Acheson and Barb Theisen. Leaders included Pam Marin, the only person to have 100 percent participation from her group of solicitors, and Sharon Muir, Glenn Jackson and Pam Acheson, who were also very successful.

The fall segment of the All University Fund Drive represents only a portion of the total giving from the faculty and staff to Oakland University. Last year, 360 faculty and staff demonstrated their commitment to the university by contributing a total of \$126,739.

Faculty and staff give to Oakland University throughout the entire year through a variety of different projects, according to Pam Acheson, director of development. "In addition to money donated during the fall All University Fund Drive, faculty and staff give their memberships

in the President's Club, their own school or department telefund or direct mail projects, and through the creation of bequests," says Acheson. "Several members of our community have created endowments through planned gifts as well. This year's All University Fund Drive totals have generated an exceptional start for our faculty and staff fundraising efforts. We anticipate a record-setting year."▼



United Way

Candidates Being Sought to Serve on Presidential Search Advisory Committee

A presidential search advisory committee composed of three trustees and eight university representatives will select the semi-finalists for Oakland's next president.

Nominations are being sought by February 24 for the eight university representatives who will "organize and promote a vigorous search," interview and select the semi-finalists.

The committee, authorized by the Board of Trustees at its February 2 meeting, will be chaired by Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr., and be composed of Trustees Ann Nicholson and James Sharp, Jr., with two faculty members and one representative each from the AP employee group, academic deans, non-AAUP bargained-for employees, students, alumni and the Oakland University Foundation. The board added a second faculty seat to the committee after hearing support from various university employees for the need to increase the number of faculty members.

"I believe we should immediately convene the process and try to have a new president on board by the beginning of the academic year," said Schlaybaugh.

The advisory committee will use the services of Spencer Stuart, a national search consulting firm chosen by the board to assist in the search. The company was selected from among four finalists screened by a special three-trustee committee.

"All four consultants said they believed we were entering the market at a very good time,"

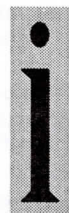
said Schlaybaugh, "and believed that we could have a very good president in place by August."

As a guide to identifying the university's next president, the presidential search advisory committee will follow a "qualifications and competencies" document approved by the board and revised somewhat from the document adopted for the last presidential search. Schlaybaugh said the board "modernized" the document "to recognize the Strategic Plan and the significant capital plans underway" on campus that were not present during the last search, three years ago.▼



Educating Oakland on Sexual Orientation

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance, in cooperation with the Office of Student Affairs, presented an open forum February 1 on some of the legal and educational issues surrounding the possible inclusion of a "sexual orientation" clause in Oakland's equal opportunity policy. The alliance, a student group, has been lobbying university administration to include a clause of nondiscrimination of gays, lesbians and bisexuals. Guest speakers at the forum included Eileen Jennings, the general counsel for Central Michigan University, which has a nondiscrimination clause for registered student groups except for religious student groups; Jeffrey Montgomery (above), president of the Triangle Foundation, an organization established to fight anti-gay and lesbian violence, who said "universities are the vanguard of modern thought and should be leaders in protecting gay and lesbian rights"; Brian Cullen of the Michigan Campaign for Human Dignity and Affirmations, who said that eight U.S. states have successfully passed ballot initiatives to make sexual orientation discrimination unconstitutional; and Ronnie Sanlow, director of lesbian, gay and bisexual student services at the University of Michigan, which revised its equal opportunity policy in 1993 to include sexual orientation.



Oakland University Insight

The university community is invited to hear a presentation on Oakland University at the next OU Insight information session. Interim President Gary Russi will present *Oakland University Update* on February 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Coffee, tea and table seating will be provided.

Department of Education Grant Helps OU, Pontiac Schools Increase Math Skills

Increased math skills for kindergarten through grade two students in 12 Pontiac elementary schools is the goal of an Oakland University-Pontiac Schools "Beginning School Mathematics" (BSM) initiative.

The university has received a \$46,193 Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Higher Education Competitive Grant to continue assisting the Pontiac Schools in implementing BSM in their elementary classes. The award to Oakland was made through the Michigan Department of Education and was one of only five granted for mathematics projects in the state.

