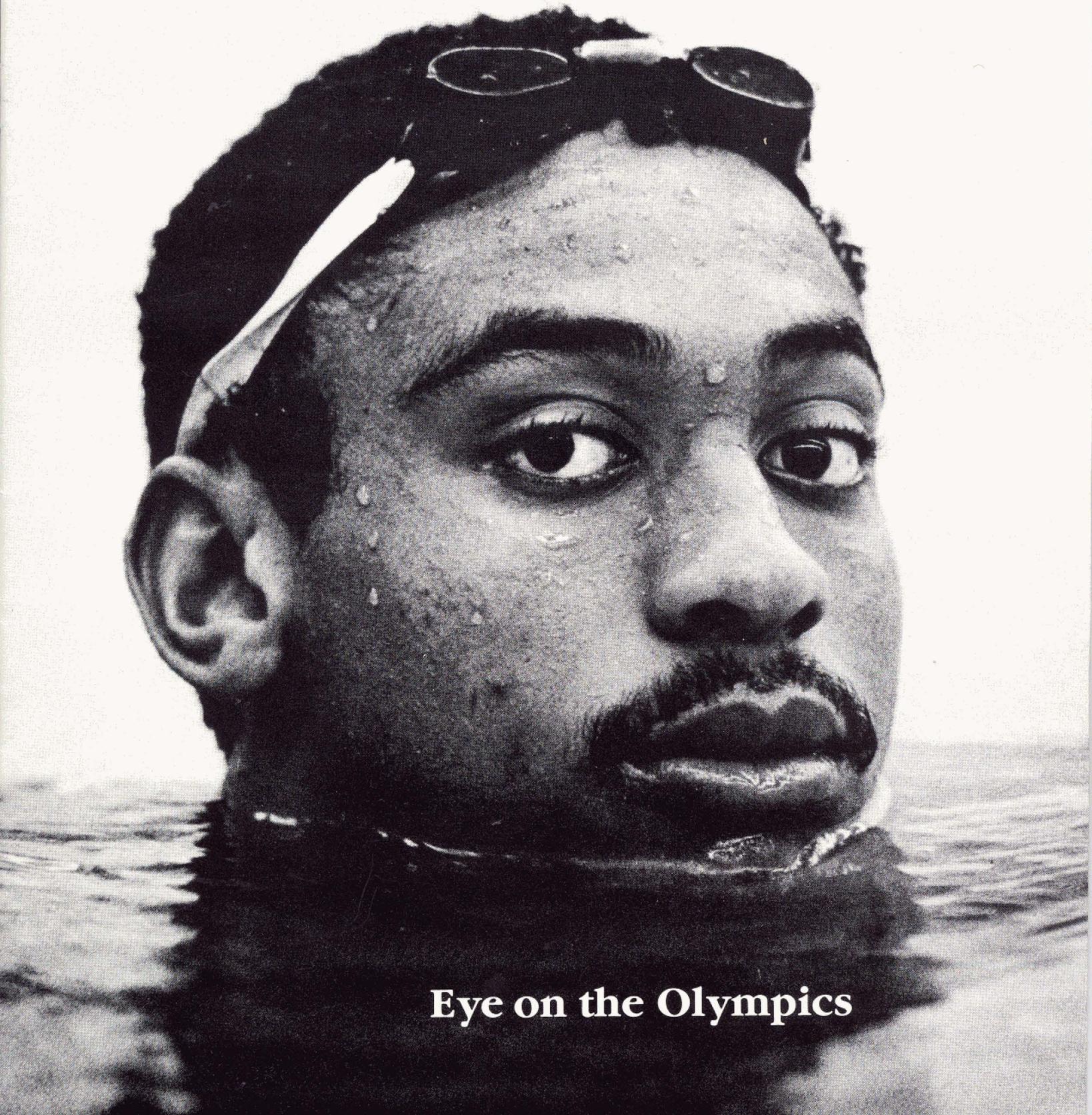


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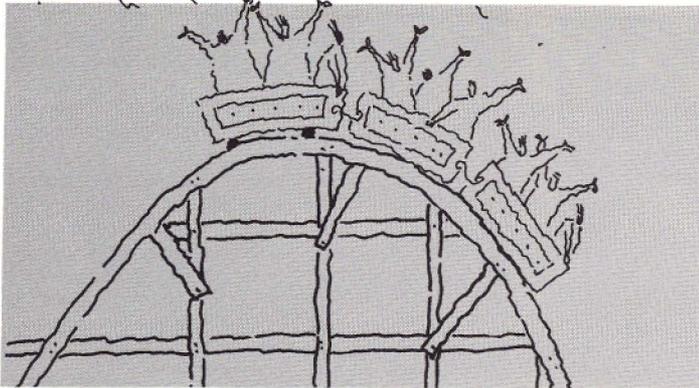
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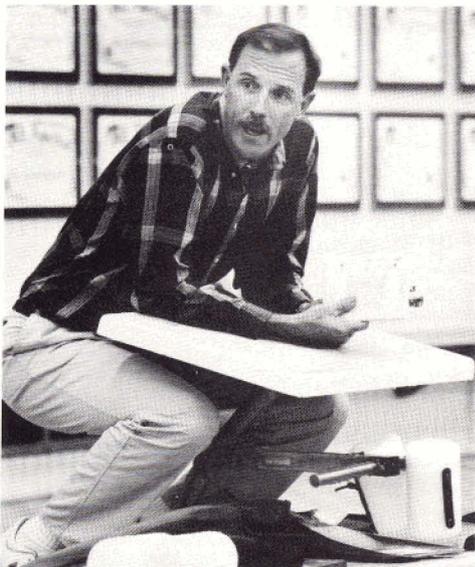
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## A winning tradition

I was an assistant coach at the University of Toledo when an advertisement came across my desk for a head coaching job at a university I'd never heard of: Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, 90 miles away.

I had been at Toledo for six years, reveling in the glory of "big time" basketball. Why would I even consider leaving the security of the job and the success of a program that packed 10,000 basketball-crazed fans into our arena each night, worshipping every move the team made as we gained NCAA appearances and national Top 20 rankings?

"You're out of your mind," my best friend told me the day I accepted the position at Oakland. "No coach has ever won there. The academic restrictions will kill your recruiting efforts." His words still ring in my ears. And, I must admit I wondered if I had indeed committed occupational suicide—especially after my first game drew 175 fans.

Six years have passed, and even my best friend admits he was wrong. I left Toledo, first and foremost, for a chance to be a head coach. I got far more than that.

What I found at Oakland was a university with a proper perspective. College athletics in its simplest form. Students first, athletes second. An atmosphere conducive to good hard play, yet with a premium placed on performance in the classroom as well as on the athletic field. Oakland people want to win, but they insist on winning the proper way.

Last year, the cumulative Grade Point Average of all athletes at Oakland was 2.85. Of our four women's teams, three (basketball, swimming and volleyball) won league championships and were nationally ranked in the Top 20. The fourth finished second in the league. All four teams had GPAs of over 3.00.

On the men's side, the swim team finished second in the nation, soccer went to the national "final four," and the basketball team won 20 games again, pulling more than 2,000 fans for one contest. Basketball player Brian Gregory was named Michigan Association of Governing Boards outstanding male student from Oakland University.



**At work:** Coach Kampe

His GPA is 3.80. I really wonder how many schools can claim our success, both athletically and academically.

Drawing on my own playing and coaching experiences with several "high-powered" programs, I marvel at the perseverance of the student athletes here at Oakland, who excel in almost complete obscurity. It's easier to play in big-time programs. Full houses, television games, front-page coverage, autograph seekers, the lure of pro leagues and powerful alumni give those athletes added incentive to perform. By contrast, Oakland athletes use their athletic abilities as a vehicle to gain an education, not adulation.

I'm proud to be part of this truly winning tradition. And I'm glad I came.

Greg Kampe  
Head Basketball Coach  
Oakland University

*Editor's Note: Greg Kampe is the only athlete in Mid-American Conference history to earn first team All-Academic honors in both football and basketball. At Oakland, his teams won 85 and lost 55 during his first five seasons, making him Oakland's first basketball coach to carry a winning record.*

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# From A to Z . . . new library is OK

Dedication ceremonies were held last November for the \$11.6 million renovation and expansion of Kresge Library — culminating more than three years of development and the cornerstone program of “A Share in the Vision: The Campaign for Oakland University.”

The project nearly doubles the library space available for books and support services by adding two multi-story wings, and calls for the immediate upgrading of collection materials. Highlights of the improvements include:

- Providing study carrels for 1,800 students and faculty, offering three times the previous seating capacity, as well as 80 private study rooms.
- Adding space for a computer graphics lab, 70 computer terminals, and a system where students and faculty can bring in their own software, or check out software, just as they check out books.
- Allowing for the retrieval of more than 15,000 volumes previously in storage.
- Creating seminar, meeting and conference rooms.
- Improving facilities for handicapped users, including wider aisles and barrier-free access.

The project represented a collaborative effort between the private and public sectors — from a \$1 million pledge from long-time friend of the university, Howard L. McGregor, to thousands of contributions from alumni, staff, faculty and friends.

Through the Campaign for Oakland University, \$4.6 million was raised, \$1.3 million coming from alumni and another \$1 million from the Kresge Foundation. The remaining \$7 million was appropriated by the state of Michigan.

While the expansion and renovation improvements will meet Kresge Library's physical needs through the beginning of the 21st century, Oakland's recently announced “Enduring Legacy” program aims to raise \$5 million to build its collections.

The university has also announced that it will seek an additional \$1 million in state appropriations for fiscal 1990-91 to aid the library collection, as well as \$1 million per year in new funding for the development of the library's journal and monograph collection, and the adding of service personnel to support the acquisitions program.



*Performing the ribbon cutting were, from left, Eugene A. Miller, chairperson of the Campaign for Oakland University, chairperson of the OU Foundation and president and CEO of Comerica, Inc.; Patricia Hartmann, chairperson of the OU board of trustees; and Joseph E. Champagne, university president.*



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*Howard L. McGregor, Jr. (left) donated \$1 million to the project. On the right is Robert W. Swanson, retired executive vice president of the OU Foundation.*

## Making waves with electromagnetism

Could the electric blanket that keeps you toasty cause a miscarriage? Or the power line that subtly zig zags through your neighborhood cause cancer in your child? It's very possible, according to Abraham R. Liboff, Oakland professor of physics, noted for his electromagnetic theory, *ion cyclotron resonance*.

