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University, Community Study Joint Recreational Facility

A joint community/Oakland University recreational facility is being considered for an on-campus site.

The Board of Trustees on April 13 authorized the university to enter into a study of such a facility.

Social Security Snafu Goes from Feast to Famine

Some employees who worked at Oakland in 1979 are in for an unpleasant surprise if they check their social security payment record for that year.

The bad news is their account balance for 1979 will read zero dollars have been contributed to their account.

Bill Kendall, assistant vice president for employee relations, was alerted to the problem last fall and has been working the district director of the Social Security Administration to resolve it. The problem is the Social Security Administration has been unsuccessful thus far in fully sorting out its own errors, but says things should be back to normal by July.

Word of the problem surfaced when a faculty member submitted a *Request for Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement* to the Social Security Administration last year. The statement, available to anyone who requests it, lists your social security earnings history, tells you how much you have paid in social security taxes and estimates future benefits.

When the professor got his statement, he noted that twice as much was listed in 1979 as he was entitled to have. Further investigation revealed that somehow a double entry was made in that year.

The professor notified social security of the problem. When he requested another statement, he noted that the entire payment record for 1979 was expunged.

Kendall says that ERD submitted names of various employees who worked here in 1979 just to see if the problem was isolated. It wasn't.

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The Social Security Administration is ... straightening out the error.

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Apparently double entries for 1979 Oakland employment were made for everyone. Further, while trying to clear up the double entry, social security employees apparently erased the entire payment record for 1979 for everyone employed at Oakland that year.

Kendall says his concern is that persons now retiring or planning to retire soon may not get the full social security retirement amount they are entitled to have.

Kendall adds that the Social Security Administration is responsible for straightening out the error. The administration's personnel in Chicago and Pontiac are working on the problem.

Some individual records have been corrected, but since these corrections must be done individually and manually, the full problem will not be resolved until July.

After he is notified that all records have been corrected, Kendall intends to inform the university community through the *Oakland University News* and to urge employees to request their earnings and benefit statement.

If you plan to retire or change jobs soon, you are urged by Kendall to request your earnings and benefits estimate statement now.▼

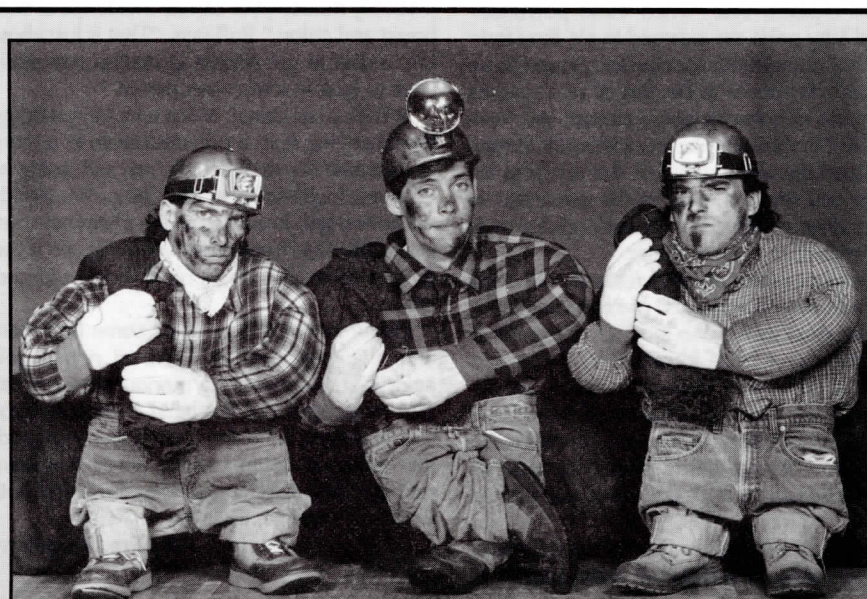
Paul Hartman, director of athletics, has met for the past year with an ad hoc group called the Community Athletic Facilities Committee. The committee represents the cities of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills, as well as the Rochester Hills Parks and Recreation Commission, Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority, Rochester Youth Soccer League, Oakland Live Y'ers swimming program, Youth Guidance, North Oakland County YMCA and Rochester Community Schools.

The committee concept at present calls for a facility that includes an indoor-outdoor 50-meter swimming pool with a separate diving well and perhaps an adjacent instructional pool, and a field house to support basketball, volleyball, jogging, tennis, soccer, weight training, aerobics, dance, meetings and other community activities.

A proposed site for the facility is on a hill east of the George T. Matthews Court Apartments on the northeast section of campus.

Trustees emphasized that the feasibility study in no way commits the university beyond an intention to review the matter of a joint facility. The board said university use and benefits to the OU community and financing were among concerns the study would have to document.

In 1982 the Board of Trustees authorized the administration to enter into discussions with citizens interested in expanding the Rochester YMCA into a major new facility to be located on campus, but the economic crisis of the 1980s stopped further development of the concept.▼



Oakland graduates Rick Altman, Paul Ebejer and Gary Lewis perform their Marauding Miners act that has catapulted them to fame and almost-fortune.

16 Tons of Fun for Scrunched Actors

You *could* say the entertainment careers of three Oakland graduates are in the bag.

You *could* also say the long and short of it is their talents will bring them fame and enough mileage to earn frequent-flyer bonuses.