"Our cooperation with the university is benefiting our students," says Betty Davis, assistant superintendent of curriculum in the Pontiac Schools. "Our MEAP scores in several schools participating in the project increased by 10 or more percentage points. BSM brings our mathematics program into alignment with the state and national standards."

Don Miller, professor of education and director of the OU Institute for Action Research, said the Eisenhower Grant provides for continued assistance by the university that will focus on working with Pontiac school teacher teams through training sessions, workshops, in-school seminars, team meetings and summer study.

Miller added that the emphasis will be on the standards for mathematics content and processes of the Michigan Essential Goal and Objectives for Mathematics Education and tested by the MEAP assessments.

"I know of no other program that correlates to state guidelines as closely as the BSM," said Charles Allan, mathematics consultant for the Michigan Department of Education.

The BSM approach emphasizes active learning and independent work by students, with key learning in problem-solving, reasoning and logical analysis as well as the usual skills of com-

putation and number facts.

"The new standards for mathematics include greater attention to measurement, geometry, estimation, and computers and calculators," says Miller. "Students in BSM classrooms are engaged with a wide variety of challenging and interesting tasks and materials that call for children to be cooperative and responsible. Many teachers are reporting that students now really enjoy mathematics and express self-confidence by saying 'I can do math!'" ▼

Fischer Honored

Andrea L. Fischer, university trustee from January, 1991, when she was appointed by Governor John Engler, to December 1994, when she resigned to assume the office of regent at the University of Michigan, was honored by the Oakland Board of Trustees and designated trustee emerita at its February meeting.

Fischer was cited for serving as member of the board's finance and personnel advisory committee, chair of the university affairs advisory committee, and for her help in obtaining the \$39 million commitment from the State of Michigan for the new science and engineering complex.



Fischer

Call for Nominations for the 1995 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee is accepting nominations for the 1995 Teaching Excellence Award.

One award will be made for the academic year 1994-95 to a fulltime tenured/tenure track member of the Oakland University faculty. Nominations may be made by any member of the university community, including faculty, staff, students and alumni. A letter of nomination should include sufficient supporting statements to permit an initial review of the nominee. (Previous Teaching Excellence Award winners and current members of the Teaching and Learning Committee are not eligible for nomination.)

Examples of bases on which faculty might be nominated include: superior classroom performance; innovative instructional practice; high educational standards; or maintenance of a productive or inspirational learning environment. Nominees and chairs of nominees' departments will be contacted by the committee and asked to provide additional information.

An award of \$2,500 will be presented to the award recipient at the all-university convocation in the fall.

Nominations must be received by March 15 by Stacey Hahn, Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Modern languages, 418 Wilson Hall.

Call for Proposals for the 1995 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee invites the Oakland University faculty to apply for grants in educational development.

Funding may be requested for projects whose primary purpose involves one or more of the following: development and/or use of new teaching techniques; developing a new instructional approach; faculty development related to curricular responsibilities; investigation of a teaching/learning problem; or evaluation of a method of teaching.

The total amount available to fund all such grants is expected to be no more than \$3,500. Individual awards will normally not exceed \$1,000.

Proposals must be received by March 8. For further information, contact Diane Wilson, nursing, 437 O'Dowd, 370-4483, wilson@vela.acs.oakland.edu.

THE CAMPUS REGISTER

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: billingt@vela.acs.oakland.edu

Kristine Condic and **Frank Lepkowski**, Kresge Library, authored a paper, *Attitudes of Academic Librarians Toward CD-ROM Indexes and Print Cancellation*, which was published in the fall 1994 issue of RQ.

Indra David, Kresge Library, is the co-author of *Librarians in Transition: Profiles on the Strong Interest Inventory*, a chapter in *Discovering Librarians: Profiles of a Profession*, edited by Mary Jane Scherdin and published recently by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. She was also successful in acquiring a sophisticated laser quality computerized fax machine, ARIEL, for the interloan unit of Kresge Library.

Geff Brieger, chemistry, gave a lecture on *Postcards and Local History* to the Birmingham Historical Society.

The City Council of the City of Detroit invited **A.R. Liboff**, physics, to discuss the pub-

lic health aspects involved in citing cellular/radio antenna towers. Testifying before the council on January 12, Liboff reviewed the present state of knowledge concerning health hazards connected to the use of cellular telephones and antennas in the 800-900 MHz frequency range. Also testifying were representatives of Powerfone, Inc, Cellular One and Ameritech Mobile.

