

## NEWS

### Coming Home

Alumni came back to campus for the annual homecoming events, which included a first-time Alumni Academy and an address by President Sandra Packard on the state of the university.



Alumni in attendance included John Flick (top right) who is president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Not everything was in a serious vein, however. A dunk tank on a chilly day warmed the hearts of those paying to see folks like David Herman, dean of students (left), make a splash.

At the annual faculty and staff appreciation dinner hosted by President Sandra Packard and her husband, Martin, approximately 800 guests dined and met each other's families. Alicia Tirpak, daughter of Lori Tirpak of the Office of Computer and Information Services, finds that painting was as much fun as the dinner itself.



### Board Appoints Nursing Dean

Oakland's new dean of nursing, Justine Speer of the University of Louisville, will begin her duties on January 3.

The Board of Trustees approved Speer's appointment at its October 6 meeting. Speer has been dean and professor of nursing at Louisville since 1984. She has also served as assistant dean of graduate studies at Wayne State University and chair of Community Health Nursing at WSU.

Speer received her bachelor's degree in nursing, her master's in public health nursing and her doctorate in sociology from the University of Minnesota. She also was trained at the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

The new dean is a member of numerous professional and honorary nursing societies, and has published articles in various medical literature. ▼

### Louis Ross Adds Trustee Title

The university has a full complement on its Board of Trustees again, with the appointment of Louis Ross to an eight-year term.

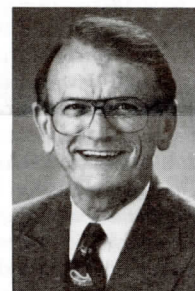
Governor John Engler appointed Ross to fill the seat that had been held by Stephan Sharf, whose term expired. Ross is vice chairman and chief technical officer of Ford Motor Company, a member of the company's Office of the Chief Executive and a director of the company.

Ross joins Ann Nicholson as the newest board members. She was appointed to fill the seat that had been held by Larry Chunovich.

Ross has considerable experience with Oakland. He has been a director of the Oakland University Foundation since 1990 and chair of its board since earlier this year. He will continue to serve on the foundation board.

Ross holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University and a master's in business administration from Michigan State University.

In addition to his community service work with Oakland, Ross is on the MSU Foundation Board, the Advisory Board of the Heart and Vascular Institute of Henry Ford Hospital and a trustee of GMI. ▼



Ross



Nicholson

## Study Finds Good Habits Can Lead to Reversal of Heart Damage

### Live Long and Prosper by:

- Eating a low-fat diet (10 percent fat compared with the 40 percent to 50 percent fat consumed in a regular American diet)
- Moderately exercising (one-half to one hour of walking is deemed sufficient for results)
- Managing stress
- Joining a support group to help maintain your life-style modifications.

An Oakland University professor of health sciences is using his expertise to help expand a revolutionary University of California-San Francisco program that reverses heart disease without surgery or drugs.

Robert Jarski, an expert on mind-body medicine, spent his sabbatical at the San Francisco university's Preventive Medicine Research Institute. He used his background in medical education to prepare a training manual for practitioners and patients to test the institute's theories at sites in New York City, Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Jarski says the institute's research findings refute standard medical textbooks that say heart disease cannot be reversed without drugs or surgery.

The professor says the San Francisco program uses PET scans that visualize which parts of the heart are

receiving inadequate blood supplies, and angiography that shows the blood vessels of the heart.

The process developed by Dr. Dean Ornish at the University of California-San Francisco's Preventive Medicine Research Institute has been publicized nationally in major magazines, on television and in *The New York Times*. Jarski says it is the first nonsurgical, nonpharmaceutical therapy for heart disease to qualify for insurance reimbursement, a certification granted by Mutual of Omaha.

Some patients report a decrease or disappearance of chest pains within a few days after beginning the program. About 100 new participants from around the country begin the program with a one-week retreat experience that is offered every few months.

Jarski says the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute at Oakland University also stresses life-style modification as a means of recovering from

heart disease. The OU program has not yet tested for, or recorded reversal, Jarski says.

The professor says staff and participants in the San Francisco project are amazed at the reversal achieved by the simple four-step program. He says the evidence of existing heart disease and the subsequent reversal have been documented by sophisticated tests, including the angiography and PET scans, and reports from each patient's personal physician.

The treatment could change forever the way mind-body medicine and health and stress management are approached and handled by doctors and clinics throughout the world.