Whatever you say, you can't deny that Paul Ebejer, Gary Lewis and Rick Altman have developed a better comedic mouse-trap. The globetrotters enjoy every minute of what is turning into an international reputation.

Under Ebejer's leadership, the three have developed a mime act that creates the illusion of midgets cavorting to recorded music, such as Tennessee Ernie Ford's *16 Tons*. They do it by stuffing part of their bodies into duffle bags and — well, that would be telling.

Ebejer admits he is surprised at how far they have gone with such a simple idea.

"When we went international," says Ebejer, "that surprised us. It's insane that they actually pay to have us out there. When we started out, it was just a talent-show act."

Among those who write checks for their services are television networks with variety shows to fill. The group returned earlier this month from Rome and left April 14 for Tokyo. Language differences are no problem, Ebejer says, because words are not important in what they do. "The music carries us along," he adds.

"They pay for the food, the hotel, the airfare and on top of that give us a good wage. It's incredible," says Altman.

The act developed in 1981 when Ebejer went to Walled Lake Central High School. He revived it in 1986 with Lewis and Altman after the three met at OU. Their first taste of

fame came when they beat 300 other acts for a spot on *Puttin' on the Hits*.

Since then, the group has appeared locally on *Kelly & Company* and rubbed the elbows of the rich and famous on NBC's now-cancelled *Funny People* and the 1987 Jerry Lewis muscular dystrophy telethon.

The three communications majors still have no name for their act, which consists of several different segments, done separately or in combination. Their claim to fame started with *The Marauding Miners*, a perfect bit for *16 Tons*. Other acts include a sailor, a ventriloquist in which the dummy gets up and walks away, a helicopter pilot and just about anything else Ebejer can think of and create costumes for at home.

"Right now we're just a novelty act for TV shows and conventions," Ebejer explains. They hope to expand the act to make it a full-length show of its own.

The act goes over well. For some audiences, the three stand at the end to convince onlookers that they are full-size people.

"Some people will say, 'What's so funny about three midgets standing around?'" Ebejer says. Adds Lewis, "Until you figure it out, it's really weird."

Getting jobs was especially difficult at first because the guys tried to book themselves. A Los Angeles agent now helps them, and by using Ebejer and Lewis' talents in video production, the three produce their own promotional tapes.

The mimes hope that they can land a tour, either the state fair or college circuit variety, to pad their incomes. "There's a tour around the corner. There's bound to be one now that we're getting known around the world," Ebejer adds, confidently.▼

Four Receive MAGB Awards

Two faculty members and a student were among those honored for their outstanding educational achievements at the April 18 meeting of the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of State Universities.

Faculty members Jane Eberwein, English, and Virginia Blankenship, psychology, were joined by students Melinda Alessi and Brian Gregory in receiving the honors.

The MAGB meets annually in East Lansing to honor outstanding students and teachers "in recognition of a treasured Michigan resource and the promise it represents for our state's future." The nominations were presented by Keith R. Kleckner, senior vice president for university affairs and provost, and Wilma Ray Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs.

Professor Blankenship was honored by OU at the 1988 fall commencement with the Teaching Excellence Award for combining academic knowledge with the skills of being teacher, mentor and friend. At that same commencement, Professor Eberwein got the Research Excellence Award in recognition of varied contributions to

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Speakers' Bureau Needs Your Talents

Faculty and staff members who wish to speak to community groups should add their names to the university Speakers' Bureau.

The Office of University Relations gathers vitas to create a database of areas of interest and match speakers with community groups.

Barbara Liegl, executive secretary, would like all faculty and staff members who are interested in speaking engagements to send her a vita. It is especially helpful if special areas of expertise are noted.

Outside organizations got word of the bureau last fall through a brochure. Groups interested in hosting a university speaker are asked to call the bureau to make arrangements.

During the six months ending in March, the bureau placed 27 speakers with a total audience of 1,266 persons. Requests for speakers came from service organizations, volunteer organizations, schools, churches, senior citizen groups and professional organizations.

Liegl says it is best for faculty members to arrange all of their speaking engagements through the bureau. "By working through the bureau, we can track who has been contacted and who goes where," she says.

Margo King, director of university relations, adds the bureau makes it possible to present a coordinated university image to the community. In addition to placing speakers, her office provides a slide show (on request) that highlights the university mission. Special arrangements can also be made through Rick Smith of the Publica-

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Nursing, Hospital Team Up for Mammography Exams

The School of Nursing and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac are sponsoring a breast cancer evaluation program at the university.

The Mercy Care Mobile Mammography Unit testing vehicle will be on campus from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. May 1-2 in the parking lot between the Oakland Center and Wilson Hall. The mam-

mography unit is a custom-equipped coach designed to provide private education and testing.

Female personnel will provide complete breast education and mammography service. Examinations take approximately 20-30 minutes. Results will be reported to your personal physician.

The cost of the examination is usually covered by health-care insurance. If uninsured, a fee will be charged, payable by check, cash or Master Card or Visa.

Appointments are recommended. For details or to schedule an exam, call the Mercy Women's Care Center at 858-3780.▼

Jean Miller Earns 1989 Outstanding Administrative-Professional Award

It's not why Jean Ann Miller received the Outstanding Administrative-Professional Award for 1989, but whether she could possibly find the time to accept it.