Christina L. Sieloff, nursing, will be chairing a task force for the American Nurses' Association which will generate a document regarding the scope and standards of acute care nursing practice at the generalist level. Sieloff is currently the chairperson of the American Nurses' Association Council for Acute Care Nursing Practice.

Susan Wood, art and art history, presented the paper *Sisters and Mothers of Tyrants: The Case of Agrippina II, Drusilla, and Livilla*, at the 1994 annual meetings of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philosophical Association in a special joint session entitled "Rethinking Nero's Legacy: New Perspectives on Neronian Art, Literature, and History."

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research has relocated to 520 O'Dowd Hall. Stop in to visit the staff and obtain assistance with the external proposal development process. The following funding opportunities include sponsor contact information and submission deadlines. You may contact sponsors directly or request assistance from Information Specialist Pat Beaver at 370-4116.

IREX Special Projects in the Study of Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia

The International Research and Exchanges Board supports collaborative, creative formats to develop American academic and policy specialists and advance public, cultural, and historic knowledge on the Central and East European and Eurasian regions; to address contemporary policy questions through basic and applied research; and to expose specialists from these regions to international approaches in the humanities and social sciences. The submission deadline is March 1, 1995. Application forms and guidelines are available from the sponsor, (202)628-8188.

Humanities Projects in Media

The National Endowment for the Humanities provides support for media projects (including film, television, and radio) that examine the disciplines of the humanities. The projects supported should present important work in scholarship and learning in the humanities, and should engage the public in critical analysis and interpretation. Projects must involve collaboration between scholars of the humanities and experienced producers, directors, and writers. Planning, scripting, and production awards are offered. Eligible applicants are nonprofit, tax-exempt entities. The sponsor will consider projects that are to be developed in conjunction with non-U.S. groups, provided that Americans are centrally involved in the development and production of such projects. Early contact with the sponsor is encouraged. Application guidelines and forms are available from the National Endowment for the Humanities, (202)606-8278. The next application deadline is March 10, 1995.

Instructional Materials Development

The National Science Foundation provides support for a wide range of projects designed to provide new and improved materials and strategies that can help to increase the quality of, and continuously renew, the nation's educational resources in mathematics, science, and technology. Projects should be designed for the success of all students, regardless of background or ability. They should promote students' positive attitudes towards science, mathematics, and technology, as well as positive perceptions of themselves as learners. Preliminary proposals are due March 15, 1995 and September 15, 1995. Full proposals are due May 15, 1995 and November 15, 1995.

Application forms and guidelines are available from the sponsor, (703)306-1614.

Cooperative Research Grants for Librarians and Faculty Members

Grants of up to \$4,000 support research projects proposed jointly by librarians of academic or research libraries and members of faculties in library science. Cooperative research grants are given for carefully developed proposals that exhibit an imaginative approach to solving problems or analyzing subjects of current interest in libraries. In the past, funds

have been provided for such studies as analytical studies of costs, incorporation of nonprint resource, evaluation of services, assessment of cooperative programs, and experimental technology applications. The sponsor's current announced program areas include human resources, economics, infrastructure, and access and processing. Grants are awarded twice each year, in the spring and fall. The deadline dates of April 1, 1995 and November 1, 1995 generally remain the same each year. Proposals should be in the form of a letter. Application guidelines are available from the Cooperative Research Program, (202)483-7474.

Jobs

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

- Network operations analyst, Office of Computer Services, electronic systems operations AP-8
- Groundskeeper III, Campus Facilities and Operations, AFSCME
- Executive director, Meadow Brook Hall, miscellaneous
- Academic adviser, School of Education and Human Services, HRD, AP-6
- Scientific program analyst II, Academic Computing Services, AP-8
- Presentation production coordinator, Instructional Technology Center, AP-4
- Training & network support coordinator, OTUS, AP-5
- Director of Athletics, contract position
- Affirmative action administrator, casual (part-time) Office of Minority Equity
- Senior Systems Analyst, OCIS, AP-11
- Executive Secretary, University Relations, annual giving, C-8
- Assistant golf pro, Golf Course, miscellaneous
- Secretary, Academic Affairs, casual (part-time)



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QUOTE

"Differences challenge assumptions."
— Anne Wilson Schaefer

BITS & PIECES

How Are We Doing?