Implications for his work and that of the health enhancement institute are staggering, Jarski says. He cites the diet and the very moderate exercise as unusual for treating heart disease patients. ▼



# Biologist's Dream Hobby Not Pie in the Sky

The next time you need to know how long it takes to get somewhere, a good person to ask is John Cowlshaw.

The associate professor of biological sciences placed fourth of 26 entries in an airplane race by predicting the time it would take to fly a 250-mile course. He was off by 33 seconds; the winner missed by 10.

Cowlshaw and his brother, Bob, who served as navigator of their Piper Cherokee 140, flew

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY

from Holland to airports in Evert, Charlotte and Zeeland. The object of the race was to go from Holland to Evert, swoop down to 200 feet and fly past a designated mark on the runway, and continue to the next airport, and so on. Timers on the ground recorded when each plane passed.

The race, like a road rally of the air, is based on how well pilots can chart their course and maintain the average speed they plan.

Cowlshaw's average speed was 82 knots. Other planes ranged from 75 to 140 knots.

"The point of the race isn't who gets there first, but who is the most accurate in predicting the time it will take," Cowlshaw explains.



Cowlshaw has been flying for 3.5 years and has more than 400 hours behind him. This month he achieved his instrument rating. "It means I can now fly in the clouds," he says.

Cowlshaw says getting out of the classroom and into the sky is exhilarating. "The feeling of physical freedom is wonderful," he adds, "and you get to see new things from a completely different perspective."

Cowlshaw does most of his flying in Michigan, but has made trips to Alabama and Florida. Flying is just a hobby, he says, and he has no secret dreams of taking the controls of a 747 to buzz Dodge Hall. Well, maybe he does.▼

Bob, left, and John Cowlshaw

## Early Risers Invited to Dedicate Building

Oakland's newest building will be officially dedicated October 21.

The university community is invited to attend the 7-9 a.m. program at the new Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Facility. It's located along Pioneer Drive, south of Varner Hall. Attendants will direct you to parking.

President Sandra Packard and the staff of the Division of Finance and Administration will dedicate the building. Members of the Campus Facilities and Operations and Internal Audit departments will assist in providing a complimentary pancake breakfast for guests.

The new state-financed building is part of the overall project for the new Science and Engineering Complex. The space now used by the buildings and grounds crew will become storage space for Meadow Brook Theatre. Storage buildings the theatre uses are to be torn down to make way for the science building.▼

## Of Distinction ...

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

**Kevin Andrews and Meir Shillor**, mathematical sciences, have published an article, *A Parabolic Initial-boundary Value Problem Modeling Axially Symmetric Thermoelastic Contact*. It appeared in *Nonlinear Analysis*.

**Frederick Glaysher**, rhetoric, attended the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs at Western Illinois University. He presented a paper, *The Dialectic of Chinese Literature*, which reflected on his study this summer for five weeks in China on a Fulbright-Hays grant.

**Geoff Wawro**, history, has been awarded the Austrian Cultural Institute Prize for best dissertation in Austrian studies. His dissertation, submitted at Yale University in 1992, is *The Austro-Prussian War: Politics, Strategy and War in the Habsburg Monarchy, 1859-1866*. The prize, which includes a \$2,000 research fellowship, will be awarded at the University of Minnesota in November.

**Sean Farrell Moran**, history, chaired a panel, *Irish-American Communities and Their Chroniclers*, at the Midwest regional meeting of the American Conference of Irish Studies, held at the University of Detroit-Mercy. He also served as the featured lunchtime speaker at the Detroit International Business Roundtable Luncheon at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He gave a talk, *Terrorism and the Nation-State*, and answered questions on the role of terrorism in the politics of Northern Ireland.

**Austin Murphy**, business administration, is author of the book, *Scientific Investment Analysis*, published by Orchises Press of Alexandria, Virginia.

**Donald Warren**, sociology and anthropology, received a supplemental fellowship grant from the Earhart Foundation, furthering the research project on sociological dynamics of populist-style political movements in Western Europe and North America. Warren has been working with the Gallup Institute International in Princeton, New Jersey, developing measures of the community health of large urban centers in the U.S. and several other

nations. He was invited to teach a seminar field course at the Institute of Sociology at the University of Vienna, Austria. The course examined the issues of social integration in neighborhoods and provided students with training in several methods of community assessment. While in Austria, Warren was invited by the Center for Comparative Politics at the University of Innsbruck to deliver a lecture on *The Perot Factor in the 1992 Presidential Election and Beyond*.