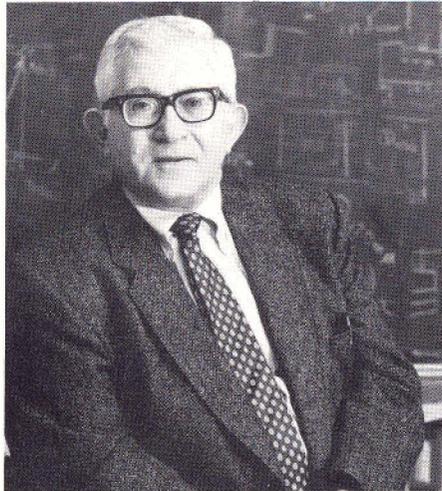
Liboff's theory — included in a *New Yorker* magazine series last summer and the December issue of *Discover* magazine — broke ground in an emerging discipline. And now it's been patented. Liboff, along with colleagues Bruce R. McLeod, professor of electrical engineering at Montana State University, and Stephen D. Smith, professor of anatomy and neurobiology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, who co-developed the theory, formed a corporation called Life Resonances, Inc., developed a patent for *ion cyclotron resonance* and awarded an exclusive license to IntroMed. IntroMed, a Phoenix, Arizona, based company, employs their theory to manufacture devices that "knit" together bones that will not unite. The device, which Liboff calls "the bone box," allows *ion cyclotron resonance* to be tested on humans.

"Very often people in business say scientists in an 'ivory tower' can't think straight and so on. But the fact is, we found some folks with deep pockets interested in backing us," says Liboff.

And while *ion cyclotron resonance* is alive and well, Liboff's scientific imagination is working overtime.

"I'm currently working on some new ideas. I'm interested in trying to explain human development through electromagnetic concepts. For instance, how does a body get to be the size it is? How does the system know when to turn off? I don't think biology or even chemistry is equipped to find the answers to these questions. And it's been a pet idea I've been carrying around for 20 years. I figure if I don't do it now, I'll never do it," he says.

*Editor's Note: Abraham Liboff's ion cyclotron resonance theory was featured in "Current Events" (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, Winter 1989). George Gamboa's work on kin recognition in wasps was explored in "Common Scents" (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, Spring 1988).*



Abraham R. Liboff

## Working with wasps

It's risky business, poking around wasps. But for George Gamboa, associate professor of biology at Oakland, it has its moments.

Like when the British Broadcasting Corporation crossed the Atlantic to interview and film Gamboa and three other American insect researchers. Chris La Fontaine, producer of the BBC *Horizons* program, "The Alternative Society: Insect Sociology," also interviewed scientists at Cornell University, Princeton University and Davis University (of

the University of California). According to La Fontaine, Gamboa is the sole wasp researcher of the foursome. The others study sweat bees, honey bees and bees in general.

"Professor Gamboa is quite well known in the field. We are working with him because he is working with wasps, which form a small social group. The average wasp nest is 10 to 20, whereas honey bee colonies, for example, hold some 1,200 to 1,400," says La Fontaine.

Gamboa, who moves nests to test the insects' ability to recognize kin, has found that wasps are quite capable of knowing who belongs in a colony and who doesn't.

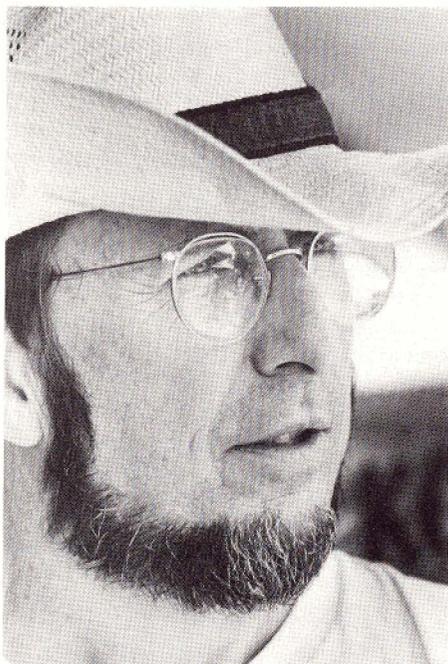
For La Fontaine, Gamboa's findings are crucial to comparing wasps, bees, the roles they play in insect sociology and, ultimately, human sociology.

"We can compare the organization of bee and wasp societies and learn that while young wasps go out foraging, old ones stay back. In bee society, it's the other way around. Bees are democratic, while wasps are more hierarchical. Wasps don't usurp their queen; they're a selfless group. It's fascinating stuff — and will help us discover what the organization really means," adds La Fontaine.

"The Alternative Society: Insect Sociology," which may find its way onto the American PBS *Nova* series, was broadcast in England in January.



George Gamboa



Maxim R. Rice ('64)

## Faith on trial?

As you read this, Maxim R. Rice ('64) is preparing to go to jail. It's the price he's chosen to pay for not reporting his family's income tax to the Internal Revenue Service.

That's how Max Rice's future read 18 months ago, as reported in the Summer 1988 issue of *Oakland University Magazine*.

But, that was 18 months ago.

And at that time, Rice, a partner in a northeastern Georgia commune dedicated to Christian service, found himself in scorching water with the IRS for "resisting war tax."

More recently, we caught up with the engineering alumnus to find out what ever became of the sentence he was facing.

"I was in jail for 40 days, from the end of January 1989 to the middle of March. The judge, who was very sympathetic, gave me 60 days, but knocked 20 days off. Since then, the IRS wrote a letter saying they were dropping all charges without prejudice. And I feel the IRS isn't going to bother us anymore at this point because we have no income and no property — with the exception of \$10 a week," he says.

Rice, who continues to work with Salvadorans and Guatemalans who flee their homes for political reasons, says in 1989 the commune located new, safe homes in Canada for more than a hundred refugees. And, he adds, they hope to double that figure in 1990.

## King/Chavez/Parks physical therapy scholars in residence

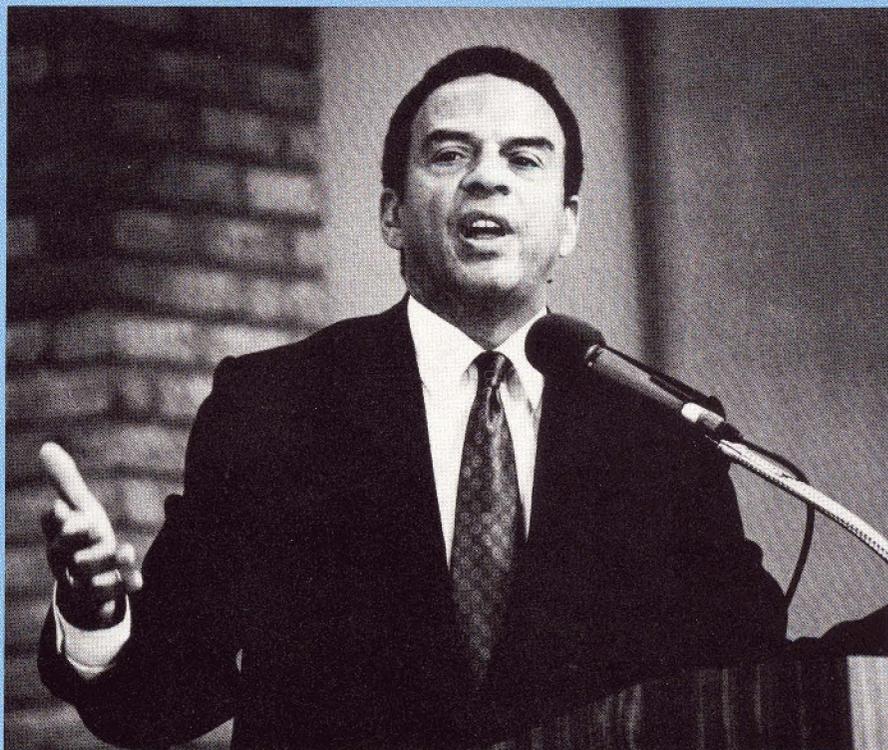
Mable Burns Sharp and Johnny Smith are currently in residence at Oakland University under a faculty development/mentorship program through the Martin Luther King/Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks grants program.

Sharp, director of the physical therapy pro-

gram at Wayne State University, is on leave from Wayne State through August of 1990 to research nontraditional healing techniques.

Smith is assisting OU physical therapy faculty with a project entitled, "Physical Therapy of the Musculoskeletal System."

The physical therapy internships are designed to encourage minority clinicians to consider teaching as a long-term goal and support minority faculty in advanced skills to enhance career development.

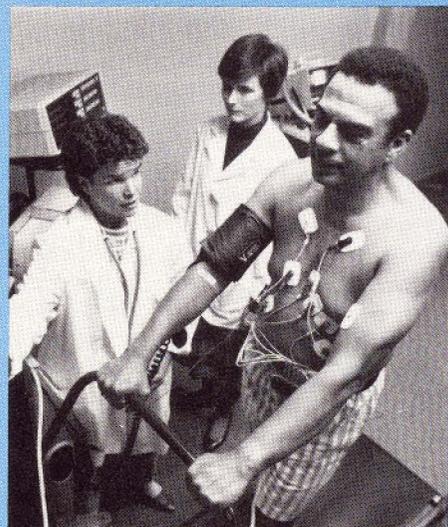


## Young at heart

Atlanta, Georgia, Mayor Andrew Young makes tracks at Oakland's Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute (right).

Young was on campus in November to talk about "The Future of the City" (above) and found his way over to the MBHEI facilities for an informal tour. The tour led to Young's impromptu physical exam.

"I was convinced that this is one of the best programs in the country. And I'm in the midst of a very hectic schedule — in the midst of three campaigns — and decided I should make sure my health is in order." Young's three campaigns? "Running a city, getting ready to run for governor and trying to get the Olympics to come to Atlanta."



# ALL ABOARD!

by Duffy Ross

**With echoes of the Berlin Wall, baby boomers, glasnost and AIDS still ringing from the roller coaster 1980s, Oakland University's faculty members predict another screamer for the '90s.**

WELCOME to the 1990s. Get comfortable and hold on tight.

If the stirring events of the late 1980s are any indication of what is to come, brace yourself. The wild ride is far from over.

With recent events and issues just beginning to leave footprints in the pages of history, the 1990s promise to be a time of radical—even monumental—advancement and change, according to Oakland University's academic community.

China's Tianamen Square, the Berlin Wall, baby boomers, yuppies, user-friendly computers, the budget deficit, glasnost, abortion and AIDS are expressions that took on new or added significance in the last 10 years.

And many more are sure to follow.

