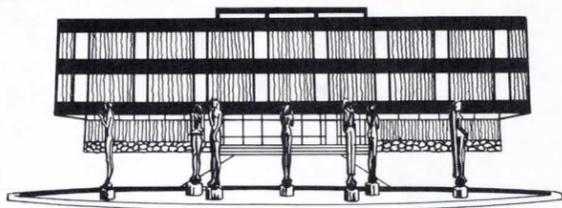


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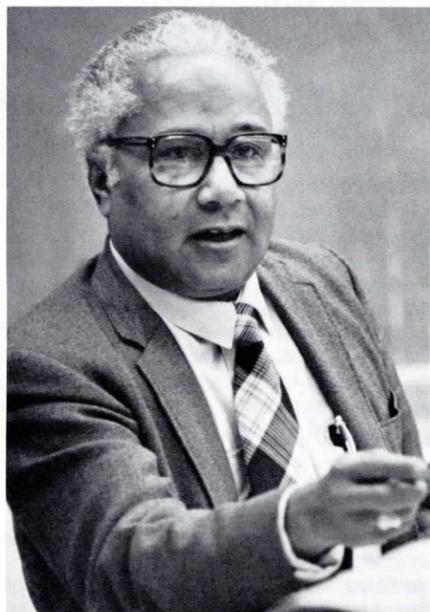


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Study Finds Blacks Lag in State's Growth



Karl Gregory

Economic progress for blacks lags that of whites in Michigan, a study by an OU professor has found.

The report is included in *The State of Black Michigan: 1986*. The third annual report has been published by Michigan State University Urban Affairs Programs and the Council of Michigan Urban League Executives. Karl D. Gregory of the School of Business Administration co-authored the chapter, *Enhancing Michigan's Black Business Development*, with Walter M. McMurtry, Jr., former president of the Inner-City Business Improvement Forum. Chapters by other writers dealt with politics, crime, and black political progress.

Gregory and McMurtry asserted that for black economic development to occur, blacks themselves must do more to support black-owned businesses. In 1982, Gregory said, Michigan blacks spent approximately 7 percent of their estimated \$7 billion in personal income with black-owned firms.

Speaking about his chapter, Gregory noted he found that even cumulatively, the

size of black enterprise in Michigan is small in comparison to white-owned firms.

"Take the top 10 firms in Michigan in the *Black Enterprise* top 100. Their sales amounted to \$251 million. This is extremely small compared to the majority firms," he said. The largest black-owned Michigan firm, a car dealership, had sales of \$42 million in 1984.

In high tech/manufacturing businesses, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce reported that in 1984 the top 100 firms had sales of \$205 billion. "When you say that Ford Motor Co. had sales of \$52.4 billion and you round that off to \$52 billion, the rounding error of \$400 million is more than what the top 10 black firms had in total sales. It's rather disheartening," he said.

Looked at another way, Gregory said, Kellogg's 1985 sales were approximately \$2.9 billion and the firm was ranked 138th in the *Fortune* 500. The top 100 black firms in the United States, however, of which 11 are in Michigan, had total sales of \$2.9 billion in 1985.

"That certainly indicates only a minimum entry by blacks into the economic mainstream," Gregory pointed out.

Over the long haul, from 1969-82, black firms (50 percent or more ownership) have done better and proliferated, up 77.8 percent during the period. Often misunderstood, Gregory said, is that most firms are "mom and pop" variety — corner groceries and service businesses that employ few. The growth rate of black firms with employees trailed those without. When figures are not analyzed carefully, some myths develop, he said.

"There's been a feeling that things are much better than they are," Gregory explained. "We all tend to be more positive, the idea being the more positive you are the better you feel about yourself and you attract more people because of it."

Gregory said that for blacks to improve economically, they must become more sensitive to supporting black enterprise. The state and federal governments must also provide mechanisms to support venture capital for businesses to get off the ground, he added. Other means of support would include investing some pension funds in black owned businesses, especially when it is blacks' money being invested. Further, black businesses must attract white shoppers, he suggested.

The professor of economics and management said that attention must be paid to the plight of the unemployed. In Detroit, black unemployment is nearly 30 percent. Growth in jobs is outside the central city, but because of lack of transportation, many blacks cannot get to the job sites, he said. Compounding the problem is the lack of job training, especially for laid-off workers from the auto industry who may never be recalled.

Admissions Close Early for All Programs

Regular admissions to all academic programs were closed for the fall semester in mid-August, a move caused by the heavy demand for graduate courses.

Undergraduate admissions had closed on July 15. For the first time at OU, all graduate admissions closed early, as of August 15. Admissions to select graduate programs had closed earlier.

University officials had announced the planned undergraduate closing and warned of the possible closing of graduate admis-

sions on April 7.

Returning special graduate or post-master's students were permitted to register during the regular registration period from August 26-28. Returning students are those who have taken courses under one of these classifications and remain eligible to return. However, effective with the winter semester registration, students who have not been admitted to a certification or degree program will be limited to an accumulated total of 12 credits.

Graduate applicants who have not been advised of the status of their application and desire to take courses during the fall semester may enroll on a *space-available* basis during late registration until September 15. A late registration fee of \$25 will be assessed. For additional information regarding late registration, call 370-3450.