**Philip Singer**, health sciences, was an invited presenter at the International Symposium on *Chinese Cuisine and the American Palate*. The symposium in New York City was sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of the Science and Art of Chinese Cuisine and Queen's College's Department of Home Economics and Asian-American Center. Singer prepared a video documentary on the topic, which he shot at the Hunan Palace in Farmington Hills. The institute adopted the video as an educational video for its library. Singer also chaired a panel on Chinese Cuisine-American Mainstay. Singer is also a finalist in the Philo T. Farnsworth Video

Competition in the Midwest Central States region. The award is named after the man known as the father of modern television for his invention of the first receiving tube for television transmissions. Singer's program, *Church and Health Care Delivery*, was entered in the religious programming category. He shot the video documentary in England during his sabbatical in 1992, and it is one of an eight-part documentary series, *Complementary Health Therapies in England*.

**Abraham Liboff**, physics, and director of the medical physics program, presented an invited talk at a meeting of the American Brain Tumor Association in Chicago. He spoke on *Weak ELF Magnetic Field Interactions with Neural Tissue*. The two-day meeting, which dealt with various factors in the etiology of brain tumors, included speakers from Johns Hopkins University, the University of North Carolina, the California Institute of Technology, the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Northwestern University, the Medical College of Virginia, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Southern California.

## The Campus Register

### In Memoriam

#### John Marney

A memorial service for Professor John Marney of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures is planned for 2 p.m. October 16.

The memorial service will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1950 S. Baldwin Road, Lake Orion. Professor Marney died September 23 following a long fight with cancer.

Marney, 61, a professor of Chinese, will be remembered for his dedication to his profession and to his students. When Marney's illness forced him from the classroom, he did the unexpected: He videotaped his lectures while confined to bed to ensure that his students didn't miss a lesson.

Marney is survived by his wife, Suqin, and five children. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Artists Series, 435 Goodhew Road, Bloomfield Hills, 48304.

### For Your Benefit

#### Setting Up Special Accounts

The Staff Benefits Office says that now is the time to look at what your out-of-pocket expenses were for dependent care and/or health care for 1994. Did you pay those expenses with after-tax dollars? If so, you may wish to enroll for the Dependent Care and/or Health Care Spending Account for 1995 to pay those out-of-pocket expenses with pre-tax dollars. This means you pay the same amount of expenses; however, because you pay with pre-tax dollars, your taxable income is reduced, which means a savings for you.

• **Dependent Care Account** — Providers must supply their social security number or tax identification number. You are eligible to contribute up to \$5,000 a year, which is pre-tax.

• **Health Care Account** — Covers dental, optical and medical charges not paid by your

insurance. Examples of covered items: co-pay for prescription drugs, dental, glasses (second pair or prescription sunglasses), contact lenses, deductible from Blue Cross/Blue Shield master medical and co-pay for BC/BS CMM plan, birth control pills, orthodontics, etc.

Therefore, it is time to estimate what you think your out-of-pocket expenses will be for 1995 and be ready to sign up for the Flexible Spending Account Plan(s) during November for 1995.

"Keep in mind the fact that if you don't use it, you lose it," says Diana Decker, staff benefits manager. "Watch the *Oakland University News* and your campus mail for more information on this great employee benefit."

If you have any questions, please contact the Staff Benefits Office, 142 NFH, or call 370-3483.

### 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.

#### Health Resources and Services Administration

The administration seeks fiscal 1995 grant applications to establish or expand programs to increase the number of individuals trained in allied health professions. Programs may include those that expand enrollment in allied health professions with the greatest shortages or whose services are most needed by the elderly; provide rapid transition training in allied fields to individuals with baccalaureate degrees in health related sciences; establish community-based allied health training programs that link academic centers to rural clinical settings; provide career advancement training

for practicing allied health professionals; expand or establish clinical training for allied health professions in medically underserved or rural communities; develop curriculum that will emphasize knowledge and practice in prevention and health promotion, geriatrics, long-term care, home health and hospice care and ethics; expand or establish interdisciplinary training programs that promote the effectiveness of allied health practitioners in geriatric assessment and the rehabilitation of the elderly; expand or establish demonstration centers to emphasize innovative models that link allied health clinical practices, education and research; and provide traineeships to students who will pursue careers in fields with a demonstrated personnel shortage in medically underserved communities. The application deadline is January 27. For applications, call Jacqueline Whitaker at (301) 443-6857; for program information, call Norman Clark at (301) 443-6767.