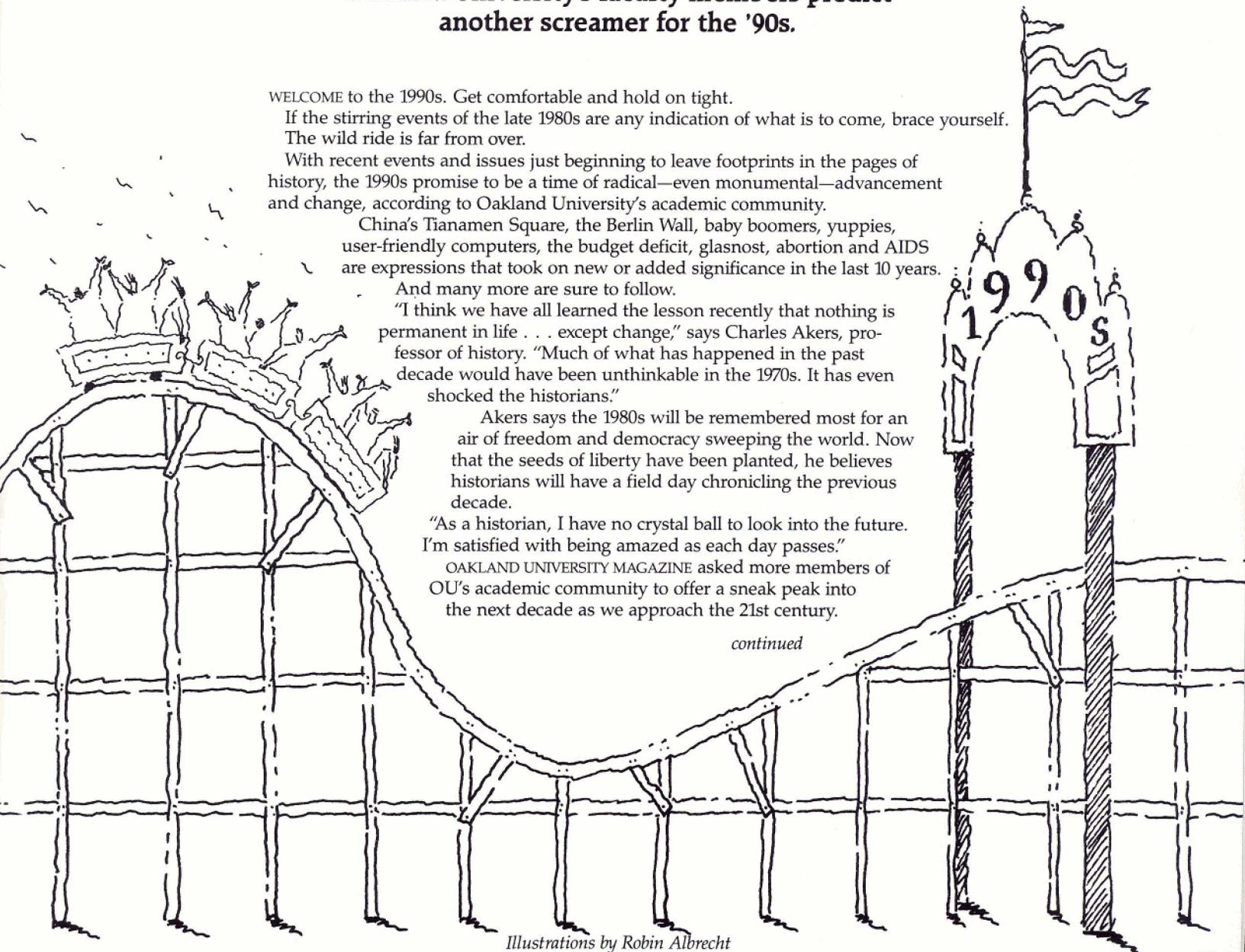
"I think we have all learned the lesson recently that nothing is permanent in life . . . except change," says Charles Akers, professor of history. "Much of what has happened in the past decade would have been unthinkable in the 1970s. It has even shocked the historians."

Akers says the 1980s will be remembered most for an air of freedom and democracy sweeping the world. Now that the seeds of liberty have been planted, he believes historians will have a field day chronicling the previous decade.

"As a historian, I have no crystal ball to look into the future. I'm satisfied with being amazed as each day passes."

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE asked more members of OU's academic community to offer a sneak peak into the next decade as we approach the 21st century.

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## POLITICS

### Headlining the world's stage

With a tongue placed firmly in cheek, Sheldon Appleton, associate provost and political science professor, contemplated who would be the president of the United States in the year 2000 with a deadpan grin . . .

"It depends," Appleton said. "I'd have to check the ages of the Kennedy children before I could answer that one."

Appleton's answer, albeit in jest, truly underscores the difficulty in pre-determining political candidates—let alone future presidents—years in advance.

"It depends on how things look, and who wants to get in," Appleton says. "Right now, if the economy stays pretty much the same and current conditions continue, I don't see anyone out there who could beat George Bush in 1992. After that, the 1996 election is too faraway to even begin to call at this point."

"That's not to say Bush can't be beat in 1992. Certainly, he can be knocked off. The number-one issue on the national agenda has to be the staggering debt and how long before there is a real recession—a real reaction to it. This will be the key to American political life in the 1990s. If the United States does not get the debt under control, there will be a recession sometime, and the question is how severe will it be? It could explode in our face at any time."

"The abortion question is going to play a significant role in future elections because people have been activated," Appleton says. "You will see political candidates at all levels hedging



on the issue because it is so volatile. Bush isn't the only one who has flip-flopped, but he is the most conspicuous and everyone is watching."

Not surprisingly, the almost daily thunderbolt emanating out of Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and Asia will continue to occupy the global political headlines.

"It's breaking all our preconceptions of the world," says Appleton. "I believe (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev is for real, but Gorbachev isn't the Soviet Union. He has political pressures, too."

"Right now, it is in our best interest to see that he remains in power. We should take advantage of the situation as best we can and do it in a way that will not leave us at a gross disadvantage, both militarily and economically, in the future."

## HEALTH SCIENCES

### Facing an aging population

As far as Ronald Olson is concerned, there is no greater issue to be confronted in the 1990s than the problems associated with the world's aging population.

"The real biggie looming out there is the fact that we are getting older and how is the need for health services going to be met?" says Olson, dean of the School of Health Sciences. "But here is the real problem: People that traditionally vote in this country are generally older, so they will vote for increased health care to be paid by the tax dollars of the young."

"The days of socialized medicine in the United States are way off at this point. The problem is we have a history of individualists and capitalists so the concept of available, affordable health care for all is relatively foreign. I believe the 1990s will see a movement toward even shorter hospital stays and increased outpatient treatment and home care."

Medical breakthroughs in diseases, injuries and cancers are not only possible, but probable in the next decade, says Olson.

"There are so many organ transplants performed today, it boggles the mind," says Olson. "The next step is to find definitive cures for various types of medical problems and ways to rehabilitate the ill as quickly as possible. Besides AIDS, there is a tremendous amount of momentum building toward answers for cancer and heart disease."

Although advances are being made to find a cure, Olson says the prospects toward an end to the AIDS epidemic



## BUSINESS

### The sky's the limit

Since most business-oriented professionals and economists are bottom-line people, here's the bottom line on a '90s forecast:

Yes, the possibility of a recession exists. No, it shouldn't be severe or long-lasting. Yes, the longer the U.S. budget deficit and foreign debt lingers, the more nervous the industrial world becomes. No, this shouldn't keep the world's economy from continuing to grow.

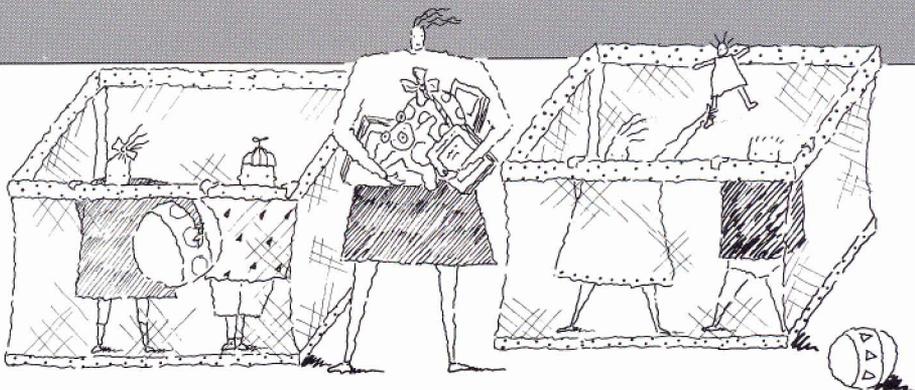
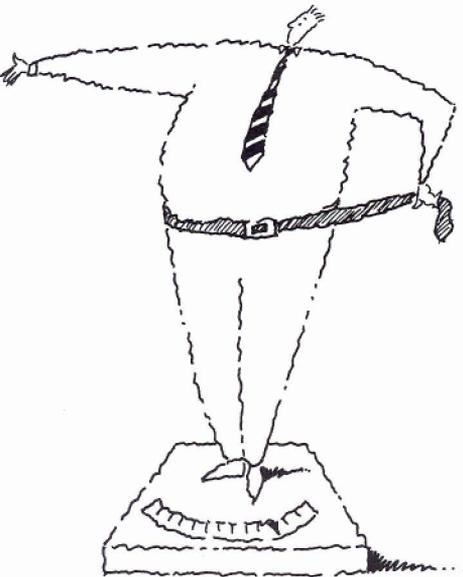
"Assuming inflation remains under control and interest rates stay low, I am

anytime soon are wishful, at best.

"It's hard to be optimistic when you look at the numbers," Olson says. "The number of patients continues to double each year and there is only one drug on the market (AZT) that helps—it doesn't cure. The upside of all this is we are learning a lot of good things about the immune system that will be useful in the years ahead."

Olson believes the emphasis currently placed on nutrition and healthy eating is likely to keep us watching our waistlines.

"People have begun to educate themselves and the message is getting out that the American diet is way too rich in fats," Olson says. "The 1990s are going to be a boom for the health-food industry. I see now you can buy rice bran, so it's obvious we aren't out of the fad business, either."



## SOCIAL ISSUES

### From "me" to "we"

First, the bad news.

Many of the social problems that plagued the United States in the 1980s, primarily increases in racial tension and divorce, women's rights, abortion, environmental concerns and drug abuse, haven't been ironed out.

But the good news is there is reason to hope.

"Socially, I'm not sure we came through the last 10 years any better than when we started," says Jacqueline Scherer, professor and chairperson of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. "There are some very serious problems facing the world in general and this country in particular. An emphasis has to be made to stop worrying about 'me,' and to start worrying about 'we.'"

As is the case in many situations, the baby boomers will play a significant role in any transition.

"Thankfully, I believe you will see the divorce rate begin to drop as our population ages," Scherer says. "The boomers are maturing and have moved past the early years of marriage. This should at least give us a sense of stability to work from. The race issue is another matter, though. Our minority

population continues to grow and with it so do the problems. There are some states that by the year 2000 could have no ethnic majority, and we'll need to get serious about dealing with that.