Graduate admission applications still pending will be evaluated during the fall semester for admission in the winter semester.

Get Out the Tux and Gown, It's Glyndebourne Time

The final countdown in planning for the Glyndebourne Picnic has begun. The annual fund raiser for Kresge Library is slated for September 13 in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

The picnic, as past participants know, is far from ordinary. Participants come dressed in their best evening wear, toting their own food, china and silverware for the picnic. In return, the Friends of Kresge Library furnish the wine, liquor and other beverages. Picnickers will dine in a pavilion decorated in keeping with the theme of an English country home. Guests may also dance to the music of the Phil Cole band.

Library Dean Suzanne Frankie estimates 350 library supporters will attend. Over the past 14 picnics, patrons have raised approximately \$150,000 for acquisition of books and journals.

Chairpersons are Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schostak. They are assisted by, among others, faculty members Carole Royer and Joan Rosen, and library staff members Robert Gaylor, George Preisinger, David Gustner, Alexis Salisz and Frankie. Staff members from Meadow Brook Hall also assist the Friends group with arrangements.

An attraction of the picnic is the unusual door prizes. British Airways has contributed two round-trip tickets to London. Eighteen local firms have contributed funds and services for the event, too.

Schwark Furniture and Towne and Country Interiors will furnish two "rooms" in the pavilion; North Wind Farms and Peter G. Johnson landscapers will decorate two gardens in the pavilion; and Bordine's Better Blooms will arrange the centerpieces and floral designs.

Chrysler Corp. will contribute flags, carpeting and other goods used for the decorations. Dumouchelle Galleries will provide a tapestry. Mickey McGuire of D'Arcy, Masius, Benton and Bowles designed the invitations and program. Table linens are provided by Domestic Linen Supply and table favors are courtesy of Jacobson's of Rochester.

Students from Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity and the library will serve as pages and valets for the guests. Among the invited guests are British Consul General A.V. Hayday and steering committee members for the Alumni Library Campaign. The committee is providing leadership in raising \$1 million pledged by the Alumni Association for the Kresge Library expansion project.

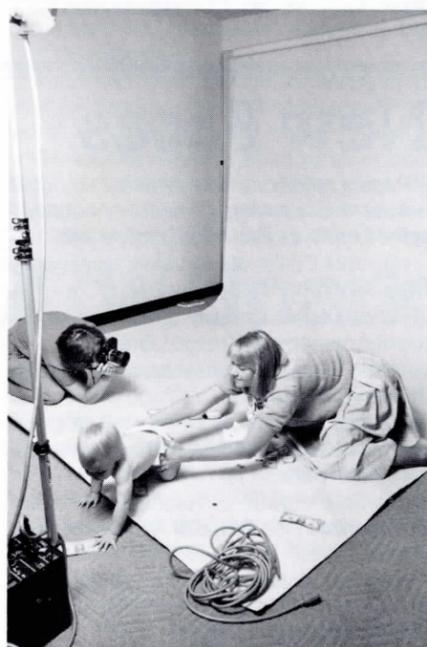
Tickets at \$50 per person are available from the library, 370-2486.

Remember to Mind the Parking Lots

If you drive a compact car and use the north or northwest parking lots, remember to use the correct size space. Spaces for compact cars are individually marked and signs have been placed to designate those aisles.

Richard Leonard, director of public safety, asks drivers to help ease parking problems by complying voluntarily. Compacts are generally designed for four or fewer passengers and have four-cylinder engines. Examples are the Dodge Omni, Ford Escort and Mustang, Hondas, Chevrolet Chevettes and the like.

Memos have been distributed to students asking them to observe the new parking rules also.



Life does have its moments, as Photographer Ann Straky and Art Director Lynn Metzker know. Whether coaxing an errant toddler back on to the set or shooting more sedate faculty members, the two have contributed to an award-winning year for the entire Publications Department. The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education awarded one silver and three bronze medals for the corporate viewbook (silver), an alumni magazine article, a capital campaign slide show, and a total publications entry. The International Association of Business Communicators, Detroit Chapter, also gave first, second and third place awards for publications. Staff writer for the publications was Karen Hill.

Three Win Teaching, Research Awards

Two professors will receive citations for their teaching and one for his research at the 2 p.m. September 14 commencement. Officials say 643 students are eligible for degrees at the Baldwin Pavilion ceremony.

Associate Professors Robert I. Facko, music, and Richard B. Stamps, anthropology, will be awarded the Teaching Excellence Award. Associate Professor Randal D. Hansen, psychology, will receive the Research Excellence Award.

Facko, his citation reads, is "respected and held in deep affection" by his students. "Your love of music, ability to motivate, accessibility, enthusiasm, high expectations, flexibility, versatility and jovial spirit are just a few of the characteristics which your students cite in describing you. Clearly, you have devoted yourself to helping your students acquire an enthusiasm for learning in a way that keeps ideas and minds alive."

The award presented to Stamps cites him as "one who epitomizes the term 'teacher.' Your approachability, innovative teaching methods, infinite patience, genuine caring and humor are just a few of the characteristics which your students cite in describing you. Unwaveringly you have demonstrated your commitment to a humane, fair play, equitable use of knowledge."