### Jobs

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

- Administrative assistant, AP-6, Office of the President
- Clerk-receptionist II (part time), C-4, Academic Skills Center
- Assistant director, orientation, AP-3, Orientation Office
- Intern coordinator, AP-3, Department of Placement and Career Services
- Social science research assistant, AP-4, Department of Institutional Research
- Secretary II, C-5, Department of Placement and Career Services
- Network operations analyst, AP-8, Office of Computer Services, electronic systems operations
- Assistant director, AP-6, Office of Minority Equity

- General counsel and secretary to the board of trustees, miscellaneous, Office of General Counsel and Board of Trustees
- Director for governmental and public relations, miscellaneous, Office of the Board of Trustees
- Associate vice president for enrollment management (director of admissions and scholarships), miscellaneous, Division of Academic Affairs
- Industrial hygiene coordinator, AP-7, Department of Risk Management and Contracting
- Assistant registrar for scheduling, evening programs and technical support, AP-9, Office of the Registrar
- Administrative assistant/program coordinator, AP-5, Continuing Education
- Assistant program director (part time), AP-5, Continuing Education
- Internal auditor, casual, Internal Audit



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## Quote

"The greatest difficulties lie where we are not looking for them."

— Goethe

## Bits & Pieces

### Cable TV Coming to Oakland

Students will be able to get their MTV in the privacy of their residence halls rooms.

The university Board of Trustees has approved a proposal to allow a cable television vendor to install and operate a system. Regular fees for connecting to cable would be paid by interested students.

The board authorized Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration, to negotiate and execute a contract with a cable TV vendor. The name of the vendor was not disclosed.

### O'Dowd Hall is Now Ours

It cost only a buck, but it's worth a lot more than that in replacement and sentimental value.

The university has officially taken ownership of O'Dowd Hall by buying it for \$1 from the State Building Authority. The state built the office-classroom building and repaid the construction bonds, and on paper, the State Building Authority was the true owner. Those bonds have now been retired, and the university has officially taken ownership of the building.

### Trustees Receive Citations

Former Trustees Stephan Sharf and Larry Chunovich have been given "trustee emeritus" status by the university board.

Chunovich had served on the board from March 10, 1987 through this past September 2. During his years on the board, he served on the board's Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee, including as chair, and chair of the Advisory Presidential Search Committee.

Sharf was appointed on March 12, 1987 and served until this past September 27. He served on the University Affairs Advisory Committee, including as chair, and vice chair of the full board from 1992-94. He continues to serve as a member of the Oakland University Foundation Board of Directors.

The board also honored Trustee James Sharp, Jr., with a resolution citing his two terms as board chair. Sharp led the board from November 5, 1992 to this past August 4. In his service to the board, Sharp has been a member of the board's University Affairs Advisory Committee, the board's Investment Advisory Committee, the Advisory Presidential Search Committee and the Blue Ribbon Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Board members also noted his countless hours coordinating board activities and assisting the university in its relationships with the state Legislature and other governmental entities.

### Rush Shifts Responsibilities

Catherine Rush has taken on the position of acting employment director/labor relations adviser in the Employee Relations Department.

Rush has been director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and assistant to the president. In her new role, she will manage the Employment Office within ERD and provide support and guidance on labor relations issues.

In a related move, Ed Perez, manager of staff development, affirmative action administrator, is now interim director of the Office of Equal Opportunity while a search for an acting director progresses.

### Learn About China

Speakers from the School of Education and Human Services who taught at the Summer English Institute at Guizhou Normal University and Anshun Teachers College in the People's Republic of China will speak about their experiences at 7 p.m. October 18 in 216 O'Dowd Hall.

Bill Richardson and Opal Redman will make the presentation.

# Fall Enrollment Sets Record for Oakland

Fall enrollment figures confirm this is a record semester for Oakland University.

The head count for undergraduates and graduates reached 13,165 students, according to information from the Office of Institutional Research.

"We are excited that our students have affirmed our belief in OU's academic quality and still affordable prices and have chosen to enroll," President Sandra Packard said.

Fall enrollment is 270 higher than the 12,895 count in fall of 1993 and 97 greater than the previous high of 13,068 in fall 1992.