The university community is invited to participate in a brown bag luncheon/open discussion February 21 on the status of women at Oakland, sponsored by OU's ACE-NIP chapter. Featured guests will be Michael Polis, dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, and Ron Olson, dean of the School of Health Sciences. Liz Barclay, business administration, will moderate. The event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in 128-130 Oakland Annex of the OC. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Reservations must be made by February 16 to Nancy Schmitz, 370-3245.

Try Out Kresge's Health CD-ROM

Through the month of February, Kresge Library will have on trial the Health Reference Center, a CD-ROM database containing full-text articles from 100 health-related periodicals, complete indexing of 150 additional health related periodicals, and indexing and full-text of *Mosby's Medical and Nursing Dictionary*, the *Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Complete Home Medical Guide*, and others. Faculty and staff are invited to stop by and try it out. Call 370-2469 for an appointment, or ask for further information at the Kresge Library Reference Desk. Those who have a chance to use the database are asked to send feedback to Kris Condic at the number above, or E-mail her at salomon@oakland.edu.

A Stitch in Time

If you're handy with a needle and thread, the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance invites you to create quilt panels for its upcoming production and for the NAMES PROJECT AIDS Memorial Quilt. In March, the department will be presenting the play *Quilt: A Musical Celebration*, based on stories for, from and about the quilt — now the size of 16 football fields and ever-growing — that memorializes loved ones who have died of AIDS. Cast and crew of the play are meeting Monday evenings through March 6 to create quilt panels that will be used in the performance, as well as personal panels that will be sent to the NAMES PROJECT in San Francisco. Sewing gets underway at 6:30 p.m. in 133 Varner. For details, call Michael Gillespie, theatre coordinator, at 370-3023.

Turn Pro in Six Weeks

The Athletic Department is offering golf classes for beginners and intermediate players beginning in March. Classes will be limited to 15 golfers per session, run for six-weeks and will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for beginners and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for intermediate golfers. Cost for either class is \$20 per person and instruction tees off in Multipurpose Room 1 of Lepley. Registration deadline is February 27. For more information, call the Athletics Department at 370-3190.

Discount Tix for Comedy at Fisher

Discounted tickets are available for the 7:30 p.m. March 12 Fisher Theatre production of *The Sisters Rosensweig*, a comedy by Tony and Pulitzer prize-winning author, Wendy Wasserstein. Main floor tickets are \$26.25 (reg. \$37.50) and balcony seats are \$15.75 (reg. \$27.50). Tickets can be purchased by sending a check, payable to Pat Nicosia, to the Budget Office, 104 NFH. For more information, call Nicosia after hours at home, 375-0419.

Send in the Cards

Pat Bennett, academic adviser for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, is helping a child with terminal cancer fulfill the dream of setting a world record by collecting the most business cards. If you would like to offer your card, send it to Bennett at 159A Dodge Hall.

Home for Sale or Rent

A three-bedroom, two-bath ranch home is available for sale or rent in the Meadow Brook Subdivision. The house has 1,600 square feet of living area, with attached two-car garage and walkout basement. If interested, call Kate Lark at 370-4196.

Oakland is a Favorite Spot on the Information Superhighway

One of the most popular sites on the global computer network known as the Internet is right here at Oakland University — attracting close to two million users a month. And it's going to get even busier, thanks to America Online and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The OAK Software Repository or Oak Archive (oak.oakland.edu), is a computer host that offers more than 11,000 software packages that can be downloaded free of charge to anyone connected to the Information Superhighway. The software is free because it is considered to be either in the public domain or "share ware."

Accessible software is what makes the OAK Repository so popular. It is maintained as a public service by the university's Academic Computer Service, but serviced and continuously fed by the Coast to Coast Software Repository, Clarkston, Michigan. About 65,000 Internet users log on to the OAK Repository every day.