Hansen is praised as a researcher of "exceptional quality. Your dedication over the past 10 years has enabled you to make

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Our People

Contributions for this column should be sent to the News Service, 109 NFH. Items are published as soon as humanly possible, if not sooner.

•Richard Leonard, public safety, has been elected president of the Boys and Girls Club of Pontiac for a two-year term. He has been involved with the club for four years and has held the offices of secretary and first vice president.

•Public Perceptions of Truman, a chapter by Sheldon Appleton, political science, is included in a new book, *Harry S. Truman: The Man from Independence*, edited by William Levantrosser and published by Greenwood Press. The chapter is part of a study by Appleton of public perceptions of post-World War II American presidents.

•Theodore I. Landau, psychology, and W.G. Holmes are authors of *Brief Report: Vaginal Estrus in Unmated Beldin's Ground Squirrels*. It was published in *Hormones and Behavior* magazine.

•John Cutts, English, wrote *Original Music for Two Caroline Plays - Richard Brome's 'The English Moore: or The Mock-marriage,' and James Shirley's 'The Gentleman of Venice.'* Both were published in the *March Notes and Queries*, New Series.

•Susan H. Miller, English, has written *Skeletal Imaginings*, a review of Carol Bangs' *The Bones of Earth*. The article was published in *Poet and Critic* magazine.

•A film by Philip Singer, behavioral sciences, and sociology and anthropology, has been accepted for screening and discussion at the annual meetings of the American Anthropology Association. *Medicine Woman, Medicine Man: Alternative Healing in Middle America* was made in Oakland County. The major point of the film is that cultural "fit" is not necessary for cultural

therapy based on magic and supernaturalism. Singer has been invited by the Association for Transpersonal Anthropology International to co-chair a workshop in Troy, N.Y., on *The Acupuncture Meridians and Ki Energy*. The demonstration is being presented by Dr. H. Motoyama of Tokyo.

•Norman Kloosterman, nursing, has been elected editor of *Intensive Interest*, the newsletter for the Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

•Andrea R. Lindell, nursing, has been elected to the Michigan Nurses Association Board of Directors to represent education. Agnes M. Mansour, director of the Michigan Department of Social Services, appointed Lindell an alternate member of the Michigan Medical Care Advisory Council.

•Anna Dugan, nursing, has been appointed vice chairperson of the Nursing Research Committee of the American Heart Association of Michigan. She also presented a research paper, *Compadrazgo as a Protective Mechanism in Depression*, at the International Nursing Research Conference in Edmonton, Alberta.

•Nursing faculty member Frances Jackson has been elected to the Impartial Committee of the Michigan Nurses Association.

•Richard Boortz-Marx, nursing, has been appointed a member at large of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses.

•Rita Munley Gallagher, nursing, was alternate Michigan delegate to the American Nurses Association House of Delegates at the annual convention in Anaheim. Katrina Roy was invited to sit on a pharmacology panel to discuss computer-aided instruction. Other faculty members attending were Andrea R. Lindell, Penny Cass and Frances Jackson.

•Harold Zepelin, psychology, is author of an article on *REM Sleep and the Timing of Self-awakenings*. It was published in *Bulletin of the Psychonomic Society* newsletter.

•Paul Franklin, CIPO, has been elected to a one-year term on the Board of Governors for the Michigan Division of the U.S. Fencing Association. He is the OU fencing coach. Franklin has also been reappointed as the regional coordinator for the International College Bowl Competition.

•Roberta Schwartz, journalism, wrote *Star of Detroit* for the October issue of *Great Lakes Travel and Living* magazine. The article will feature three of her color photos.

In the News

Faculty and staff members who have been in the news lately include the following.

•Richard Boortz-Marx of the School of Nursing was profiled in the *Sinai Hospital Division of Nursing Update* newsletter.

•Staff members of and children participating in the Arts-for-Youth summer camps were interviewed and featured in the *Eccentric* newspapers.

•The Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall received extensive coverage from the *Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Macomb Daily*, *Royal Oak Daily Tribune*, *Eccentric*, *Rochester Clarion*, *Flint Journal* and others, including Detroit television stations.

•Rick DeLorme of the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute was interviewed by the *Free Press* about interval training in sports.

•Judy Hoppin of the Continuum Center was interviewed by the *Novi News* about career counseling.

•Karl Gregory of the School of Business Administration was interviewed by the *Free Press*, WJLB radio and WTVS-TV in Detroit about the economic status of blacks in Michigan. As a member of the *Free Press* board of economists, he offered his insights for a special section in that paper on the Michigan economy.

Jobs

Information about the following job opportunities is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling 370-3480.

•Administrative secretary, C-7, Office of Special Programs.

•Training associate, AP-5, Continuum Center.

•Office assistant I, C-6, Office of the Registrar.

•Intern coordinator, AP-3, Office of Placement and Career Services.

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•James Llewellyn, senior editor and news director.
•Jay Jackson, staff writer.
•Ann Straky, photographer.

New Faces

Recent additions to the university staff include the following persons, announced by the Employee Relations Department.

•Cynthia Collier of Clarkston, a secretary in the School of Health Sciences.

•Eric H.M.M. Condic, of Pontiac, a circulation manager at Kresge Library.

•Irene Edgett of Clarkston, a clerk in the Office of the Registrar.

•Teresa Gamboa of Royal Oak, a clerk-receptionist in the Office of Placement and Career Services.