Enrollment of first-year students was a special source of pride, the President said, and the total of 1,222 first-year students was the highest in recent years. While the numbers of high school graduates are expected to pick up again next year, Oakland's increase came from a still-flat pool of graduates and in the face of intense competition for them.

In addition, Oakland enrolled 1,168 transfer students this fall, 18 above last year and well above the 1,031 transfers admitted for fall 1992.

The enrollment breakdown shows 10,553 undergraduates and 2,612 graduate students. Undergraduate enrollment was 10,423 in 1993 and 10,551 in the previous record year of 1992. Graduate enrollment is 2,612 this fall, up from 2,517 in 1992 and 2,472 last year.

Credits for fall were down slightly to 4,122, compared with 4,146 last year. The trend appears to be common in modern universities, the President said, as students combine study and work. Even traditional first-year students now take five or more years to graduate.

Oakland has uncapped the 12,500-student enrollment limit in an effort to meet the educational needs of the region. The university's

strategic plan now calls for an enrollment of 15,000 students by 2000.

The President said Oakland is increasing the size and the diversity of its student body in response to its educational mission. "More trained and versatile graduates for the work force are vital to the future well-being of our state and the nation," the president said.

In recent years, as the pool of new high school graduates declined, transfer students have become more important to the enrollment mix and Oakland has instituted articulation agreements with numerous community colleges to help ensure an influx of new students.

Packard said the university has taken many other steps to bolster enrollment. These include stepped up recruitment and retention efforts. The University is moving to telephone

registration and has increased the number of sections in many heavily enrolled programs.

Students were also given new options to pay for their tuition and fees, and President Packard said more than 2,000 students took advantage of a new deferred payment plan offered this fall. In addition, some \$2 million in tuition and fee payments (or about 20 percent of the total tuition and fees collected through September) went on credit cards. The university had not accepted credit card payments over the past several years, but "we felt students and parents should have this option," President Packard said.

"We have moved to consolidate student services, and make admissions, advising and registration more user-friendly," President Packard said. "This emphasis on students, coupled with our strong academic programs and reasonable price, will help us achieve our goal of 15,000 students by the year 2000."▼

## Oakland Ranks High in National University Guide

Oakland University has been ranked in the first tier of midwestern colleges and universities in the 1995 *Guide To America's Best Colleges* published by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The university is ranked 17th in academic reputation and is 21st overall in the guide's listing of the top 30 midwestern colleges and universities.

Oakland was a best buy in the *U.S. News & World Report* guide last year and also ranked in the first tier of best midwestern colleges and universities.

President Sandra Packard said she is pleased with Oakland's continued presence in the national magazine survey. The President said ratings are important to an institution like

Oakland and noted that part of the survey is based on the opinion of the university's peers, in addition to alumni, financial, student and faculty data.

The ranking for Midwest institutions included 119 colleges and universities, including public and private institutions.

Methodology used for the rankings included academic reputation as determined by a university's peers, national entrance test scores, acceptance rates, ranking of first-year students in the top 25 percent of their high school classes, number of faculty members with a doctorate, student-faculty ratio, educational spending per student, alumni giving rate, and graduation rates.▼



### A Day of Honors

Gary Russi, left, vice president for academic affairs, presents Robert Schwartz, education, with a Research Excellence Award during the annual Start of the Year program. J. Austin Murphy, finance, also received a Research Excellence Award, and Teaching Excellence Awards were presented to Ronald Cramer, education, and Jacqueline Lougheed, curriculum, instruction and leadership. David Jaymes, modern languages, received the Marian P. Wilson Award for meritorious writing. The program included introductions of new faculty and staff members, and recognition of past Employee of the Month winners. President Sandra Packard addressed the audience by outlining the proposed points of the strategic plan.

## SECS Sends Specially Equipped Dodge Truck Off to White House

A project developed by faculty members and students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science is headed to the White House for a ceremony with Vice President Al Gore.

A Dodge truck equipped with Smart Automotive Traction Control will be on the White House lawn October 17 to commemorate the Partnership for New Generation Vehicle Program. The traction control system is an example of a dual-use project, meaning it has both military and commercial applications. Oakland's is the only project selected for display.

Associate Professor Ka C. Cheok explains the traction control goes well beyond what is commercially available today. It uses a "fuzzy logic" computer system to control the accelerator, the transmission shift points and wheel spin to give the vehicle superior traction in sand or on ice.