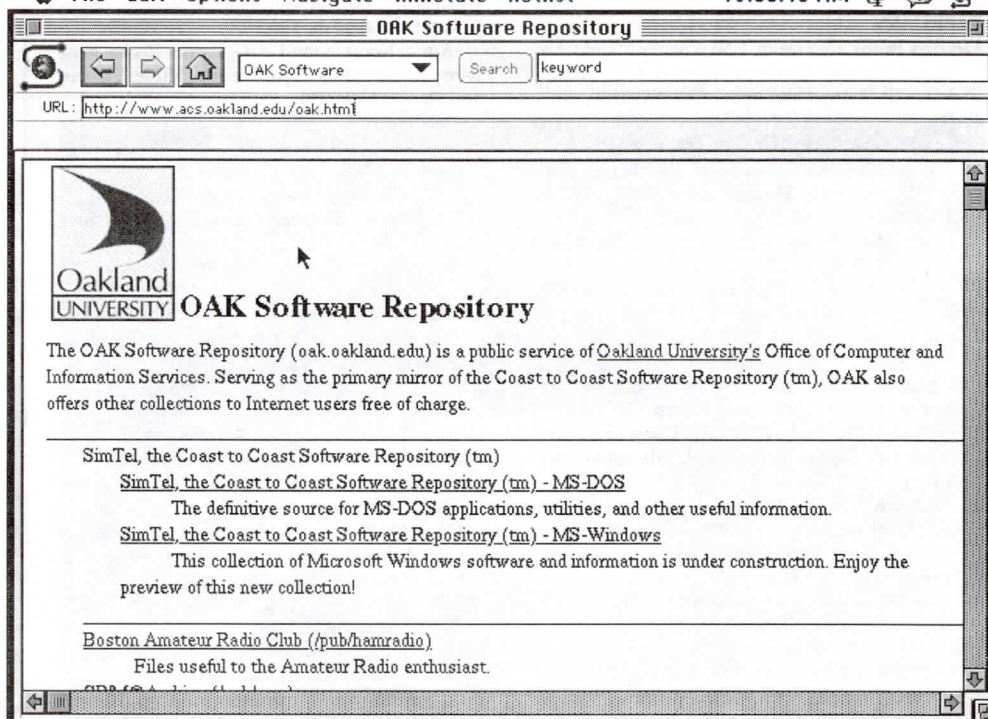
That figure is bound to go up even more, as America Online (AOL), one of the major commercial on-line computer services, builds its links to the Internet. AOL lists the Oak Repository as one of its featured sites in its FTP menu (file transfer protocol, a program that lets users download software from other computers on the Internet), giving its 1.5 million subscribers instant access to Oakland's host computer with the click of a button.

Oakland is also the second heaviest user of the Michigan Merit Network in the state, the primary regional network provider for educational institutions. The system links faculty, staff and students to 12 other MichNET member universities.

Because of Oakland's strong reputation among its Merit network sister universities and

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the world-wide presence of the OAK Repository, Oakland University has recently been chosen to serve as the hub of a Macomb-Oakland regional network that eventually will connect more than 175,000 students from the school districts and community colleges of Oakland and Macomb counties, according to Bill Connellan, associate vice president for academic affairs.

The Macomb-Oakland project, funded by a \$900,000 grant from the Michigan Public Service Commission, will enable the schools to access the Internet and communicate among each other and with OU.

"Information is going out to the general pub-

lic in a much bigger way than it ever has," says Connellan. "We happen to be at the right place at the right time, and we are continuing to look for opportunities to continue to do more."

A report outlining a vision for network development at Oakland has just been published by the network modeling committee, chaired by Ron Srodawa, engineering, and is available from the Office of Computer and Information Services. The report also outlines plans to get the remainder of the university campus wired to the fiber-based campus backbone network — a project estimated to take four to five years and about \$3 million to complete.▼

Plans for Student Athletic/Recreation Center on the Move

As the university fine tunes its wish list of facilities and services the new Student Recreation and Athletic Center will offer, the Board of Trustees has hired two firms to underwrite the issuance of bonds to fund the \$37 million project.

Lehman Brothers and Prudential Securities were chosen by the board at its February meeting to serve as senior co-managers to provide financial and underwriting services for the project. Each of the companies will receive a flat fee of \$4.80 selling commission per bond, which is "quite excellent" according to Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration. Bissonnette noted that the quoted bond commission is significantly less than last



Being True to Their School

Trustees David Fischer (left) and Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr. show off their true colors at the 11th annual Faculty/Staff Basketball Night February 2. Those who attended shared an evening of fun, fellowship, food and excitement. Those who didn't will have to wait until next year.

year's market price of \$10 or more.