A listing of Miller's activities gives a good indication of why she was the 13-member selection committee's choice. It's seemingly impossible to find something she hasn't done or volunteered to do at Oakland.

Award criteria were spirit of cooperation, extraordinary effort, support of institutional mission and community and university service. As the award recipient, Miller receives a \$1,000 stipend. She will be recognized from 3-5 p.m. April 26 at a public reception in Oakland Center Lounge II with the award presentation beginning at 3:45 p.m.

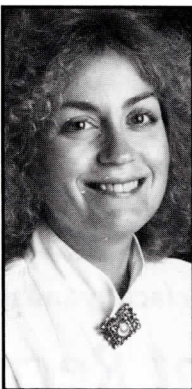
Miller graduated from Oakland with a bachelor's degree in psychology in December 1977. She received the 1978 Matilda R. Wilson Award, the highest undergraduate award the university gives. Later she earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

In 1983, she joined the Oakland staff as head resident in residence halls. Since then, she has

worked with faculty, staff, administration and students in a variety of capacities.

The first organizations Miller lent her support to in 1983 were the Black Awareness Month Committee and the Apple Amble Committee. Since then, she has been involved with the Major Events Board, the Student Life Lecture Board, the Orientation Committee, the Residence Hall Council and the Women of Oakland University.

In addition, she has advised Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, been an AP representative to Congress and has served on such bodies as the Student Life Scholarship Committee and the Commuter Involvement Award Committee. She now serves on the AP Communications Committee.



Miller

Miller has been a member of the Michigan Unit Steering Committee of the National Association for Campus Activities and twice served as promotions coordinator for the association's regional conferences. Other organizations she has supported include the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society and St. John Fisher Chapel.

In 1987, Miller received the Employee Recognition Award for August and was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America.

Miller says she is particularly pleased with being able to work with a broad cross-section of the campus community, from students to administrators.

The award winner cites three people as having been especially helpful in guiding her career. One, Eleanor Reynolds, is director of residence halls. The others are former employees Rosalind Andreas, who was dean of students, and Cammie Brunet-Koch, who was assistant to the dean of students and director of CIPO.

Other nominees were Larry Bartalucci, registrar; Robert Bunker, assistant general counsel; Frank Clark, manager of university services; Jean

Colburn, director of special advising; Jay Delcamp, golf course turf manager; Ed Dorich, coordinator of energy management systems; Julie Dziekan-Schueren, MBA program administrator; Katie Kazarian, coordinator of academic advising in the School of Business Administration; Thomas Kirchner, administrator for college services in the College of Arts and Sciences; Jean Kirsch-Sullivan, administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Human and Educational Services; Beth Millwood, assistant registrar for records; Stephanie Riley, coordinator of early childhood education center; and Geoff Upward, director of university publications.▼

Biochemist Finds Even Good Fatty Acids Have Bad Health Effects

The same polyunsaturated fatty acids that are beneficial to the heart and cholesterol reduction have a down side — some of the chemical compounds formed by these acids enhance colon cancer.

Biochemist Arthur Bull studies how the colon responds when it is exposed to these compounds and looks at possible chemo-preventive agents that at-risk individuals might take to block these fatty acids from enhancing cancer.

Bull, who began this research at Wayne State University, is continuing his work at OU and his collaboration with colleagues in the medical school at WSU. He has received a \$100,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to support his work.

In 1979, Bull established that dietary fat, which enhances colon cancer and several other cancers, acts during a secondary stage of the cancer process.

The researcher says this is a reversible part of the process and that it would be possible to intervene to reduce cancer incidence. The grant is to help them find what chemical compounds

are present in dietary fat that are responsible for enhancing colon cancer.

Bull explains that "when these polyunsaturated fatty acids are exposed to air, they form chemical compounds spontaneously; and those compounds appear to be part of what causes dietary fat to enhance colon cancer. We have been able to show that these compounds formed from the fatty acids stimulate the colon to increase cell division, one of the processes in cancer development. We are looking closely at the metabolism of these things."

The other aspect of Bull's research concerns "chemo-preventive agents" or compounds that people could take when they reach age 40 or so, if they have been identified by their physicians as being in a high-risk category for developing colon cancer. These compounds could be a dietary supplement or other form that would block the actions of these fatty acid compounds in the colon and reduce the risk of that form of cancer.

"It is fairly well known that if you can reduce the fat content of our diet from about 40 percent

of our calories, which is about what the average person eats, to about 25 or 20 percent, you can probably reduce your cancer incidence of both breast and colon," Bull says. "That is just about impossible to get people to do. So you really have to look at some other means."

What can be done? "We are looking at things like changing from a polyunsaturate to a monounsaturate so that people are still going to consume high levels of fat; but the particular fatty acids they get, in particular the chemical compounds formed from those fatty acids, are not as dangerous as they might be in another kind of fat."

Polyunsaturated fatty acids come from corn and other vegetable oils. Olive oil, rich in oleic acid, is an example of a monounsaturated fat. This fat doesn't hurt the heart and cholesterol, and it doesn't form the chemical compounds that enhance colon cancer, either. Monounsaturated fatty acids appear to be the best of both worlds at this time, Bull says.

— By Jim Llewellyn▼



Oakland dancers presented their spring concert, which included works by students themselves and guest choreographers. Associate Professor Carol Halsted of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance has something to celebrate herself. She is Dance Teacher of the Year as named by the Michigan Dance Association.