•Barbara Howes of Rochester, a clerk-receptionist in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

•Patricia Loncharich of Rochester, an academic adviser in the School of Human and Educational Services.

•Minu Sabet of Ypsilanti, a research associate in the Department of Biological Sciences.

•David Zemens of Rochester, an officer in the Department of Public Safety.

•Thomas Berry of Utica, assistant to the dean of the School of Business Administration.

Fall Hours Set

Kresge Library has established its fall semester schedule. Regular hours will be 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 p.m. Sunday.

Exceptions are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. November 26, December 15-19 and 22-23, and January 2 and 5; 8 a.m.-1 a.m. December 1-4 and 8-11; 1 p.m.-1 a.m. December 7; and closed November 27-28, December 13-14, 20-21, 24-January 1 and January 3-4.



In January 1967, Carol Payne started her "brief" career. "I've enjoyed working here very much. I was going to work here only two years and go back to being a homemaker," she laughed. All of that changed, as many friends reminded her at her retirement reception August 14. Payne worked her way up to supervisor of student accounts from jobs with the cashier and the Oakland Center. She and husband Dale will travel, spend time with their granddaughter and just have fun.

Eye Researcher Receives NEI Grant

Associate Professor Frank J. Giblin of the Eye Research Institute has been awarded an \$850,000 research grant from the National Eye Institute and been appointed to a prestigious review committee.

Giblin earned the NEI grant and appointment in recognition of his expertise in the study of eye lens proteins, oxidative damage and the mechanism of cataract formation. He has made significant contributions concerning defense mechanisms of the eye against naturally occurring oxidants.

Giblin said that "the healthy lens has an elaborate defense mechanism to protect against oxidative damage," but he is exploring the possibility that loss of this capability in the aging human lens "results in damage to the membrane and structural

proteins and to the eventual formation of human senile cataract."

Since coming to OU in 1974, Giblin has received continuing grant support from the NEI for nearly 11 years. His current grant is for five years effective as of August 1. He won the Rohto International Award in 1981 and was named one of 17 persons from throughout the world to win an Alcon Research Institute recognition award in 1985.

Giblin's NEI appointment is for a four-year term on the 18-member Vision Research Review Committee. Members are selected for their knowledge in clinical and basic medical sciences and they review research grant applications and make recommendations to the National Advisory Eye Council.

Deans Among Reappointments

Deans Brian P. Copenhaver, arts and sciences, and Andrea R. Lindell, nursing, have been reappointed to second five-year terms. Both were praised for their effective leadership at the August 14 Board of Trustees meeting.

The board approved the actions along with personnel decisions that included the appointment of five departmental chairpersons and re-employment and tenure decisions for 33 faculty members.

Nalin J. Unakar, biological sciences, and Norman Tepley, physics, received one-year extensions as chairpersons. W. David Jaymes, modern languages and literatures, and Jacqueline R. Scherer, sociology and anthropology, received three-year appoint-

ments. It was Scherer's first appointment as chairperson. Jane Briggs-Bunting, rhetoric, communications and journalism, received a one-year appointment as acting chairperson.

Assistant professors re-employed and promoted to associate professor with tenure were Kathleen H. Moore, chemistry; Lizabeth A. Barclay, business administration; and David C. Housel and Anne E. Jaworski, human and educational services.

Assistant professors receiving early promotion to associate professor with tenure were Hai-Wong Lee, physics; Tadeusz Malinski, chemistry; and Janice G. Schimmel, art and art history. A second group of assistant professors received early promotion to associate professor with tenure but effective August 15, 1987. They are Kevin Andrews, mathematical sciences; Bandana Chatterjee, chemistry; and Robert P. Judd, engineering and computer science. Christine Pillow, physical therapy, was re-employed as a special instructor with job security effective August 15, 1987. Except as noted, the decisions regarding re-employment and promotion took effect this past August 15.

Two instructors were re-employed and promoted to the rank of assistant professor, effective as of August 15. The nontenure decisions were for Rita M. Gallagher and Norman D. Kloosterman, both of the School of Nursing.

Nineteen assistant professors were re-employed for their final, two-year probationary terms, effective August 15, 1987. They are Marcia Feingold, mathematical sciences; Richard F. Kanost, political science; Harold Hotelling and Gerald V. Post, economics; Richard J. Rozek, industrial health and safety; and Penny S. Cass, Frances C. Jackson and Carol S. Zenas, nursing. Henry R. DeLorme, exercise science, was re-employed to a final, two-year probationary term as special instructor.

Awards

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significant theoretical and empirical contributions to social psychology. Through your research efforts, we now have a much better understanding of the ways in which gender influences our perception of individuals, and of how inferences affect the way we think and behave toward people. The impact of your work, and the recognition of its value by others in the field, merits formal acknowledgment."

A highlight of the commencement for the School of Nursing will be the awarding of the first Master of Science in nursing. Ann Shoop is employed at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital and completed degree requirements in less than the normal two years.

The Alumni Association will present its Distinguished Alumni Award. The name of the recipient is not released before the ceremony. The association will also sponsor a reception following the ceremony. Graduates, family and friends are invited.

Words With a Mime

Life in the Theatre Provides Tales to Tell

You really can coax a mime to talk, and oh, how some people go about it.