"The same thing can be said in regards to women's issues. As more and more women enter the work force, what happens to the children? Who is going to take care of them, or even better, who's going to pay for child care? This is what's facing us in the future."

On the environmental front, Scherer expects to see the major emphasis continue to focus on hazardous and toxic waste, the destruction of the earth's rain forests, air and water pollution and global warming.

Scherer is also encouraged by recent reports suggesting there has been a decrease, however slight, in drug use in the United States. She believes the shift in the 1990s will be from a strategy based on arrests and interdiction to making treatment readily available to anyone who needs it.

"It has to be a multi-pronged approach. You cannot forget about or give up on those that are addicted to drugs," Scherer says. "It's destroying millions of individuals and their families. This is probably our biggest fight, but it's winnable."

reasonably bullish about the 1990s," says Ronald Tracy, chairperson of the Department of Economics, and an economic forecaster. "There is a lot to be encouraged about—especially in this country. Our nation's economy has been forced to become more global and companies will continue to have more international relationships.

"The easing of tensions with the Soviet Union should open a huge Eastern European market for U.S. firms—not just for consumer products, but for capital-goods makers like machine tool and heavy equipment manufacturers.

Tracy's economic forecast also

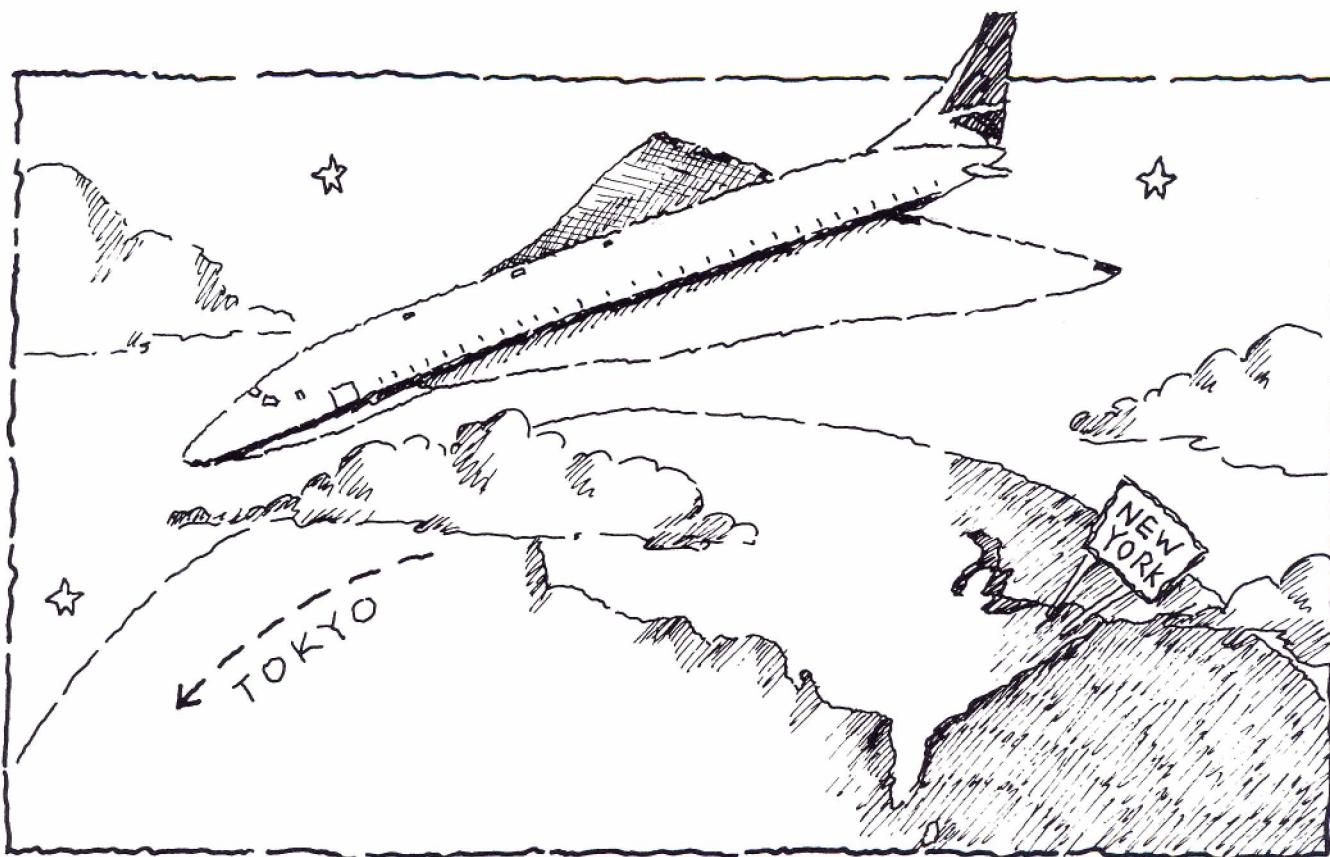
includes:

- Because most baby-boomers will begin hitting middle age in the 1990s, they will reach their peak earning years, which could stimulate the economy and spending.
- Because of improvements and advancements in technology, watch for the American workweek to shrink from the traditional 40 hours to perhaps one as low as 35.
- Labor shortages in service industries will require a growing number of senior citizens and disabled entering or coming back into the work force.

Looking for stocks that could pay off through the year 2000? Tracy says to

keep your eye on stocks that have a proven track record or show potential for growth.

"Remember, because this is going to be a time of incredible change, seek out companies that will have an interest in the future," Tracy advises. "Companies in medical fields, the environment, communication and energy could be the best bets. That's where the action is today, and should be tomorrow."



## TECHNOLOGY

The key word is "user-friendly"

In the 1960s, it became commonplace for every American home to have at least one television.

In the 1990s, the same will be said about personal computers.

"From the perspective of the people designing the systems, there is virtually no limit to what personal computers will be able to do in the years ahead," says Bhushan Bhatt, associate dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science. "Although the price is still somewhat prohibitive, the real obstacle to mass distribution is making personal computers as 'user-friendly' as possible."

Bhatt says he believes computers will one day be as commonplace as any other household appliance. Today, you can do your banking and grocery shopping from your home. Tomorrow, the computer will control the home—

regulating temperatures, warming up your car on cold winter mornings and taking the place of the newspaper by providing current information supplied by the world's electronic news services.

In engineering and technology fields, where the emphasis has focused on small, smaller, smallest, new strides will be reached in miniature products used in everything from mechanical devices to biomedical applications.

"Advances have been made with pumps and valves that have components of cellular dimensions," Bhatt says. "They are incredibly small systems with a tremendous amount of potential for surgical procedures and organ transplants. We will see more substantial strides in this area as we move through the next decade."

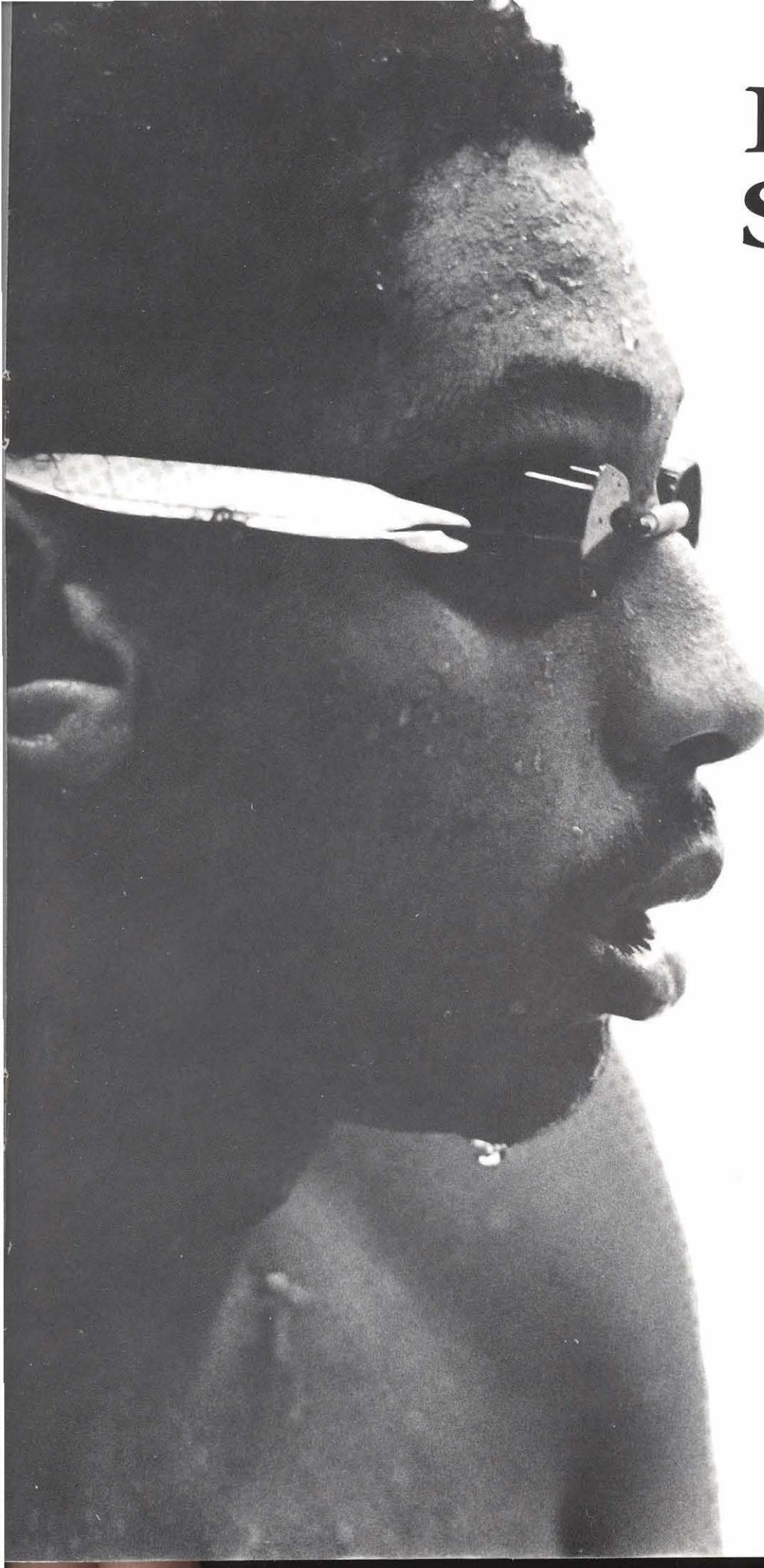
Bhatt says one of his big concerns is the possibility of another energy crisis. But what concerns him even more is the air of complacency in the United States. "The bitter truth is we do indeed have finite energy resources and

more research will have to go into developing improved alternative energy systems."

