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Former NASA astronaut to visit OU

Col. Richard A. Searfoss, United States Air Force (retired) and former NASA astronaut will visit Oakland University to share his experiences as pilot of three space flights at a lecture titled, "Human Spaceflight – Perspectives of a Space Shuttle Commander." The event takes place April 10 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in room 201, Dodge Hall.

In the evening, Searfoss will speak at the Sigma Xi dinner at Meadow Brook Hall and will present an after-dinner lecture on "The STS-90 Neurolab Space Life Sciences Mission."

Searfoss was selected by NASA to become an astronaut in 1991. His first flight was as pilot of a seven-person life science research mission aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1993, where the astronauts performed medical experiments to expand the knowledge of human and animal physiology during space flight.

In 1996, his second mission was as a pilot aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis, which included the docking of the spacecraft on a Russian space station, the first spacewalk from a shuttle-space station complex, and several scientific investigations.

His final mission with NASA was in 1998 to find scientific results on the effects of microgravity on the brain and nervous system, which will have broad application both in preparing for long duration human space missions and in clinical applications on Earth.

For more information or for reservations, visit the Oakland University website at www.oakland.edu/research or call (248) 370-2101.

Oakland University is a comprehensive state-supported institution of higher education located in suburban Oakland County, Michigan. OU offers undergraduate programs in 74 areas and graduate programs in 59 areas. Dedicated to preparing learners for the 21st-century workplace and society, the university is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, and Nursing.

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