Our People

Thrill your dean (interims included) by sending an item about your exploits to the News Service, 104 NFH.

PRESENTATIONS

•Cliff Hurd, biological sciences, presented a paper, *Association of 90 kDa Heat Shock Protein (HSP-90) with Calf Uterine Progesterone Receptor: The Effect of Transformation on Agonist and Antagonist Bound Receptor*, at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biologists in New Orleans. Co-authors were Makato Nakao, C.J. Swanson and Virinder K. Moudgil. This work also involves a collaboration between the laboratories of Moudgil at Oakland and Swanson at Wayne State University. Results have demonstrated for the first time that a heat-shock protein is associated with the calf uterine progesterone receptor. This structural composition of receptor, which mediates the action of progesterone, undergoes changes which facilitate the interaction of receptor protein with specific regions of DNA of the hormone-responsive cells. This observation has important implications in the understanding of how steroid hormones work at the molecular level.

•Subramaniam Ganesan, engineering and

computer science, presented a paper, *A Multi-processor Architecture Using DSP Microprocessors* at the fourth Conference on Hypercube Concurrent Computers and Applications. Co-authors were P.V. Raja, V. Kumari and P. Ehlig. Ganesan also went to Saginaw Valley State University to lecture on *Advances in Microprocessors*.

•Jane D. Eberwein, English, presented a paper, *On Bellamy's 'Looking Backward'*, at the College English Association meeting in Orlando.

•Joan Rosen, English, presented a workshop, *The Teacher and Student in Conference*, at the College English Association meeting in Orlando.

•Natalie Michta, English, presented a paper, *'Sudden Decrease of a Man in Dress Clothes': Identity in D.L. Sayers' 'Murder Must Advertise' and 'Unnatural Death'* at the Popular Culture Association meeting in St. Louis.

•Susan Hawkins, English, presented a paper, *Stop Making Sense: How Not to Read Christine Brooke-Rose*, at the Conference on Narrative Theory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

•Bruce Mann, English, presented a paper, *Multiple Roles as Narrative Strategy in Caryl Churchill's 'Serious Money'*, at the Conference on Narrative Theory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

PUBLICATIONS

•Faculty members contributed articles to *Advances in Systems Research and Cybernetics* and *Advances in Computer Science*. The two-volume work has been published by the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics with support from OU and the University of Windsor. George E. Lasker edited the volumes. Faculty members whose articles appear are Tom Casstevens, G.T. Harder, K.J. Hildebrand and D.A. Sawyer, who wrote *The Influence of Committees on the Floor of Congress*; John W. Henke, Jr., who coauthored *An Organizational Structure Response to Competition*; and Robbin R. Hough, who wrote *The Ecology of Microcomputers*.

CONFERENCES

•Jane Eberwein, English, attended *Prospects: A Conference on Early American Literature* at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

HONORS

•Julia J. Dorminey, curriculum, instruction and leadership, has been appointed to the

Teacher Induction Committee of the Michigan Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

•Barbara Theisen, business administration, received the first Paul Lorenz Award at a reception inducting 44 members into Beta Gamma Sigma, a national honorary business society. Graduating students chose Theisen for her teaching excellence. She received a \$500 stipend.

•Amir Hormozi, business administration, has been named Member of the Year for 1988-89 by the Detroit chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society. The award recog-

nizes a chapter member for performing distinguished service in the production and inventory management field for outstanding assistance to the Detroit chapter.

•Egbert W. Henry, biological sciences, has been awarded \$4,500 by the National Institutes of Health to supervise the Minority High School Student Research Apprentice Program during the summer. Three students will be selected from the science classes of area high schools and spend eight weeks in the labs of biological sciences faculty members.

New Faces

Additions to the staff include the following persons, according to the Employee Relations Department.

•Catherine Stewart of Pontiac, a room attendant at Meadow Brook Hall.

•Diana Ledesma of Detroit, an admissions adviser in the Department of Admissions and Scholarships.

•Gilbert Radcliff of Grosse Pointe, a laboratory research technician II in the Department of Chemistry.

•Helen Woodman of Rochester Hills, coordinator, Academic Skills Center.

•Josephine Hairston of Pontiac, a secretary I in the School of Business Administration.

•Phelicia Jones of Detroit, an adviser in the Office of Financial Aid.

•Jody Meier of Auburn Hills, a secretary I in the School of Business Administration.

•Monica Ward of Rochester Hills, a secretary I in the Ken Morris Center for the Study of Labor and Work.

•Jeanne Weist of Warren, coordinator of corporate programs at Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

•Ann Bradley of Lapeer, a cash register operator in the Bookcenter.

•Cynthia Gardner of Flint, an adviser in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

•Esther Schuivie of Rochester, a cashier in the Cashier's Office.

•Max Smith of Grand Blanc, a museum attendant I at Meadow Brook Hall.

•Mae Allen of Pontiac, a food handler I in Food Service.

•Peggy Bensett of Holly, a clerk II in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

•Gregg Bloomfield of Birmingham, manager at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

•Roberta Clark of Sterling Heights, a secretary I in the Department of Psychology.

•George Dunlap of Mt. Clemens, an experimental machinist in the Department of Chemistry.

•Cynthia Field of Davison, an officer in the Department of Public Safety.