Perhaps the biggest area of development will occur in transportation and the further exploration of space. Bhatt says he is optimistic of a change in direction from defense-sponsored research programs to areas that will benefit the earth's population.

"Because of the recent changes in Europe and the new relationship with the Soviet Union, there is already talk about reallocating spending from defense and weapons of destruction to ways to benefit the planet," Bhatt says. "Before the 1990s are over, we will have 'space planes' and hypersonic travel systems that will allow us to travel from New York to Tokyo in two-and-a-half hours.

"It's an exciting time. New technology is moving incredibly fast and shows no signs of slowing down," Bhatt says. "It's what the human curiosity is all about." ■



# Pool Sharks

Just when the swimming world thought it was safe to go back in the water . . . along comes Oakland's Hilton Woods — training at a frenzied pace with his best friend and coach, and aiming to take a bite out of an Olympic medal in 1992.

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by Duffy Ross

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**I**t's Showtime at the University of Michigan's sparkling new swimming complex and the air inside the sweltering natatorium is a thick combination of tension and humidity.

The match-up the swimming world has talked about for weeks is only moments away. Anchoring tonight's main event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, are two of the world's best swimmers, and 300 pairs of eyes are locked in anticipation.

Swimming the final leg in lane five for Michigan will be Brent Lang, a 1988 Olympic gold medalist in this event and defending NCAA Division I champion in the 100-meter freestyle. Tall and lanky, with a Huck Finn grin and a Richie Cunningham face, Lang represents the cream of the nation's collegiate swimming crop.

**N**ext to Lang in lane six is Oakland University's Hilton Woods, with a body resembling chisled stone and looking fast just standing there. Woods himself is a two-time Olympic participant, the 1988 Division II Swimmer of the Year, holder of eight national titles and a 12-time All-American.

While the race proceeds through the first three swimmers, Lang and Woods try desperately to block out the noise of the cheering crowd and the encouraging words of their teammates. They are focused . . . each knowing exactly what he will have to do to win.

Nearby, Oakland University Head Swim Coach Pete Hovland clenches a fist around his notes and utters one final expression before they begin . . .

"Catch him Hilton," Hovland barely whispers, sweat beading on his brow. "Just one time."

Because Michigan has built a lead through the first three legs, Lang enters the water first, with Woods about a body length behind. Woods chips away at the deficit, but cannot overcome Lang. The margin of victory for Michigan is only a fraction of a second — about the time it takes to snap your fingers — but an eternity in the rarefied air of world-class competition.

Woods and Hovland know it isn't the last time they will run into Lang, or cut their teeth on the rest of the world's swimming elite.

They hope to settle the score once and for all in a Barcelona, Spain, pool in the summer of 1992.

Oakland University's pool sharks won't have it any other way.

Call it blind luck, fate or a golden gift from a highly generous Santa, but Oakland University's men's swim team was given a double dose of Christmas cheer in 1985. The first was a holiday training trip to the Caribbean island of Curacao, a sleepy tropical hideaway of the Netherland Antilles, off the northwest coast of Venezuela.

The second was finding Hilton Woods there.

Woods was 16 at the time and a member of the island's national select team, which was training for an upcoming international meet in the same pool Oakland's team was using. His resume was already impressive for one so young. At age 11 he had been his country's Sportsman of the Year and four years later had participated in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

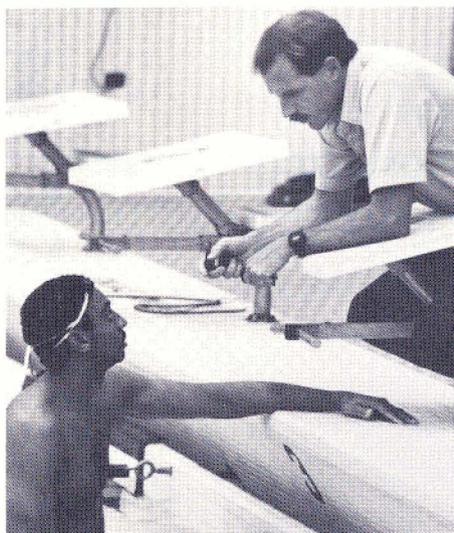
At first glance, Hovland thought he was just another swimmer.

"Actually, I wasn't paying much attention to him," recalls Hovland. "His team got into the water and started working out next to our swimmers, but as the workout progressed, Hilton caught my eye. He wasn't doing the workout his coach had given him, he was doing our workout and testing himself against us.

"Our kids thought it was kind of funny but they were all impressed by his speed in the water."

Hovland had seen enough to begin wondering whether he had found a diamond in the rough.

"When I first walked over to meet him, he jumped out of the pool and I went, 'Wow.' He was staring me in the eyes and I'm 6-foot-5," Hovland recalls. "I went to shake his hand and I couldn't believe it, his hands were just huge. His fingers were big, his feet perfect, and I'm saying to myself, 'My God, this kid hasn't



**Long hours:** "We've sacrificed a lot to get where we are," says Hovland (right).

stopped growing yet."

"So now the wheels are spinning and I'm thinking, maybe this kid has some potential," Hovland says.

One of Hovland's first questions to Woods was had he been contacted by any American schools. When Woods answered no, Hovland's next question was easy.

"Hilton, have you ever heard of Michigan?"

For Woods, it came down to a not so simple decision . . . finish high school and go to college in Holland with his friends, virtually ending an already illustrious swimming career, or go to Oakland University, way up north, and continue to compete against top-notch competition while completing an education.

"It wasn't an easy decision," says Woods. "I talked it over a lot with my family and they left it up to me. Everyone said going to school in the United States would be a tremendous opportunity and in the end, it came down to the fact that I wanted to keep swimming."

Between school and the pool, Woods and Hovland have been on a breakneck pace ever since.

Under Hovland's grooming, Woods blossomed from the time he walked onto the Oakland University campus. His freshman year in 1987-88 produced three individual NCAA Division II national championships and five All-American performances. Woods also landed a berth in the 1987 Pan American Games representing the Netherland Antilles and became his country's first-ever medal winner by finishing third in the 50-meter freestyle.

Hovland had been asked by the country's Olympic Committee to serve as Woods' coach and based on their imme-

diated success, it surprised absolutely no one when Woods was selected to participate in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, or that Hovland would be asked to continue as his coach.

As time went on, the bond between Hovland and Woods began to grow beyond the typical coach-athlete relationship. Hovland became Woods' mentor, adviser, big brother, father and confidant.

"When we started to prepare for the Olympics, Coach Hovland controlled everything," recalls Woods. "He kept track of the number of hours I slept, what I ate, everything. We spent months almost inseparable, commuting to training sites and preparing. His guidance helped tremendously."

Hovland wasn't sure what to expect from Woods in or out of the pool as the Olympic Games neared.

"I had no idea what he could do," Hovland says. "I didn't know if being under the microscope like that would be too much for him to handle, or if it would drive a wedge in our relationship. But it brought us closer together and I think his performance in the Olympics reflects that."

Woods reached the semis in both the 50- and 100-meter freestyle — finishing among the top 16 in the world in each.

But the race Hovland will always remember is Woods' preliminary heat in the 100 — which he won to reach the semifinals.

"It was the most beautiful race I have ever had the opportunity to see someone swim," Hovland said. "When you reach this level it's always a crapshoot, but Hilton swam the perfect race. He swam the front half great, came off the turn and just buried the field . . . absolutely destroyed the competition."

The pair left Seoul encouraged with what tomorrow could bring.

Recalls Woods: "I slipped a little bit in the semifinals and I was pretty disappointed, but it didn't last long. I didn't let it affect me too much because of what we had already accomplished prior to that. It overshadowed everything else. Now I have the experience, I've learned from it and I'm ready for the future."

For Hovland and Woods, the future means the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

The training has already begun and Hovland, almost overly cautious, picks his words carefully in evaluating Woods' potential.

"If Hilton continues to grow and develop, I believe he'll have the talent, size and experience to have a chance at medaling in 1992," Hovland says. "There were only two men in the world under 50 seconds in the 100-meter freestyle last

year and Hilton is at 50.7. If he breaks that barrier, then we can start talking about some real possibilities.

"Hilton was fortunate to have been born with three of the four aces," Hovland says. "We can't let him stand on a pat hand. As his coach, it's up to me to find that fourth ace."

In the meantime, Hovland, Woods and the rest of Oakland's swim team are preparing for the NCAA Division II National Championships in March. After three straight runner-up performances, many are predicting Oakland to wear the national crown in 1990.

"This year's team, as far as ability is concerned, is above and beyond anything we have ever had at Oakland University," boasts Hovland. "I think it is the most talented team we have ever put together . . . probably more talented than Oakland's national championship team of 1980. Whether or not that is good enough remains to be seen."

**I**t's 6 a.m.

From his office inside Oakland's swimming facility, Hovland can peer out and watch his team go through its early morning paces. Woods is in a lane all by himself, gliding through the water like an elongated torpedo. In peak training sessions, he is in the pool more than four hours a day, swimming 50,000 yards a week, 2.6 million yards a year.

Put another way, between now and the 1992 Olympics, Woods will log more than 4,000 miles in the pool.

"Sometimes I ask myself if bringing Hilton here was the best thing for him," Hovland says while watching the workout progress. "Maybe he would be swimming faster training in a pool with people who are as good as he is — world-class athletes in contrast to the kids on our team — because it's obvious there is a difference between Hilton and our next level of swimmers.

"Hilton cannot be satisfied finishing in front by one or two body lengths against our competition. He has to do better because he's not just training to beat the Division II swimmers, he's training to beat the Russians and the East Germans and the Americans," says Hovland.

Woods is well aware of what lies ahead if he is to stand on an Olympic medal platform someday.

"I know Coach Hovland wants me to work harder," Woods says. "He tells me all the time that I've been given a gift and I have the opportunity to do something not very many people have done."

**T**he questions are difficult for Hovland and Woods to answer.

What happens after 1992? What happens when Woods earns his degree and completes his swimming career?

What happens when it's time to say goodbye for the last time?

"You know, we often joke about it, but it will be really tough," says Hovland. "I want to make sure Hilton completes his degree (in medical laboratory science), so he may be around for a short time after

the 1992 Olympics. But the day he steps on the plane for the last time . . . I'm sure there will be some tears."

"You have to remember, we have sacrificed a lot to get where we are. I spend more time with Hilton than I do with my wife. He has this habit of calling me Dad and I think it's great. I'm not ashamed to admit that I love him to death. We have a very special bond that will always be there — whether he is in the U.S. or back home in Curacao."

Woods wholeheartedly agrees.