Tom Aston of the Center for the Arts knows. Well-versed in mime and by nature one who likes to say little, even he can be taken aback by the public in unusual situations.

When you ask Aston about himself, the stories that flow about his years in the theatre are interesting in their mix of silliness and sincerity.

Aston, director of the Mime Ensemble, performs differently from someone like Marcel Marceau. Sound is a part of Aston's work and the spoken word is not off limits.

"We do a lot of things where we speak as we travel around," Aston says. "The silent mime is less than 200 years old."

It is, however, the silent mime that sometimes spurs the oddball moments. Once as a silent mime at Lakeside Mall, Aston presented luggage as a living mannequin. Shoppers were left to wonder whether he was real. That set him up nicely for the unexpected.

"One of the things that fascinates people is to do nothing, as a performer, and stand absolutely still. People walking by will stop because they sense you are real but they're not sure, so a great discussion ensues. They always play tricks on you to get you to move, or they pinch you. On this particular occasion I had a round pedestal to stand on and was holding an overnight bag. Two ladies — I'd guess they were in their late 70s or early 80s — tottered on by me and had a conversation going about whether I was real or not. They got a few steps past me and stopped and turned and came back and sort of looked at me for a few minutes. Then one lady — she was a super-grandma kind of person with white hair — crawled up on the pedestal with me and up on a couple of suitcases right next to me and whispered in my ear, 'Hey sonny, wanna make love?' That just tore me up and she started laughing."

Little did he know how diverse experiences would be when in 1958 he first studied Kabuki theatre, a forerunner of mime. "That's not traditionally thought of as the mime business, but the gesture from that and that sort of communication is pretty common across the cultures," he explains.

The following years found Aston studying mime with instructors from London and Montreal. "I sort of held off on the mime business because the other side of my career, designing and directing, was developing," he says. "It was about 1967 that I decided I really wanted to go back and fully develop my creative energies toward the mime business because that's where I wanted to develop my career."

Mimes perform with some methods similar to regular stage acting. "The key thing I find that is most difficult is that even though

you are silent and not using the tongue as a form of communication, you have to have a constant silent scenario and dialogue going on inside your head," he says. "You don't consciously have that going as a speaking actor."

Audiences may not realize it, but viewing mime is participating. Mime gives information selectively, Aston points out, and that requires mental participation. "Half of our show is in somebody else's head."

The Mime Ensemble with its cast of characters is in demand across the state. Until September 28, the group performs weekends at the Michigan Renaissance Festival near Holly. The brightly clad group acts out plays and performs derring-do to the amazement of bystanders.

"Each year we put in a new performance act. This year we'll do *The Highway Robbery*. Essentially we'll do five shows a day. We'll also run a game called hunker-hawker, which is a Renaissance game sort of like tug-of-war with a little twist to it; it's played on top of two stumps," Aston says. The mimes also stroll the grounds as various characters. Aston is Igor, a humpback gentleman.

"Everyone likes the whimsicalness of the Renaissance and the magic of the dark forest, with the kings and that sort of thing. It's really interesting, the cross-section of people who come out there and the level of participation. Some of them are just total distant observers, and some come two or three times a year, fully costumed. People like it."

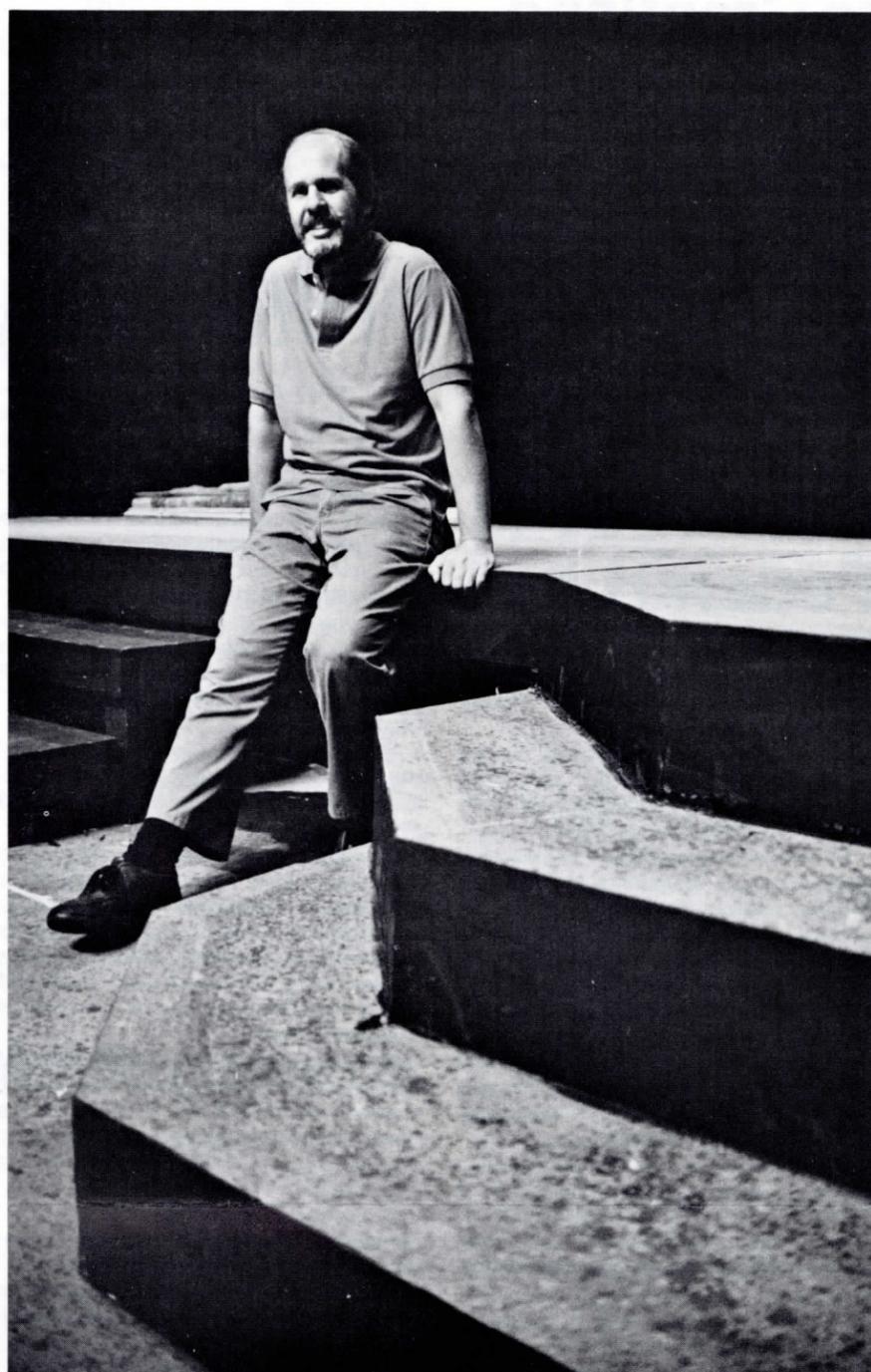
Besides the Mime Ensemble, the OU connection includes graduates playing king and queen, and others providing entertainment. "I'd say you're looking at 15 or 20 people (with OU connections) on the site all the time," Aston says.