"Vehicle traction problems exist when the vehicle encounters smooth or loose surfaces," Cheok says. "Off-road vehicles lose traction in



sandy terrain. Commercial vehicles lose traction on icy roads. Other problematic surfaces include gravel roads, wet pavement, snow and sand patches. Trailer loads and hills also add significantly to the need for better traction control."

Cheok says the advanced control would benefit drivers of snow plows and salt trucks that have tremendous problems with traction.

The SECS received funding for the Smart Automotive Traction Control from the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, which selected Oakland's truck project as an example

# Plans for Rec Center Moving Forward

The day is getting closer when construction will begin on a new recreation center on campus.

The university Board of Trustees has authorized the administration to initiate the process necessary to finance the project through issuance of up to \$37 million in tax-exempt bonds. The bonds would be repaid through user fees charged to students and others. The exact location for the project has not yet been determined, but it will either be a free-standing center or an addition to and renovation of Lepley Sports Center.

The board also authorized the administration to implement a schedule of student and user fees to fund the bond payments and operating expenses for the facility to begin with the expected occupancy date of 1998. The fee schedule will be included with the university budget starting in the year of building occupancy.

Board members will continue to oversee the project as it moves from one step to another.

Brailsford and Associates, Inc., was hired to conduct the feasibility study. Its report includes an assessment of the Lepley Sports Center, a market and financial analysis, a report on focus group meetings and opinion surveys of faculty, staff and students, site analysis and proposed programs to be included in the recreation center.▼

of its dual-use technology. The Army, Saturn Electronics and Engineering, Chrysler Corporation, ITT-Automotive and Elect Comp Engineering collaborated with Oakland.

The secret to the system is the fuzzy logic of the onboard computer. The logic captures the essential knowledge on the subject of vehicle traction that is based on years of experience and testing. Oakland researchers combined this knowledge with academic theories and principles of control systems. As a consequence, the SATC computer algorithm is based on solid feedback control principles which are supervised by expert decisions. The onboard computer senses the speed of each of the four wheels and makes decisions whether to automatically apply individual brakes, actuate the throttle relaxer or upshift the transmission.

Working with Cheok were Sandro Scaccia (an Oakland alumnus who owns Elect Comp Engineering), research associate Kazuyuki Kobayashi and graduate students Nash'at Jalil and Anand Krishnan.▼



## October Employee of the Month

### EMPLOYEE:

Sharon Demerino

### POSITION:

Administrative secretary

### DEPARTMENT:

Continuing Education

### LENGTH OF OU SERVICE:

Seven years

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AT OU:

Procurement clerk, Purchasing Department; secretary II, Continuing Education; administrative secretary, Continuing Education

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Women of Oakland University; current member and past Fashion Show Committee member

### PLAUDITS FROM OTHERS:

- "Sharon is 100 percent professional in the way she approaches her work, interacts with customers and students, and cooperates with her coworkers. She is always reliable and conscientious. Not only does she carefully plan her work, but she executes it brilliantly, in a lively manner with grace and enthusiasm."

- "Sharon is very much a 'follow up' person. She makes things run smoothly by her sense of responsibility to each person she talks with — outside caller to staff. A very professional frontline support person."



Demerino

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## Meadow Brook to Stage Classic 'Mockingbird'

A stage adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, comes to Meadow Brook Theatre beginning October 27. The play will run Tuesdays through Sundays until November 20.

As seen through the eyes of young Scout Finch, this stirring drama follows her lawyer father, Atticus, as he defends a black man wrongly accused of rape.

Set in 1935 Alabama, the trial not only brings out the worst of the community's bigotry and hatred toward blacks, but it also places Scout and her brother, Jem, in mortal danger.

Published in 1960, Harper Lee's only novel won a Pulitzer Prize in 1961. It has since sold more than 15 million copies.

The Academy Award-winning film was released in 1962 and featured Gregory Peck as attorney Atticus Finch.

Christopher Sergel, who wrote the adaptation, has also written or adapted several other plays for the stage, including *Black Elk Speaks*, *Cheaper By the Dozen* and *Up the Down Staircase*.

Meadow Brook Theatre's 18-member cast for *To Kill a Mockingbird* features Michael Kevin as Atticus Finch. The play marks the Meadow Brook Theatre directing debut of Randal Myler.