"If it weren't for Coach Hovland, I wouldn't be swimming today," Woods says. "I'd probably be finishing school in Europe but my swimming career would be over. I feel very fortunate to have been in the pool the day we met. I owe everything I've accomplished to him.

"We've been around the world together, but we're not finished yet," Woods says. "There are still a lot of things I would like to accomplish, in the pool and out. I believe I can. Together, I know we can."

Only time, and the will of two very good friends, will tell. ■

**Training and talent:** Woods was the 1989 Division II Swimmer of the Year and is a 12-time All-American.





# The Equalizer

**On one side, there's the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis. On the other, there is Curtis Davenport ('79), who confronts prejudice head on.**

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by Karel Bond

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**H**e starts to talk about a young Cambodian girl — a refugee — at Anytown camp, who was enjoying her first taste of American freedom when a young boy called her a 'gook'. At first she smiled, thinking the boy was greeting her, trying to get to know her. Then, she looked around and realized she was the only one he greeted with 'gook.' He spelled it out for her, and she started to cry. Others around her were moved; moved enough to walk over and tell her it's okay, tell her not to listen, tell her others will echo him, but if they do, it doesn't matter. All that matters is that she is here, that she is free to be herself and that she will make friends who like her for who she is.

**C**urtis Davenport (79) finishes the story and shakes his head. His bittersweet expression isn't hard to read. Sure, it says, the story has a fairy-tale ending in Anytown. But how does it — how can it — play in the graffiti-washed alleys of Detroit and glossy green suburbs of Boston?

"You saw the movie *Mississippi Burning*?" he asks. "Well, some of those people are alive and well today. They may be a little more quiet, but they still control some level of power — and they're very dangerous."

There's something unsettling, he goes on to say, about the recent uprise of hate groups in this country. Could it be the still, quiet calm before the storm. Could it be the shameful ability of man to look the other way, as history has shown.

As he continues to talk, Davenport scrambles about his modest office on the second floor of the old rectory behind St. Sylvester's Church in Warren, Michigan, prepping for an upcoming conference in Ohio. His office decor is as telling as another man's favorite, old sweater might be: Coffee mugs picturing Martin Luther King, Jr.; corkboards overflowing with xeroxed articles about covert racism and swastika-touting skinheads; metal shelves housing books on the civil rights movement.

**T**he decor serves its purpose, as a constant reminder that the battle against hate isn't easy — and far from over. But that's nothing new to Davenport. The former Pontiac, Michigan, police officer wakes up in the morning just to fight it. Though you probably haven't seen his face in *Newsweek*, Davenport is out in the trenches every day, facing prejudice head on, helping your kids deal with bigotry.

"It's important that we rid our youth of hate. My hope is really in the future generations," says the 33-year-old Oakland psychology alumnus.

As executive director of the Interfaith Center in Warren, home to an amalgamation of denominations, he is using the best means he knows to stomp out an emerging generation of spiky grand wizards and cold, hard neo-Nazis. And those means include smoothing over a racially motivated incident with the principal of a Macomb County high school; scheduling fund raisers to send students on a "Freedom Tour" through the heart of the Old South; beefing up local libraries with civil rights historical material; plan-

ning the next Martin Luther King Day festivities; and coordinating the annual Anytown summer camps across the map, from Detroit, Michigan, to Boston, Massachusetts, to Greensboro, North Carolina, to Reno, Nevada. And Anytown camp, most of all, puts Davenport right where he wants to be: Face-to-face with tomorrow's leaders.

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**A**nytown, established in 1957 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, adheres to this creed: *To enlist people of all backgrounds, who with distinctive and important religious and racial identities, work together to build better community relationships.* "Delegates," or high schoolers who attend the camp, are suggested by various community and religious organizations, and selection is based on their own desire to participate. Aside from a \$100 fee, delegates' week-long human relations retreats, in any one of a dozen camps across the country, are subsidized by NCCJ. And scholarships are available to delegates who can't swing the fee. A typical Anytown camp includes about 50 delegates, along with counselors and directors. The delegates come from all walks of life: Rich, poor, middle class; Jewish, Anglo, biracial, Black, Hispanic, Russian refugees. Their common thread: They all want to learn how the others think, feel and cope.

**A**nd the way they learn, Davenport says, is through interaction. At Anytown, time is set aside for swimming, volleyball and folk songs. But campers spend most of their days reflecting and talking about themselves, their friends and family, their prejudices and the world. They attend forums on issues such as abortion, disabilities, police and the community, South African apartheid and AIDS. Guest speakers may include a Holocaust survivor or '60s civil rights activist. And delegates engage in psychological exercises to get to the core of their being.

**O**ne, the "separation exercise," breaks newfound friends apart according to their race or religion. Davenport himself often serves as the "dictator" who steps in and draws the lines.

"Exercises like the separation exercise are hard and emotionally arousing — but necessary. These young people are forced to take a deep inventory of their feelings, and most of the exercises center around, 'Am I different?' 'What are the advantages' and then, 'How do I accept those different from me?'"

"During the separation exercise, I enforce authority to break them down into groups. After they're in groups for a while, one of them will tear off the arm band that differentiates religion and race, or another will start screaming and crying. When it's all over, they'll hug one another and get into a circle and process it together. They have to break the exercise themselves — and they always do.

"Through the exercise, they *personally* relate to historical struggles — like the civil rights movement and Nazi Germany. They usually come to realize authority figures can 'impose' upon them a certain way of thinking; a way that isn't necessarily 'right,'" he says.

**A**fter all, as Davenport sees it, time spent bullying the big, bad bigot is better spent offering the bigot's sons and daughters an alternative approach to interacting with all kinds of folk. It's a chance to show them something Daddy couldn't quite comprehend — and, most certainly, couldn't teach through example.

Because it's the spirit of the young, if anything, Davenport says, that will save us all in the end.

"I've been on the violent side of life for a long time, doing police work," he says. "Dealing with the harsh realities of life. And in a lot of ways, there are just as many harsh realities here.

"As you know, there are prejudiced people everywhere. But I know they can't win. I believe God's love is greater than man's ability to hate. And there's still time for our youth to believe that. It's not too late for them. *That's why I'm here.*" ■

*Editor's note: For more information about Anytown camps, call the Interfaith Center at (313) 751-4292.*



# COURTING THE CHAMPS

by Duffy Ross

It was time to meet the Bad Boys. So on a cold and snowy December morning, I strolled over to Oakland University's Lepley Sports Center and stood in a corner of an empty arena to watch the world champions of basketball go through a 90-minute workout.

This was an assignment too tempting to pass up.

Getting close to professional athletes isn't the easiest thing to do. For the average fan like me, it's next to impossible. But with my new office, tucked snugly in North Foundation Hall, little more than a three-point shot away from Lepley Arena, it was a logistical dream.

After all, it made sense to check out a group spending as much time on campus as many Oakland students . . . and to see how the OU community, in a small yet important way, has played a role in the Pistons' recent success.

Because The Palace of Auburn Hills is host to other events throughout the year, the Pistons had to look elsewhere to schedule practice sessions during the regular season and summer pickup games. Oakland University became the perfect solution.

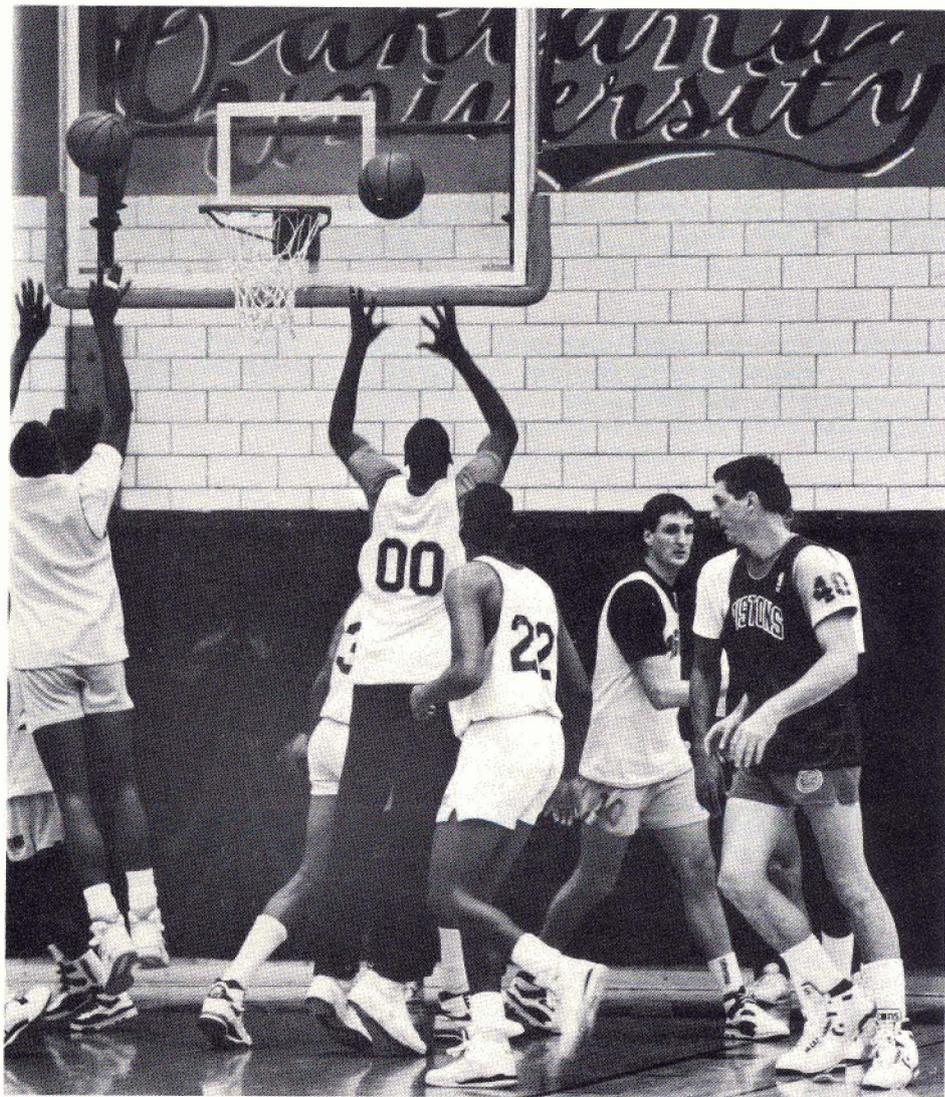
In the last few years, the Pistons have become a familiar sight on the Lepley basketball court — using the facility more than a hundred times a year as their home away from home. They even shoot television commercials there, with OU's bleachers as a backdrop.