Aston's experiences with the ensemble lead to some interesting stories, aside from the woman at Lakeside. One bizarre incident occurred in Washington, D.C., in 1981 when the FBI and CIA kept tabs on the group. It was the day President Reagan was shot.

By chance, the ensemble had checked into the hotel that potential assassin John Hinckley chose. Further strengthening their "ties" to Hinckley was that some members' rooms were adjacent to his. If that weren't enough to create suspicion, the authorities had to weigh the evidence of the mimes and the gunman having had dinner together one night — although quite by accident.

"We got all mixed up in that attempted assassination business and spent a lot of time talking to the FBI and CIA," Aston recalls. "We performed (at the Kennedy Center) that whole week and it has to be one of the most emotionally draining experiences of my life. The whole time we performed there were agents assigned to us."

The agents made it clear that they didn't



Breaks are sometimes far apart for Tom Aston, whose busy career as a mime and a stage designer keeps him hopping. Photo by Sharon LeMieux.

think the troupe was involved in the shooting, but added that procedure required a thorough investigation.

Aston had other adventures, although not with the national significance attached. The worst, no doubt, was the time in New York while working regular theatre summer stock that a tent put on its own performance. Big enough to seat 1,700 people, the tent was in disrepair to the point of rotting at the seams.

As the summer went by, two repairmen stitched gaping holes. The sail-like tent caught the wind and on three occasions it lifted from its poles and blew down the road, despite all efforts to tie the tent down to cars, tractors and anything else of substance.

It was enough to make a mime want to scream.

New Coaches Hope to Add Spark to Teams

New head coaches and assistant coaches will work with the Pioneers during the coming athletic seasons in men's and women's basketball and men's baseball and tennis.

The changes in the Department of Athletics started with Bob Taylor being named women's basketball coach. Further coaching moves have included naming Rod Righter as baseball coach and Taylor as tennis coach. Taylor will be assisted by newcomer Shawn Clemons. Meanwhile, former basketball player Rob Skinner will assist returning men's coach Greg Kampe in that sport.

Taylor came to OU from Lake Superior State College and replaces Sue Kruszewski, who elected not to continue her coaching duties. "He is a fine young man who emphasizes scholarship as well as athletic skill in the young women he recruits. He has a proven track record showing that he can win in our conference and we are confident that our program will be extremely competitive under his leadership," said Paul Hartman, athletic director.

Taylor coached the Soo Lakers for three years, compiling a 52-32 record. This past season Lake Superior was 24-5 overall and 14-2 in the conference, good for a second-place finish. The team finished the season ranked seventh nationally in NCAA Division II.

In addition, Taylor will coach the men's

tennis team. While at Lake Superior, Taylor coached both the men's and women's tennis squads.

The Sparta native attended both Grand Rapids Junior College and Arkansas Technological University. Before joining the Lake Superior staff, Taylor was an assistant coach at Arkansas Tech and at Boyne City High School.

Taylor completed his staff recently by naming Clemons an assistant. She will also direct intramurals. Clemons, a graduate of Arizona State University, played forward for the PAC 10 team and for Howard College in Texas. The ASU team competed in the NCAA national tournament and the National Women's Invitational Tournament. Clemons gained coaching experience at Thunderbird High School in Glendale, Ariz.