When the bonds are marketed, expected sometime later this year, alumni and other friends of the university will be put on a "preferred purchase list" so they will have buying priority over the Michigan retail outlets in which they will be sold.

In conjunction with the selection of the financial underwriters, the board is now seeking credit ratings of an A+ or AAA which would permit an insured issue, according to Bissonnette, enabling the university to seek competitive bids from insurance companies. Insurance is like a "guaranteed credit enhancement" to the bond, according to Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr.

Meanwhile, a major draft of the architectural requirements book for the new center is being finalized by the recreation/athletics building advisory committee comprised of 20 campus representatives under the direction of Brailsford and Associates, Inc., of Washington, D.C., the consulting firm that also conducted the feasibility study last year.

The architectural requirements book is a "critical document" in the planning of the recreation center, according to Dave Herman, dean of students, who is on the committee.

"It is the document that will be given to the architects who will translate it into a design," Herman explained. "The better we do at saying what we want in the center, the more chance we will have of getting it."

"We're getting lots of input and there is a lot of give and take going on" among sports coaches, students and employees on the committee, he added. "We want as much input as possible before it is designed so that the design will reflect our needs."

The architectural requirements book will be presented to Brailsford & Associates later this month, Herman said. The company will then cost out all of the suggested requirements, which will be fine-tuned once again by the recreation/athletics building advisory committee before it is presented to the Board of Trustees later this spring.

Though additional studies (traffic, engineering and soil borings) are yet to be done, the Board has stated its preference for renovating

Lepley Center, rather than constructing a new, separate building.

As proposed by the advisory committee, the recreation center will have three main components: an athletic zone for varsity sports, a recreation zone and a "free zone" for offices, lounges and food service.▼

Recreation Center Planning and Construction Timeline

1995

- | Architectural Planning
- | Architectural Program Committee
- | Traffic Study
- | Engineering Study
- | Request for Proposals
- | Architectural Selection
- | Site Selection
- | Bond Issue

1996

- | Preliminary Design(s)
- | Design Approval
- | Detailed Drawings
- | Engineering

1997

- | Groundbreaking (late '96 or early '97)
- | Construction
- | Operation & Recreational Planning
- | Operational Budget

1998

- | Site Work
- | Project Completion
- | Occupancy (fall '98 or spring '99)
- | Fees Implemented

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. Call 370-3140.

14-March 5 — Play, *I Hate Hamlet*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

14 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

16 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

17 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

17 — Concert Band, *Rain Rhythm*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

19 — Pontiac Oakland Symphony, *Young Artists Concert*, 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. 370-3013.

20 — Oakland Insight Series with Interim President Gary Russi speaking on *Oakland University Update*, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room A. Free. Beverages provided.

21 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

22 — Brown Bag lunch/lecture, *Tax Tips*, featuring Barbara Theisen, noon, Oakland Center Rooms 128-130. Free. Sponsored by the Women of OU.

23 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

24 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

24 — Party, 1995 AP Association's "Ultimate Fringe Benefit," 5-7 p.m. Meadow Brook Hall. Admission for non-members. 370-3245.

25 — Annual Hall of Honor banquet, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Petruzzello's Banquet Hall, Troy. Advanced tickets. Sponsored by the Athletic Department. 370-3190.

25 — Saturday Fun for Kids series with puppeteer/visual artist Marshall Izen, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

28 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

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8 — Brown Bag lunch/lecture, *Peaceful Parenting*, featuring Linda Chastain, Oakland Center Rooms 128-130. Free. Sponsored by the Women of OU.

8 — Enigma of Genius Lecture Series with James Ozinga, *Karl Marx, German Philosopher*, 7:30-9 p.m., Birmingham Community House. Sponsored by Continuing Education and the College of Arts and Sciences. Admission. 370-3120.

9 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

10-12, 17-19 and 24-26 — Play, *Quilt*, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3103.

14 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

16 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

16-April 9 — Play, *The Glass Menagerie*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

18 — Jazz program, *James Tatum Trio Plus*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

21 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall.



Up Close and Personal

Junior Dennis Crawford (left), a human services major from Detroit, was one of 25 Oakland students who opened up their dorm rooms and their busy schedules to encourage high school seniors to attend Oakland University during the prospective minority student retreat February 2-4.