He is an associate artistic director at the Denver Center Theatre Company, where he has directed his own adaptations of *Huckleberry Finn* and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. He is also the coauthor of *The Immigrant*, which was produced at Meadow Brook in 1990, and *Lost Highway*, which is based on the life and music of Hank Williams.

Tickets are available from the Meadow Brook box office, 370-3300, and from any TicketMaster outlet or by phone at 645-6666. ▼

## Faculty Personnel Actions

The following faculty personnel actions have been approved by the Board of Trustees:

### Appointments

- **William Hoerr**, assistant professor of education, effective August 15, 1994
- **Michael Long**, associate professor of education, effective August 15, 1994
- **Dale Nesbary**, instructor in political science, effective August 15, 1994
- **Guoha Pan**, assistant professor of mathematical Sciences, effective August 15, 1994
- **Cynthia Schellenbach**, assistant professor of psychology, effective August 15, 1994
- **Jacqueline Wiggins**, assistant professor of music, effective August 15, 1994
- **Robert Wiggins**, assistant professor of education, effective August 15, 1994
- **Yang Xia**, assistant professor of physics, effective August 15, 1994

### Change of Status

- **Thomas Lauer**, from associate professor of management information systems, to associate professor of management information systems and acting chairperson, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, effective August 15, 1994, through August 14, 1995
- **Sandra Pelfrey**, from associate professor of accounting, to associate professor of accounting and acting chairperson, Department of Accounting and Finance, effective January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **David Shantz**, from associate professor of psychology, to associate professor of psychology and acting chairperson, Department of Psychology, effective August 15, 1994, through August 14, 1995

### Part-time Leave

- **Judith Brown**, professor of anthropology, from September 1, 1994 through April 26, 1995

### Sabbatical Leaves

- **Hoda Abdel-Aty-Zohdy**, associate professor of engineering, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Algea Harrison**, professor of psychology, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Alice Horning**, professor of rhetoric and lin-

guistics, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995

- **Abraham Liboff**, professor of physics, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Lawrence Lilliston**, associate professor of psychology, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Ravi Parameswaran**, professor of marketing and management information systems, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Eileen Peacock**, associate professor of accounting, and chairperson, Department of Accounting and Finance, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Phyllis Rooney**, associate professor of philosophy, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Joel Russell**, professor of chemistry, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Howard Splete**, professor of education, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Ronald Tracy**, associate professor of economics, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Sze-Rai Tsui**, professor of mathematical sciences, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995
- **Satish Walia**, associate professor of biological sciences, from January 3, 1995, through April 26, 1995

### Sabbatical Leaves Withdrawn

- **Robert Nan K. Loh**, John F. Dodge Professor of Engineering and director of the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation, from September 1, 1994, through April 26, 1995
- **Sarma Vishnubhotla**, associate professor of engineering, from September 1, 1994, through December 17, 1994

### Resignations

- **Albert Lederer**, professor of management information systems and chairperson, Department of Decision and Information Systems, effective August 14, 1994
- **Panajiotis Sakkalis**, associate professor of mathematical sciences, effective August 14, 1994

## 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.

### OCTOBER

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.

**Through October 23** — Play, *Noises Off*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

**14** — Workshops: *How to Find — and Win — Federal, Foundation and Corporate Grants*, 8:30 a.m.-noon, and *How to Find — and Win — Support for Collaborations in Education*, 1-4:30 p.m. by grant-writing consultant David Bauer, Meadow Brook Hall. Sponsored by Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education and Human Services and University Relations. Free (except lunch). 370-4116.

**14** — Open office hours with President Sandra Packard, 3:30-5 p.m., Oakland Center Oakland Room. 370-3500.

**15-16** — 33rd annual Writers' Conference, all day, on campus. Sponsored by Detroit Women Writers and Continuing Education. Admission. Registration deadline is October 6. 370-3120.

**17** — Lecture, *The Test of Humanity: Resolving Conflict*, by Terry Waite, 2:30 p.m., Oakland Center Crockery. Admission. Sponsored by Student Life Lecture Board, University Student Congress and Student Program Board. 370-2020.

**18 and 25** — Alcoholics Anonymous, noon-1 p.m., 9 Graham Health Center. 370-2341.

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

**18** — Oakland Insight Series with Vice President Gary Russi speaking, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room C. Free. Beverages provided.