For the men's basketball team, four-year letter winner and former co-captain Skinner will replace Walt Studinger, who resigned to pursue other interests. Skinner, a native of Essexville, is the all-time assist leader and among the top 10 career scoring leaders.

Righter's task is to re-establish OU as a baseball competitor. The university has not fielded a team since 1980. Righter is a professor of education and has been a successful baseball manager in the Pontiac area.

"I am very pleased that we were able to find a person of Rod Righter's ability and

experience here on our campus," Hartman said. "I am confident that he will be able to facilitate the rebuilding of our program. His objectives are comparable with our university's as a whole and the athletic department specifically. I am confident he will do an outstanding job and that our team will be competitive in a short period of time."

Righter is in his sixth year as manager of the Varsity Shop team in the Oakland County Connie Mack League, and in his second season managing the Quality Pontiac team in the Pontiac Class A League. In the past five years, the Varsity Shop team has had a 133-31 record, winning four league championships and finishing second in the district

competitions twice.

"Oakland has had a strong baseball tradition and I plan on building on the strength of the past in baseball and the present athletic department as a whole," Righter said. "OU has had a history of academic importance and excellence and that will remain. I want to make sure this is a quality program. I believe we can put together a first-rate and first-place team within a few years."

Righter plans to hold tryouts this fall for the new team. The Pioneers will open their season April 5 with a double-header at Ferris State College. The home opener will be April 8 against Northwood Institute.

Expert on Business Coming to OU

Author John Naisbitt — *Megatrends* and *The Year Ahead* — will visit OU for a luncheon and a lecture on October 14.

More than 300 area business executives are expected for the noon luncheon in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Naisbitt opens the first Business Forum sponsored by the Student Board of the School of Business Administration in cooperation with Ameritech Publishing, Inc. His topic will be *Reinventing the Corporation*.

The author will follow that appearance

with a public lecture at 2:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Crockery. Tickets are available by calling 370-2020.

Naisbitt has said some positive things about Michigan, noting that it could well go down in history as the comeback state and that its key to success is Great Lakes water, the oil of the 1980s.

For luncheon details, call 370-4090.

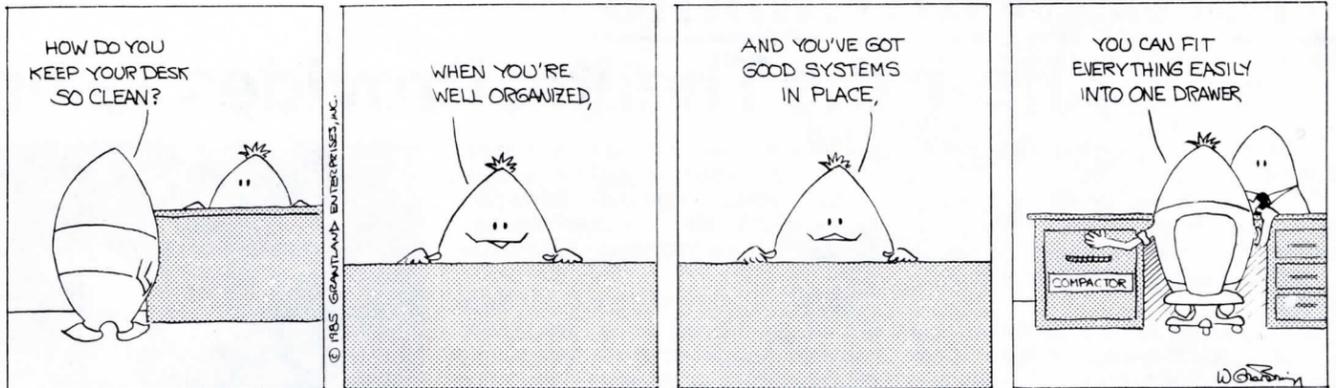
If You Need a Laugh, Turn to Grantland

The *Oakland University News* has added Grantland, a cartoon strip that highlights the humorous aspects of life in the work world.

Grantland appears in over 80 publications with a total circulation of 500,000. W. Grant Brownrigg created the strip in 1984. The cartoonist attended Princeton University and the Columbia Business School and has experience in sales, manufacturing, marketing, finance, management consulting and general administration.

His views of life capture many situations we all find ourselves in — but perhaps wish we weren't. Let us know your reaction.

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Board Seeks Federal Loan

The university is applying for a \$3.3 million federal loan to construct a 48-unit married student housing complex.

The application was approved by the Board of Trustees on August 14. The funds are needed to provide additional housing for graduate students and their families.

The application for a 40-year loan is being made to the U.S. Department of Education. The only housing for married students on campus — the George T. Matthews Court Apartments — has 48 units and a waiting list of 220 students. The university has campus housing for approximately 1,700 single students.

University officials said the Oakland County building boom has made the cost and availability of off-campus housing very difficult for graduate students.

Board members said the new housing project is in the conceptual stage only. If the loan is approved, a full feasibility study will be completed. Construction could begin approximately 18 months after loan approval.

Student to Study Presidency

Tony Boganey, president of the University Congress, has been awarded a fellowship from the Center for the Study of the Presidency for the 1986-87 academic year.

Boganey was selected from among approximately 800 participants in the 17th annual Student Symposium, which was held in Washington, D.C.