•Vicki Gossett of Rochester Hills, a clerk II in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

•Joann Griggs of Rochester, budget manager in the Office of the Provost.

•Willie Mae Jones of Pontiac, a food handler in Food Service.

•Kathleen Kanous of Sterling Heights, a lab research technician II in the Department of Biological Sciences.

•Janie Lewis of Rochester, a clerk II in Oakland Center Operations.

•Clara Miller of Rochester Hills, an accounting clerk I at Meadow Brook Hall.

•James Obear of Pontiac, an assistant professional at Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

•Elizabeth Rabideau of Pontiac, a clerk II in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

•Marie Seymour-Green of Oxford, a clerk III in Kresge Library.

Jobs

For information on position openings, call the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, at 370-3480.

•Academic coordinator, AP-8, Office of Special Programs.

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•James Llewellyn, senior editor and news director

•Jay Jackson, staff writer

•Rick Smith, photographer

Bits & Pieces

Let's Go Camping

You're too old to go, and besides, you'd look funny in the T-shirt they have you wear, but your children can attend an Arts-for-Youth Camp.

The seventh annual camps are coming to the comforts of Varner Hall from July 5-15 and 17-28. The Center for the Arts and Oakland Schools are cosponsors.

Children are divided by age, 7-9 and 10-12, for each camp. For a \$210 fee, children learn about art, dance and movement, music theatre, and theatre from faculty members at OU and elsewhere. The fee includes supplies and lunches.

If interested in sending someone to camp, consider signing him or her up now. Although you have until June 23 to register, the camps usually fill up long before the deadline.

If you'd like more details, call 370-3018.

Adams to Stay 2 Lanes

A proposal to widen Adams Road to four lanes along the east side of campus is close to dead.

An advisory committee working on a Traffic Study and Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Rochester and Rochester Hills recommends that Adams be left alone because of the rolling terrain. The commission says Squirrel Road should be improved and used as a major arterial roadway instead.

Also, the commission advises that Butler Road not be realigned as a connector between Avon and Squirrel roads because there would be adverse effects on the university and nearby residential areas.

The final traffic report will be presented at a public hearing with the Rochester Hills Planning Commission at 7:30 p.m. April 25 in City Hall.

Women's GPAs Top Men's

Not only are there more women than men at Oakland, they beat men in terms of grade point in nearly every instance.

David C. Beardslee, director of the Office of Institutional Research, used fall 1988 figures in compiling his report. "As usual, women's academic performance exceeds men in virtually every school when class levels are controlled," he says. Performance also increases by year as students move from first-year to senior status.

When accounting for programs in which too few men or women enrolled would skew the statistics, the only instance in which men perform equal to women is during the junior year in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

In most instances, regardless of sex and class level, students in the School of Human and Educational Services have the highest term averages. Following SHES are students listed as BGS, then arts and sciences, nursing, health sciences, business administration, engineering and computer science, and undecided/unclassified. "Quite likely many of them are undecided because of their relatively low GPAs," Beardslee opines.

She's Going to Japan

Anne Kazma will take the money and run — all the way to the Japan Center for Michigan Universities in Kikone.

Kazma will be among 30 students from 14 of the 15 public state universities to participate in the 1989-90 academic year. Kazma is the only Oakland student to receive a \$7,500 scholarship to help cover expenses.

The Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan coordinates the scholarship program.

Teacher Coming to OU Lab

Vincent Lumetta of Utica has won a \$5,000 High School Teacher Summer Fellowship to do research in the laboratory of endocrinologist Virinder K. Moudgil.

Lumetta is one of only 20 winners nationally in the fellowship competition sponsored by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Panelists, Audience Split on Press Responsibilities

Clearly defining the rights and responsibilities of reporters is like piecing together Oliver North's memos after they've been through a shredder.

The pieces may be there, but they don't fit together.

That was apparent to an audience of approximately 200 university personnel and community members who wrestled with defining the rights and responsibilities of the press.

A panel discussion about *Media and Their Victims* focused attention on news stories, particularly those based on confidential-source material, and how they can damage or destroy a reputation. After nearly an hour of discussion between the panel and the audience, no consensus developed about how reporters can improve their craft, but it did enlighten some about the decision-making reporters face.

The Honors College and the Journalism Program sponsored the event, which was billed as an *Evening with Kurt Luedtke* in honor of the McGregor Professor of Humanities and Arts. The discussion followed a showing of *Absence of Malice*. Luedtke wrote the screenplay for the film, which dealt with the consequences of newspaper stories about the son of an organized crime figure.

As moderator, Luedtke tossed questions to the audience and to the panel. In return, he heard an earful, particularly from panelist Frank Blount. The chief of security for Detroit schools and former deputy police chief for the city says he was victimized by the media over unfounded drug charges.

Joining Blount were L. Brooks Patterson, former Oakland County prosecutor, and Neal Shine, professor of journalism and senior managing editor of the *Detroit Free Press*.

Blount took a number of verbal swipes at the media for reporting that he was under investigation for alleged drug dealing while he served as deputy police chief. Among his complaints were that he was never questioned by federal agents and that a police raid of his home failed to turn up any drug-related paraphernalia. Blount charged that the media ruined his reputation by reporting unsubstantiated charges. He resigned, he said, when Coleman Young became mayor so as not to damage Young's reputation.