"I wanted to show a prospective student what I've become since I got here, and show him a little of what it's like to be a minority in college," says Crawford, who is also a peer mentor for the Office of Minority Equity and communications chair for United Students for Christ.

Crawford played host to DeVaughn Stephens (right), a Pontiac Central High School senior and Wade McCree scholar, who is considering attending Oakland in the fall to pursue a major in engineering and a minor in human resources.

"I think it's a good idea," Stephens said of his visit. "The dorms are nice and the students are receptive. I'm having a good time."

During the retreat, which was sponsored by the Office of Admissions, the prospective students lived on campus for two days, attended classes with their host students and enjoyed various campus activities in the evenings. The retreat culminated in a panel discussion of culturally diverse OU students who shared their views on what it takes to be a successful student at Oakland.



I Hate Hamlet

The ghost of John Barrymore — sword in one hand and champagne bottle in the other — teaches an upstart television star the finer points of Shakespeare in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of *I Hate Hamlet*, which runs through March 5. To jump-start his career, Andrew Rally (portrayed by Craig Mathers, right) gets the acting lesson of his life from a ghost (portrayed by Alan Coates) who has not lost his passion for drinking, womanizing or milking a curtain call. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or by calling 370-3300.

Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

22 — Brown Bag lunch/lecture, *How to Increase Productivity through Value Based Time Management*, featuring Richard Stapp of Franklin Quest, Lounge II Oakland Center. Free. Sponsored by the Women of OU.

23 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

25 — Film Festival/Seminar, *Women and Work in Contemporary Films*. Admission. Sponsored by Women's Studies. 370-3390.

28 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

30 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

30 — Afram Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, *52nd Street*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 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 — Saturday Fun for Kids series with folk entertainers Cathy & Marcy, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

1 — Pontiac Oakland Symphony, *Season Finale*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. 370-3013.

5 — Brown Bag lunch/lecture, *Nice Things Aren't Always New: Resale Fashion Show*, Oakland Center Rooms 128-130. Free. Sponsored by the Women of OU.

6 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

6 — University Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m., Oakland Center.

7 — Community Chorus, *Two Choral Giants*, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Continuing Education. 370-3013.

7-8 — Meadow Brook Estate, *Spring Spectacular*, 8

Call for Nominations Student Awards

The Office of Student Life has announced a call for nominations for three annual student awards. "One of the most enjoyable aspects of university work is the recognition of student leadership and achievement," says Nancy Schmitz, assistant dean of students. "I am asking for the university community's assistance as we attempt to identify candidates for several prestigious student awards."

- **The Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Awards** are presented annually to an Oakland University senior man and woman who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the OU community. The awards allow Oakland to recognize and show appreciation for outstanding academic achievement, commitment to the improvement of campus life and concern for social problems.
- **The Human Relations Award** is presented to an Oakland senior man or woman who has contributed to greater racial understanding on campus and has worked at various levels for the improvement of a positive racial climate.
- **The Sidney Fink Memorial Award** is given to Oakland students who have demonstrated an aptitude and outgoing commitment to improve race relations. This award recognizes and encourages students who have contributed at both the programmatic and interpersonal levels to the improvement of race relations on campus. Both graduate and undergraduate students can be recognized.

Nominations for these awards are due March 27. For nomination forms or further information, contact Schmitz at the Office of Student Life, 144 OC, 370-3352.

OUAA Alumni Recognition Awards

The Oakland University Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its 1995 Alumni Awards, to be presented at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet October 7. Since so many faculty and staff keep up with Oakland graduates, the university community can be of great assistance in identifying candidates for these awards, says Jill Dunphy, director of Alumni Relations.

Awards will be given in four categories: the **Distinguished Alumni Service Award**, to recognize outstanding leadership in service to the university or the Alumni Association; the **Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award**, to recognize outstanding achievement in one's professional field or in benefitting the community; the **Spirit Award**, to recognize exemplary alumni volunteer service to the university; and the **Odessey Award**, to recognize actions exemplifying Oakland's motto, "Seek courage and knowledge."

Nominations should include a brief statement about a candidate's qualifications for an award, and must be received by February 24. To nominate an exceptional OU grad, contact the Alumni Relations Office, John Dodge House, 370-2158, Fax 370-4420, E-mail dunphy@vela.acs.oakland.edu.