Since the "Boys" practice behind closed doors, I got there early to make sure I wouldn't get locked out. As the players strode into the arena in ones and twos, I expected to see a bunch of good ol' boys having fun.

I wasn't disappointed. I saw laughter and joking and more than a few pranks.

But I saw a lot more than that.

The first player to walk in is rookie guard Stan Kimbrough, wearing a face that looks like he just lost his best friend. Actually, it's worse. Rumors have been flying for days that Kimbrough is about to be released by the Pistons in favor of another player.



**On the rebound:** Pistons Kimbrough, Bedford, Salley, Hastings and Laimbeer practicing at Lepley.

It's nothing against Stan. The coaches say he's done everything asked of him. It's just a potential move to improve the team.

Kimbrough, glum and uninspired, is greeted by many of the players as they enter the arena. Forward John Salley wraps an arm around Kimbrough and speaks softly, offering support to his friend. Both realize that today may be the last time they practice together.

At the other end of the court, a television reporter is trying to line up interviews. He first approaches Bill Laimbeer, the Pistons 6-foot-11 center and the baddest of the Bad Boys. Before the reporter can say: "Hey, Bill, can I . . ." Laimbeer shakes his head wildly and let's out a thunderous "NO" that reverberates throughout the arena.

Midway through the practice, Salley lays a vicious block on Mark Aguirre as he drives toward the basket. For an instant, you forget that they are teammates — the block is *that* intense. Aguirre is peeled off the floor and reels off as many four-letter expletives as he can think of while glaring

at Salley.

These are the cold, hard truths of big-time professional basketball. At this level, far removed from driveways or playgrounds, it's a business.

To me, it's a revelation.

What makes it hard is talking to someone like Brian Gregory, a senior guard on Oakland's basketball team. Gregory is a favorite of the Pistons and is often asked to practice with them during the off-season.

Gregory uses words like: "Gee-whizz," and "golly," when talking about his experiences on the court with the best basketball team in the world.

To Gregory, basketball is still a game.

Hard work, even at his level, but still pure and simple and fun.

I want to believe it still is, maybe deep down, for the Pistons, too. ■

*Editor's Note: Duffy Ross, staff writer, joined OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE'S editorial staff in October. Watch for his features in future issues.*

## InTouch

## 1989-90 Alumni Scholarship Winners

The Oakland University Alumni Association and several of the alumni affiliates recently awarded nearly \$16,000 in scholarships to Oakland University students.

Special thanks to alumni who served on the scholarship selection committees.

And the winners:

### ALUMNI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by the OU Alumni Association*

**Kimberly Dicks**, Bay City, Michigan, freshman.

A 4.00 student at T.L. Handy High School, she has been active in the National Honor Society, the French Club, intramural sports, band, the school newspaper, the Drama Club and Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD). A freshman, Dicks' major is undecided.

The award is for up to \$8,000 over four years. Dicks also received the Oakland University Foundation Scholarship of \$2,500 per year.

Alumni who served on the selection committee: Chairperson **Kathleen Nicosia ('84)**, **Harrison Miller, Jr. ('73, '88)**, **Elyce Cron ('85)**, **Tim Glinke ('82)** and **Bill Horton ('76)**.

### ARTS AND SCIENCES ALUMNI AFFILIATE SCHOLARSHIP

**Nino DiCosmo** of Troy, Michigan, and **Geri Ann Serwatowski** of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

DiCosmo, a junior political science major, carries a 3.50 Grade Point Average, is treasurer of Pi Sigma Alpha, national honor society for political scientists, and has been student-adviser to the political science faculty. Recognized on the Academic Honor Roll, he was goalkeeper for the nationally ranked Oakland University varsity soccer team and participated in area soccer clinics aimed at developing youth soccer players.

Serwatowski, a junior, is an outstanding chemistry major and laboratory student. With a near 3.50 Grade Point Average, she has also been recognized on the Academic Honor Roll.

The scholarships are for \$750 each.

Committee members: Chairperson **Ken Schleicher ('80)**, **Deborah Barno ('84)** and **Cynthia Brody ('78)**.

### FRANCES C. AMOS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ALUMNI AFFILIATE SCHOLARSHIP

Junior **Elspeth Anne Galloway** of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and senior **Vincent R. Guglielmetti** of Utica, Michigan.

Galloway's credits include serving as publicity chairperson for the Student Program



Dual winner: *Kimberly Dicks*

Board, co-chair of publicity for Oakland's Management Information Systems Club and working with the Admissions Office as tour guide for the ambassador program. She is a management information systems major.

Guglielmetti, an A student, is active in campus and community activities ranging from Circle K (a student group of the Kiwanis Club) to programming committee chairperson for residence halls. He is majoring in accounting, and aspires to become a certified public accountant.

Each SBA affiliate scholarship is worth \$750.

Committee members: Chairperson **Gary Brancalone ('82)**, **Suzanne Jensen Rothe ('81)**, **Beth Konrad ('81)** and **Phil Vincenzetti ('86)**.

### THOMAS A. YATOOMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by the School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate*

**Mary Ann Monteleone** of Rochester, Michigan, and **Ronald Reichenbach** of Roseville, Michigan.

Monteleone, a senior mechanical engineering major, is an active member of the Society of Women Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Automotive Engineers. She raised more than \$30,000 for the Alumni Campaign for Kresge Library through telephone solicitation, is active in the Commuter Council, the Ski Club and St. John Fisher Chapel. She is recognized on the President's Honor Roll and through the Commitment to Excellence Award.

Reichenbach, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, has been cited for academic honors. A member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Institute of Elec-

trical and Electronic Engineers, Reichenbach serves as historian of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He performs on-line tests for satellite communication links at Kmart's world headquarters.

Each Yatooma scholarship carries a stipend of \$1,000.

Committee members: Chairperson **Douglas Templeton ('76, '79, '86)**, **Mark Mikolaiczik ('86)** and **Kathy Simonyi ('82, '89)**.

### GERALDINE FELTON AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

*Sponsored by the School of Nursing Alumni Affiliate*

**Charlene Rhoads**, a Pontiac, Michigan, junior.

Rhoads, who holds a 3.80 Grade Point Average, is an active member of the Oakland University Student Nurses Association, and was cited for her outstanding leadership ability in the clinical area and dedication to the highest standards of the profession. A former member of the U.S. Air Force, Rhoads claims entering nursing school as, "the fulfillment of a life-long dream."

The award is for \$600.

Selection committee members: Chairperson **Melissa A. White ('86)**, **Marsha L. Bunker ('76, '82)** and **Donna Brady ('83)**.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

*Sponsored by the Black Alumni Affiliate*

**Charlie Gandy**, a Pontiac, Michigan, senior and Detroit, Michigan, seniors **Norris Hardemann II** and **Warren Reaves**.

Gandy, a computer engineering major, has been active in campus Career Day programs, Black Awareness Month programs, New Student Orientation and Residential Leadership activities.

Hardemann, an electrical engineering major, is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

Reaves, the first black male to enter Oakland's nursing program, has been cited as a "serious and dedicated student who provides leadership through his role modeling and commitment to the profession."

The awards are for \$100, \$500 and \$500, respectively.

Committee members: Chairperson **Charles Shannon ('77)**, **Sharon Finley ('76)**, **Sheila Gregory ('84)** and **Yvonne Golden ('78)**.

## ALUMNI

1966

**Carol M. Haupt** has been appointed to head of the Bureau of Unemployment Insurance at the Michigan Employment Security Commission. She earned a law degree from Detroit College of Law.

1971

**Janet Jopke** was named superintendent of the Lakeview School District. Janet earned a doctorate in educational administration and a specialist's degree from Wayne State University.

1972

**Patricia A. Book** was named dean of the School of Career and Continuing Education at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

**John C. Burkhardt**, Eastern Michigan University director of planning and advancement, has been chosen by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to participate in its Kellogg National Fellowship Program. He holds a master's degree in education from Michigan State University and a doctorate in education from the University of Michigan.

**Karen Thompson** was ordained an Episcopal deacon and is assistant at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in east Detroit.

**Robert J. Turner, Jr.** has been appointed by Gov. James J. Blanchard to fill his father's judicial vacancy on the 43rd District Court in Madison Heights, Michigan. He is a graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School and received a teaching certificate from Wayne State University.

1973

**Rebecca (Albert) House** and husband, Don, announce the birth of their third child, Leah Rebecca.

**James H. McCowan** was promoted to division manager at Electronic Data Systems (EDS). He is responsible for complete contingency management services in the United States and Canada.

**Susan McInerney** is in the sales department at WSGW and WIOG radio in Saginaw, Michigan. She was previously a news anchor and reporter.

1974

**Edward Bretzlaff** was appointed assistant principal for Bloomfield Hills and West Hills, Michigan, middle schools by the Bloomfield Hills Board of Education. He received his master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Michigan State University.

1975

**James O. Elliott** is an attorney practicing in Springfield Township, Michigan. He previously practiced in Bloomfield Hills and also served as judicial clerk to Judge Robert C. Anderson. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School.

**Jay C. Houghton** has been named senior vice president and account director for passenger car marketing at Lintas: Ceco Communications. He has a master's degree from Wayne State University.

**Steven Kaplan** was elected vice president of the Southfield, Michigan, Board of Education. He is employed as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Macomb County.

**Patricia Penney** is media specialist at Troy, Michigan, Union Elementary School, where she was named Troy school district's elementary teacher of the year for 1989.

1976

**Gerald B. Alt and Ronald T. Barrows**, who have been associated in the practice of law under the firm name of Barrows & Alt, P.C. since 1987, have recently expanded into new offices in Troy, Michigan. In addition, both have been admitted to the faculty of the Oakland University Continuing Education curriculum as instructors in the Legal Assistant program.

**Irene Jordan** retired after 35 years with Army Tank Auto Center as financial analyst. She is now pursuing her acting sideline full-time by filming a pilot for the CBS show *Rescue 911*.

**Sharon Tate** has been appointed to a reading position by the Cadillac area public schools.

1977

**Kimberly Walsh** is director of promotion and development for the Detroit Radio Information Service of WDET-FM, Wayne State University. DRIS is a radio reading service for the blind and print-impaired.

1978

**Deborah Husk** is teaching third grade at Oxford Christian Academy in Oxford, Michigan.

**Sister Joyce Marie Van de Vyver** joined the St. Mary Hospital staff in Livonia, Michigan, as director of the child care center. Previously, she served as an elementary school principal and teacher.

1979

**C. Michael Baker** has been appointed senior account executive with Richardson Media Design. Baker was previously with Lintas: Campbell-Ewald and W. B. Doner advertising.

**Therese M. Hercher** has been named director of operations at PR Resource Center, Inc., in Southfield, Michigan.

1980

**Steve Buckner** has been named circulation director for all weekly publications of Adams Publishing Corporation in Utica, Michigan.