Shine, defending the *Free Press* for its coverage of Blount, said it was in the public's interest to know that the second-in-command officer of the police department was under investigation. He added that when the investigation ended, his paper reported that fact as well. Blount charged that reporters did not get his side of the story, yet he also acknowledged that he did not return their phone calls, including perhaps 35 from one *Detroit News* columnist.

Much of the debate centered on what exactly is the public's so-called "right to know." Some in the audience sided with Blount, saying that a newspaper should not print details about a police investigation until actual charges are filed. Some were critical of Shine's statement that a newspaper, in choosing news stories, is in effect deciding what the public should know.

Shine contended that reporters do act responsibly and that the public does not have a right to know everything that occurs. As examples, he cited a newspaper's withholding identities of rape victims.

The debate over press responsibility is not confined to outsiders, Shine explained. At the *Free*

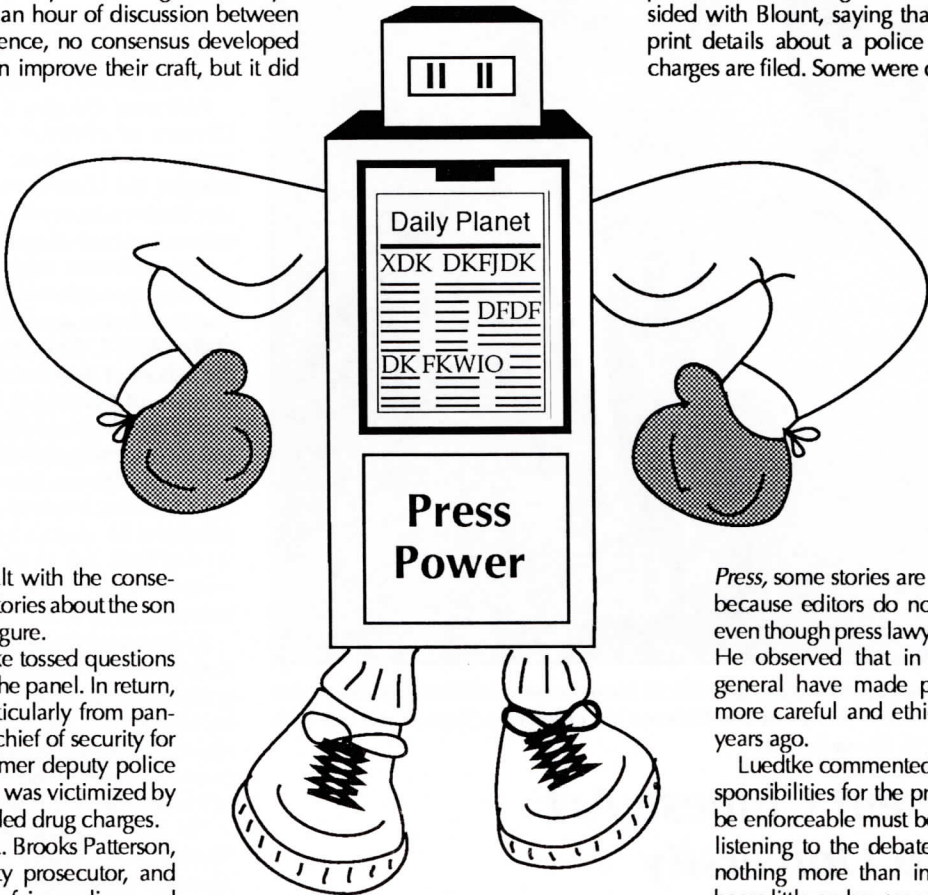
Press, some stories are withheld from publication because editors do not feel "right" about them, even though press lawyers say they are libel-proof. He observed that in his opinion, reporters in general have made progress, becoming much more careful and ethical than they were 10-15 years ago.

Luedtke commented that when considering responsibilities for the press, whether the rules will be enforceable must be taken into account. After listening to the debate, he noted, "All of this is nothing more than individual opinion," which bears little on how reporters must act.

One person in the audience commented that reporters, like the one played by Sally Field in *Absence of Malice*, should have limits on where they will obtain information. Reading a file on someone's desk without the person's knowledge is a questionable practice, he said. That prompted one woman to say that not even trash left for pickup at the curb is protected from a reporter's inquisitiveness.

Quipped Shine, "I personally have never done garbage. I've done some desks, but never garbage."

— By Jay Jackson



Network Emphasizes Positive Elements in Detroit Teaching

Eleven Detroit teachers are determined to emphasize the positive in the city's schools with the formation of a grass roots teacher-to-teacher network.

An April 11 conference at the Breithaupt Vocational Center began the drive. Outstanding teachers in the Detroit system will also be recognized at a dinner.

The 11 sponsoring teachers are all members of the Education Specialist Program at Oakland. Their conference for their Detroit peers was

made possible by a grant from the Alumni Association.

The teachers say their goals are to celebrate the positive teaching taking place in the Detroit school system despite difficulties and to applaud and recognize caring teachers; provide an opportunity for teachers to talk freely and end the "isolation" that has characterized the job for too many years; create a support network in which teachers can look to some of their colleagues for new ideas, advice and assistance and emotional strength.

The Education Specialist Program in School Administration and Leadership allows each group of specialists, in this case 11, to move through the program as a group with specific goals or projects.