**20** — Environmental Film Series, *Only One Earth: Fate of the Forest*, noon, Oakland Center Annex I. Sponsored by Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program. 370-4450.

**20** — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., John Dodge House. 370-4189.

**21** — Film, *Like Water for Chocolate*, 7 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall. Sponsored by Student Program Board. 370-4296.

**21-23 and 28-30** — Play, *Stags and Hens*, 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.

**22** — Chamber music by Seven and Less, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Student Program Board. Admission. 370-4296.

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

**25** — Career Day for School of Business Administra-

tion and School of Engineering and Computer Science, noon-4 p.m., Oakland Center Crockery. Free. 370-2158.

**26** — Enigma of Genius Lecture Series with Carl Barnes, *James McNeill Whistler, American Painter and Etcher*, 7:30-9 p.m., Birmingham Community House. Sponsored by Continuing Education and the College of Arts and Sciences. Admission. 370-3120.

**27** — Environmental Film Series, *Jungle Pharmacy*, noon, Oakland Center Annex I. Sponsored by Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program. 370-4450.

**27** — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., 126 Oakland Center. 370-4189.

**27-November 20** — Play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

**28** — Open office hours with President Sandra Packard, 3:30-5 p.m., 100 Kresge Library. 370-3500.

**28** — Seminar, *Ethics and the Legal Assistant*, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Continuing Education and the Legal Assistant Association of Michigan. 370-3120.

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

**31** — American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms. Free. Sponsored by CIPO. 370-2020.

**31-November 4** — *Alcohol Awareness Week*, noon, Oakland Center Fireside Lounge. Free. Sponsored by CIPO. 370-2020.

### NOVEMBER

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, 8, 15, 22 and 29** — Alcoholics Anonymous, noon-1 p.m., 9 Graham Health Center. 370-2341.

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

**1** — American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms. Free. Sponsored by CIPO. 370-2020.

**3** — Environmental Film Series, *Blowpipes and Bulldozers*, noon, Oakland Center Annex I. Sponsored by Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program. 370-4450.

**3** — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge II. 370-4189.

**3** — Mainstage performance by ventriloquist Dan Horn, 8 p.m., Hamlin Hall lounge. Sponsored by Student Program Board. 370-4296.

**4-6** — Play, *Stags and Hens*, 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.



### 'Stags and Hens'

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents 'Stags and Hens' in the Varner Studio Theatre. The cast includes Jennifer Lester and Chad Kushuba, who become entangled in a nightclub. Karen Sheridan, assistant professor of theatre, directs the play, and Susan Barrett is production designer. The play contains strong language. Details are available from the department box office at 370-3013.

**5** — Saturday Fun for Kids series with storyteller Jackie Torrence, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

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

**10** — Environmental Film Series, *The Greenhouse Effect*, noon, Oakland Center Annex I. Sponsored by Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program. 370-4450.

**10** — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge II. 370-4189.

**11** — Open office hours with President Sandra Packard, 3:30-5 p.m., Lepley Sports Center Pioneer Room. 370-3500.

**11-13** — Oakland Dance Theatre, *Fall Concert*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Varner Re-

cital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

**11-13 and 18-20** — Plays, *The Collection and Eight Revue Sketches*, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Varner Lab Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3103.

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

**15** — Oakland Insight Series with David Herman, dean of students, speaking on *Oakland Students: Who, What and Why*, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room C. Free. Beverages provided.

**17** — Environmental Film Series, *The Rhino War*, noon, Oakland Center Annex I. Sponsored by Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program. 370-4450.

**17** — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., John Dodge House. 370-4189.

**17** — Afram Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, *Jazz Dimensions*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

**18** — Film, *Ju Dou*, 7 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall. Sponsored by Student Program Board. 370-4296.

**20** — Pontiac Oakland Symphony, *Two for the Show*, 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. 370-3013.

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

**23** — Concert Band, *Tribute to Leonard B. Smith*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

**25-December 29** — Play, *A Christmas Carol*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

**27-December 11** — Meadow Brook Hall Christmas Walk, hours vary. Admission. 370-3140.

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

### December

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**1** — Environmental Film Series, *Only One Earth: Big Fish, Little Fish*, noon, Oakland Center Annex I. Sponsored by Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program. 370-4450.

**1** — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., 130 Oakland Center. 370-4189.

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

**2** — Open office hours with President Sandra Packard, 3:30-5 p.m., Office of the President, 204 Wilson Hall. 370-3500.