**Curtis Davenport** is executive director of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice in Warren, Michigan. Previously, he was a police officer and also worked at Oakland University as an instructor in the Upward Bound Program.

**Jan Sullivan** has been promoted to managing attorney at Hyatt Legal Services' Madison Heights, Michigan, office where he was previously a staff attorney.

1981

**Barbara (Jaeger) Gillain** is a sales specialist for Sigma Chemical Co. and husband, Mike ('82), is a remodel coordinator for H & K in Dallas, Texas. They live in Arlington, Texas, and announce the birth of their first child, Erin Riley, born October 31, 1988.

**Karen DiChiera** is director of community programs for the Michigan Opera Theatre and its sister company, Opera Pacific, in Costa Mesa, California.

**Caroline A. Lesnau** has been appointed to assistant vice president, Product Management Department of Comerica, Inc. She received an M.B.A. from the University of Detroit and resides in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

1982

**Daniel Metzger, D.O.**, has opened the Southwest Dallas Family Medical Clinic in Dallas, Texas.

**Janet Steiner** has been named director of sales and marketing for the Presidential Inn in Southgate, Michigan.

1983

**Jeff Bowers** is a management consultant with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand.

**Thomas and Donna (Taylor) Haiderer** announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Rose. Thomas is an engineer at Rockwell International in Troy, Michigan, and Donna is a program manager at General Motors, C-P-C Division in Warren, Michigan.

**Shelagh McKeown** graduated in June from Detroit College of Law, receiving a Juris Doctor, cum laude.

**Lori Poel** married Michael Piazza of Andover, Massachusetts, in July 1989. They live in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where Lori is a territory manager for Fort Howard Cup Corporation.

**Anna Speck** is chairperson of the voice department of Detroit's Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance and a member of the performance faculty of Wayne State University. She is a lyric soprano.

**Rob Wassmer** received a Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University while working as a visiting professor at Eastern Michigan University. He is assistant professor of economics at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

**Nancy A. Zimmelman**, an archivist with the California State Archives in Sacramento, California, has been elected secretary of the Society of California Archivists for 1989-91.

1984

**Alan R. Isrow** has been promoted to Captain in the U.S. Air Force. He is an instructor pilot at the Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina with the 19th Tactical Fighting Squadron.

**Mary Kay Mencotti** has been named supervisor of mixed media in the public relations department of Ameritech Publishing, Inc. She is pursuing a Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University.

**Clifford Rupnow** was promoted to director of market development by the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Co.

1985

**Mary Ann Cristiano** is the entertainment sales coordinator for the *Lansing State Journal* in Lansing, Michigan. Previously she worked for the *Oakland Press* as an advertising sales representative.

**Nancy (Reinhard) French** married Rick ('84) in April 1989. She is an alternative education teacher for East Detroit public schools and Rick is a public relations consultant at Anthony M. Franco.

**Sandra Hepfner** married Terry Callahan in May 1989. Both are employed by Electronic Data Systems where Sandy is a financial coordinator.

**Cynthia Lamb Hibler** earned a master's degree in Information and Library Studies from the University of Michigan and is employed as a librarian at Rochester Hills Public Library. She and her husband, James, have a son, William James, born December 1988.

**Joyce Knudsen** has her own fashion and makeup consulting firm, The Image Maker, Inc., in Rochester, Michigan.

**Andrew McKewan** married Deniece Vincent in August 1989. He was promoted to director of engineering at Dorado Systems in Hayward, California.

**Diane E. Netter** has been promoted to marketing officer at the State Bank of Croswell, Michigan. She is a 1988 graduate of the Bank Marketing Association's School of Bank Marketing in Boulder, Colorado.

**Patrick O'Dwyer** graduated from the University of Detroit Law School and is employed by Federlein, Grylls & Keranen in Royal Oak, Michigan.

**Joren Peterson** was awarded "Top Producer for Eastern Divisional Retail Specialists" by Coldwell Banker Commercial Group.

**Deborah Shonsky** has joined Ross Roy Communications as an account administrator.

1986

**Eric Brown** is employed by Time Med Labeling Systems, Inc., Burr Ridge, Illinois, as territory manager for the Chicago-land area and the state of Iowa. He lives in Rockford, Illinois.

**Renee Cooper** of Warren, Michigan, has been appointed newsletter publications assistant for Anthony M. Franco, Inc.

**Sherisse Eddy** graduated from Wayne State University Law School in May 1989, and is employed by Dickinson, Wright, Moon, VanDusen & Freeman in Detroit, Michigan.

**Andrea Elliott** is working for Macomb County, Michigan, as a vocational case manager for developmentally disabled adults.

**Judith Zelenak** is one of 52 Americans working and studying for one year in West Germany under the 1989-90 Congress-

Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. She is an employee of the market research firm, R.L. Polk & Co.

1987

**Kristen L. Aston** has been promoted to traffic/production assistant at Baker, Abbs, Cunningham and Klepinger, Inc. She lives in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

**Steven E. Dradzynski** has been promoted to Navy Petty Officer Second Class and serves at the Navy Recruiting District in Detroit, Michigan.

**Timothy Kutyna** was named Rotarian of the Year by the Novi, Michigan, Rotary. He is a market sales consultant for Consumers Power Company Metro Region.

**Michael Muneio** is co-owner and operator of the Chippewa One-Stop-Shoppe convenience store in St. Clair, Michigan.

**Kelley Oresky** was crowned Miss Michigan United. She is a singer in a Top-40 group called Kaleidoscope and toured Europe with the USO, entertaining U.S. military troops.

**Carol Roan** married **Jim Schewe** ('87). Carol completed her M.S. in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she and Jim are both pursuing their doctorate degrees.

1988

**Vanessa (Kraft) Chasney** and husband, Gerald, have a son, Robert William. She is director of Sports Information at Macomb Community College and a private piano teacher.

**Barbara Fiorini** has joined the Walled Lake School District as a fifth grade teacher at Maple Elementary School.

**Corey Holland** is teaching second grade in Vassar, Michigan.

**David R. Kramp** has been appointed director of physical therapy at River District Hospital in Richmond, Michigan.

**William T. Ryan** graduated from Marine Basic School and was commissioned 2nd lieutenant and assigned to the Fleet Marine Force.

1989

**Spencer Adkins** is working as the weekend news/sports anchor and weekday general assignment reporter for WBKB-TV 11 in Alpena, Michigan.

**Roger Fachini II** is a teaching assistant and doctoral candidate at the University of California-Los Angeles Department of Biochemistry.

IN MEMORIAM

1969

William John Walli

1984

Patricia (Tish) McKee

## FACULTY/STAFF

**Peter Binkert**, professor linguistics and classics and chairperson of the Department of Linguistics, presented *Word, Order, Concord and Short Term Memory*, to the Michigan Linguistics Society at Eastern Michigan University. He also presented *Syntax, Parsing, and Short Term Memory* at the annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America in Washington, D.C.

**William Connellan**, associate provost, presented a paper on national faculty hiring projections in Louisville, Kentucky. The presentation was part of a two-day workshop for university presidents and members of boards of trustees.

**Jane Goodman**, associate director of the Continuum Center, and **Howard Splete**, professor of education, have been selected and trained to be a part of a national cadre of trainers for the new National Career Development Guidelines of the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

**Albert Lederer**, associate professor of management information systems, has been appointed to the editorial review board of the *Journal of Database Administration*. The first issue is scheduled for next spring.

**John Stella**, lecturer in rhetoric, communications and journalism, conducted an interview with Noam Chomsky on WCAR-AM's *National Alternatives* program. Stella hosts the weekly show. Chomsky is world-renowned for his work in linguistics and has lectured at OU in the past on his research.

**Rebecca Warner**, assistant professor of sociology, and **Judith K. Brown**, professor of anthropology, attended the conference, *Menopause: A Midlife Passage*, at the University of Kentucky. Brown presented a paper at the conference entitled, *In Her Prime: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Middle-Aged Women*.

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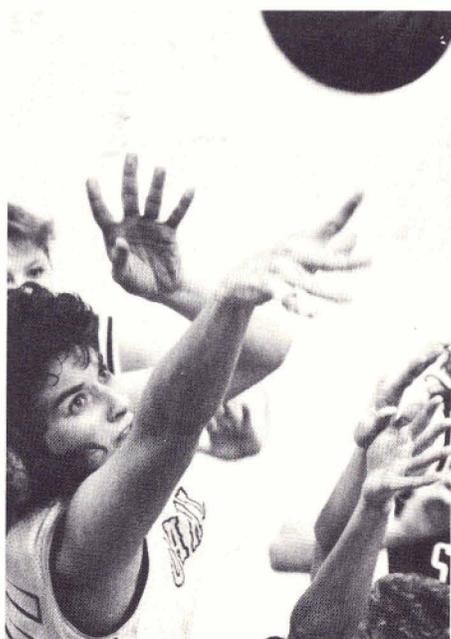
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# Calendar

## February

- 9** Last home men's swim meet: *Oakland vs. Wayne State University*, 7 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.
- 15** Enigma of Genius: Samuel Sachs, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, discusses Winslow Homer, 7-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Contact Continuing Education.
- 24** Pop Music Series: Sheri Nichols' *Celebrated Chanteuse*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Center for the Arts production.



## March

- 1** *The Great Sebastians*, through March 25, at Meadow Brook Theatre.
- 8** Lafayette String Quartet at Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts production.
- 16** *The Boyfriend*, weekends through April 1, Varner Studio Theatre. Center for the Arts production.
- 25** Virtuoso Piano Series: Flavio Varani performs *Parisian Holiday*, 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Center for the Arts production.
- 29** Enigma of Genius: Neal Shine, *Detroit Free Press* columnist and Oakland professor, discusses William Butler Yeats, 7-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Contact Continuing Education.

*The Immigrant: A Hamilton County Album*, through April 22, Detroit area premiere at Meadow Brook Theatre.

**Shooting Star:** Oakland's Debbie Delie (left), NCAA Division II All-American. Mark your calendar for February 28, the last home basketball games: *Oakland vs. Hillsdale College*, women, 5:30 p.m.; men, 7:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.

## April

- 3** Baseball home opener: *Oakland vs. Nazareth College*, 2 p.m., Oakland ball diamond.
- 5** Master of Business Administration Open House, 4-8 p.m., Lounge II, W. Crockery, Oakland Center. For more information, call 370-3287.
- 8** Virtuoso Piano Series: Pauline Martin performs *Dazzling Keyboard Gems*, 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Center for the Arts production.
- 26** *Jerry's Girls*, through May 20, Detroit area premiere at Meadow Brook Theatre.

### Complete schedules and ticket information are available from:

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