At the dinner, the group recognized outstanding teachers it had selected from the Detroit school system and established teacher network groups concerning classroom management, parental involvement, cooperative learning, elementary science education, school effectiveness, and school empowerment.

Employees Share Responsibility to Make Campus Drug-Free

University employees are responsible for abiding by provisions of the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, which concerns work-related effects of drug use and unlawful possession of controlled substances.

In a memo to all university employees, Willard C. Kendall, assistant vice president for employee relations, noted the following points:

- Faculty and staff are expected and required to come to work on time and in appropriate mental and physical condition for work.
- It is the university's intent and obligation to provide a drug-free work environment.
- The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance on university premises or while conducting university business off campus is prohibited. Violations will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination, and may have legal consequences.

•Drug abuse is a potential health, safety and security problem. Faculty and staff needing help in dealing with drug dependency problems are encouraged to use the services of the university's Graham Health Center for assistance or referral and to use health insurance plans, as appropriate. Conscientious efforts to seek such help will not jeopardize any person's job, and will not be noted in any personnel record.

•Faculty and staff must, as a condition of university employment, abide by the above rules. Further, in compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act requirements, an employee must report to the university any conviction under a criminal drug statute for violations occurring on campus or off campus while conducting university business. A report of the conviction must be made within five days after the conviction.



Special Bed

Nursing students Michelle Reiber, lying down, and Kim Dillinger, right, listen to Kathy Hohenberger explain the benefits of a Clinotron II bed. The \$30,000-plus bed uses tiny ceramic spheres circulated by heated air to provide a comfortable and clean resting place for burn victims, for example, or others whose injury cannot withstand direct pressure. The bed is rented by hospitals or patients with a doctor's order. Another bed using air-filled cushions for support was also demonstrated to students in the Learning Resource Lab in O'Dowd Hall.

Grant Supports Activities for Gifted Children at Center for the Arts Programs

The Center for the Arts has received a \$5,000 grant from the Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan to support special programs for youngsters.

The money will be used for talented youngsters taking classes in the arts this summer and chamber music workshops with the Lafayette String Quartet later this year.

The Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan sponsored, along with the CFA and

Meadow Brook Music Festival, the Meadow Brook Academy Orchestra program last summer.

Classes this summer are expected to include computer graphics, creative writing, television production and theatre arts.

Carl F. Barnes, Jr., director of the Center for the Arts, is secretary of the Board of Governors of the Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan.



Retired Professor Amitendranath Tagore and Kiichi Usui, curator of Meadow Brook Art Gallery, stand before one of the pieces of the Chinese art collection Tagore and his wife Arundhati have presented to the university.

Tagores Present Chinese Art Collection to University

Future students of Asian culture will be enriched by a gift of Chinese art to the university through Meadow Brook Art Gallery and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Amitendranath Tagore, who retired as professor of Chinese in 1987, and his wife Arundhati,

a former Kresge Library librarian, have donated their Chinese art collection. They are returning to India.

Tagore collected the art while he was in China as a student in the late 1940s. The collection includes 29 scroll paintings from well-known modern Chinese artists, such as Chi Pai Shih, Chang Ta Ch'ien and Hsu Pei Hung.

Also donated were 11 pieces representing a variety of calligraphic styles in Chinese art and 15 rubbing impressions of old Chinese stone monuments from the Han Dynasty (206 BC-221 AD) and Tang Dynasty (618 AD-906 AD).

President Joseph E. Champagne said of the gift, "These art works will enlighten many students studying Asian culture at Oakland University for many years to come."

Meadow Brook Art Gallery will exhibit this gift as the opening exhibition of the 1989-90 season.▼

Class is 'Just for Women'

Getting in shape to spring into summer is the goal of *Just for Women* opening April 25 at the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

The eight-week session provides education and exercise, including a personal health-risk appraisal. Participants will learn about nutrition, health issues, personality evaluation, revitalizing their self-esteem and how to put the knowledge to work to change their lives.

Call 370-3198 to sign up.▼

Employee of the Month

Catherine Rogg, senior executive secretary in the Office of General Counsel/Board of Trustees, has received the Employee Recognition Award for April.

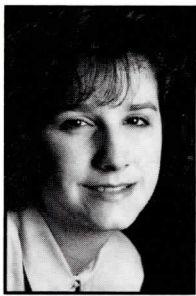
Rogg has been an OU employee since August 1986. The review committee which chose her for the award based its selection on testimonials, which included:

• "I have worked with Cathie for over two years, and I have almost daily contact with Cathie regarding Board of Trustees matters. I have always found Cathie to be considerate, polite and obliging. It is truly a pleasure to work with her on university related matters."

• "There is a multitude of information that passes through the board office — most of which Cathie is responsible for keeping in an order accessible to the rest of the university. Cathie not only handles that facet of the job with aplomb; she is always courteous, helpful and pleasant. Cathie is one of those behind-the-scenes support people we could not do without."

• "Cathie is always considerate, polite and obliging. Cathie will go out of her way to obtain

answers to my questions in a timely and professional manner. It is with great pleasure that I can support Cathie's recognition for her dedication and hard work. She is indeed an asset to the university."



Rogg

Employee Recognition Award nomination forms are available in all departments, ERD and CIPO. For details, call Larry Sanders at 370-3476 or selection committee members Peggy Cooke, Esther Eisley, Michael McCormick and Nancy Schmitz.

Classic Literature: Training Manual for Good Management?

Plato and the successful head of a large corporation have something in common: They both understand what it takes to be an effective leader.

Such books as *The One Minute Manager* notwithstanding, the classic lessons of leadership can be traced throughout the history of literature.

If those lessons are to be learned, some Oakland educators say, they should be incorporated into the business curriculum.

Professors Douglas F. Mayer and John K. Clemens of Hartwick College in New York, authors of *The Classic Touch*, revealed how bringing the classics into the boardroom can save business leaders from committing the same failures that have plagued others for centuries.

The professors explained their concept of teaching management by drawing on lessons from the classics at a seminar at Meadow Brook Hall on April 3. The College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration and the Division of Continuing Education brought 39 faculty members and administrators together for two presentations and discussions.

Frank Cardimen, interim director of continuing education, arranged the conference and has promoted the classics in management concept for Oakland. He is developing a course for master's degree students in SBA. Support has been strong, he indicates.

If support continues to grow on campus, says Kathryn LeBlanc, assistant program manager in continuing education, courses in the SBA could be offered with the classics as the backdrop. From CE's perspective, courses either on campus or on-site could be offered to business persons to sharpen their focus on management issues.

"In the corporate world," says LeBlanc, "there's always room for improvement in management. They might not have thought about looking at management from a classic viewpoint. You don't sit down and read the classics like Plato everyday."

Yet Plato, Homer, Machiavelli, Shakespeare and contemporary authors like Arthur Miller

provide numerous examples of management — usually management gone astray.

Mayer and Clemens associate Plato with such concepts as "managing by wandering around," or getting involved with underlings; realizing that innovation thrives only in small settings; recognizing that entrepreneurial startups require a leadership style different from established businesses; and articulating the problems of organizational stagnation.

"It's another source of information on how to manage people," LeBlanc says. "A lot of managers find it gets so by-the-book that you need a new angle on an old concept."

The classics put leadership questions into context. How leaders deal with people, how they struggle toward goals and other issues are clearly laid out through great literature. Yet these books are not often read as primers for effective managers.

Cardimen adds exposure to the classics will not teach all that managers should know about them, but it will be a start. He says if they do not have any environment in which to become exposed to them, they may never open those books in the first place.

Learning from the classics, or at least refreshing the lessons they know, could have another benefit for managers, LeBlanc says.

"This may make people a little more rounded, a little more human."▼

Events

CULTURAL

Until May 14 — *Photography's Beginnings: A Visual History* at Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Call 370-3005.

Until April 23 — *Quilters* at Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. Call 370-3300.

Until May 21 — *Murder at the Vicarage* at Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. Call 370-3300.

April 23 — Lafayette String Quartet and pianist Flavio Varani in concert, 7:30 p.m., Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Presented by the Center for the Arts. Admission. Call 370-3013.

April 29 — European tour preview concert by the Meadow Brook Estate, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. The performance is a benefit for the tour. A portion of the ticket price is considered a tax-deductible donation. Reception will follow the concert. Call 370-3013.

May 4 — Piano Teachers Institute, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Call 370-2035.

May 15 — Storyteller Sheila Dailey in a Concert-for-Youth Series performance, 10 a.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Center for the Arts and Oakland Schools. Admission. Call 370-3013.

ETCETERA

April 22 — Lecture, *Electric Load Management and Energy Conservation*, with Naim Kheir of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, 2:30 p.m., 236 Dodge Hall. Sponsored by the local chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Free.

April 25 — Workshop, *Building Self-Esteem for Self and Others*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 129-130 Oakland Center. Fee, but discounted for university employees. Sponsored by the Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

April 25 — Seminar, *AIDS and the Mental Health Professions*, 7-10 p.m., Oakland Center. Fee, but discounted for university employees. Sponsored by the Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

April 26 — Reception for Jean Miller, 1989 Outstanding AP Award recipient, 3-5 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge II. Everyone welcome.

April 27 — Seminar, *Working with Career Changers*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oakland Center. Fee, but discounted for university employees. Sponsored by the Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

May 1-2 — Mobile mammography education and testing services, sponsored by School of Nursing and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in parking lot between Oakland Center and Wilson Hall.

May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 — Workshop, *Assertiveness Training*, 7-10 p.m., Bloomfield Township Library. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Fee, but reduced price for university employees. Call 370-3033.

May 9, 16 and 23 — Workshop, *Single Series*, 7-10 p.m., Birmingham Community House. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Fee, but reduced price for university employees. Call 370-3033.

May 9, 16, 23 and 30 — Workshop, *Growing Older Bolder: Assertiveness Training for Older Adults*, 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Fee, but reduced price for university employees. Call 370-3033.

COURSES

Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute offers an exercise-education program for adults with insulin- and noninsulin-dependent diabetes. The program focuses on strategies for life enhancement. Interested persons will learn about exercise, nutrition and self-care measures, and may participate in three medically supervised exercise sessions per week. Call Terri Darenkamp, RN, at 370-3198.

TOURS

Meadow Brook Hall is open from 1-4 p.m. Sundays for tours. No reservations required. Admission.

ATHLETICS

June 5-6 — Gehringer-Meadow Brook Golf Classic for benefit of athletics and Meadow Brook Hall. Reservations required. Call 370-3140.

May 1-2 — Pioneer Invitational golf tournament, Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

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