The center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational research corporation founded at the suggestion of President Eisenhower. The center examines the Office of the President through the studies of economics, philosophy, political science, journalism and rhetoric. It views the presidency in the

Protein May Hold Secrets of Aging

The world's aged are not likely to experience the miracles depicted in the movie *Cocoon*, but they will enjoy dramatic improvements in the quality of their lives, says biochemist Bandana Chatterjee.

Those improvements could come in the next decade as scientists learn more about the secrets of aging and discover how to combat age-related diseases.

"However, because of biological limitations, an extension of human life span beyond the current 90 to 100 years will require major scientific breakthrough," Chatterjee says.

"You cannot fool Mother Nature easily, but she may not mind if we improve the quality of life for persons who live those 90 to 100 years."

Chatterjee has received renewed funding from the National Institute on Aging for a direct cost of \$386,470 over four years. She has identified a rat liver protein that is produced in the body before puberty, ceases during the mature adult years, and then is manufactured again at the onset of biological old age.

The researcher and her colleagues at OU have cloned the gene, purified the protein, created antibodies, and sequenced the gene; all necessary steps to study the basic mechanisms by which a specific gene is regulated at various stages of life.

Chatterjee's system has become a model for the study of aging, since the protein can "mark" the stages of the aging process.

Chatterjee says that once the mechanism of these actions is understood, the knowl-

edge can be transmitted to other genes and used to control such age-related diseases as certain forms of diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disabilities and bone disorders like osteoporosis.

The field is entering a "golden age," Chatterjee says, with new knowledge being discovered every day. All the work, including hers, is interdependent, she adds, from basic research discoveries to the scientists who will make clinical applications of those findings.

Chatterjee emphasizes the goal is not to alter our current set of genes to create humans with a 200-year life span, but to learn more about how those genes are activated or repressed. "We want those 90 to

100 years to be as productive and healthy as possible," she says.

The scientist received the first support for the current research in 1982. The renewal of her grant for four more years is evidence that the National Institutes of Health is "pleased with the progress of my work. Competitive renewals in this era of tight budgets are very difficult," Chatterjee explains. "I am pleased that they have trusted me with additional funds."

Chatterjee has lectured widely on aging and on the effect of hormones on the aging process. Hormones are chemicals carried through the blood to various parts of the body and regulate gene action.

911

Emergency Number in Effect

The university has joined the 911 emergency phone service. Dialing the three-digit number will connect you with the Department of Public Safety.

The 911 number should be used *only* to report emergencies, such as a crime in progress, an injury, an accident or a fire. Nonemergency business calls will continue

to be taken at 370-3331. The traditional campus emergency number, 370-3333, also remains in effect.

The change-over to 911 required a change in normal telephone dialing. Now to reach an off-campus number, dial 7 and the number. Preprogrammed off-campus numbers that used 9 must be changed.



Yes, it was busy this summer. The arts and sports camps were at capacity and the campus was home for hundreds of others who held their events at OU. Among them was the Isiah Thomas Basketball Camp with NBA greats, including Herb Williams (above). Also on hand were hundreds of cheerleaders and even corporate executives in their own athletic contests.

Special Concerts for Children Planned by Center for the Arts

Seven arts events for children ages 6-12 are being presented at Oakland University during the 1986-87 season.

The Wednesday afternoon programs are scheduled from October-April and sponsored by the Center for the Arts and Oakland Schools. All events will be in Varner Recital Hall, except for a play in Meadow Brook Theatre. Most events will last about one hour.

Lab Grant Aids Nursing School

The School of Nursing has received a \$59,225 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust in New York City, the largest charitable trust devoted exclusively to the welfare of undergraduate student nurses.

The money will be used to purchase computer and audio-visual materials for the Learning Resource Laboratory.

context of the past, present and future. The study of the presidency relates the executive branch to the courts, the Congress, the states and the people.

As a fellow, Boganey will participate in the 17th annual Leadership Conference in Atlanta this November. He will also serve on the Program Committee for the 18th annual Student Symposium.

Fellows are required to prepare a major research paper under the joint supervision of their college or university and the center. The topic must come under the theme, *Considerations on National Security Policy*.

The selections are a classical music concert specially chosen for young audiences, a mime performance, a fantasy based on *Babar the Elephant*, a New York comic dance team, South American children's music by a Brazilian guest artist, a concert band performance with narration, and the Meadow Brook Theatre production of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, which is one of Meadow Brook's most popular plays ever.

Tickets to all events are \$3, except for *A Christmas Carol*, which is \$5. Group sales of 20-49 tickets receive a 20 percent discount and groups of 50 or more receive a 25 percent discount. Two free tickets are included with each group sale. No additional discount is available for *A Christmas Carol*.

For information, call Richard P. Watson, director of program development, Oakland Schools, at 858-1999, or Carl F. Barnes, Jr., director of the Center for the Arts, at 370-3018.

Ticket sales and reservations may be made directly through the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013.

Summer Student Heads to West Point

A student who spent the past two summers studying in the Department of Biological Sciences is headed for West Point. Daniel Huantes, who attended Pontiac Northern High School, will serve in the Signal Corps and study electrical engineering and missile and computer technology.

Huantes studied at OU under the Minority High School Apprentice Program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and Howard University-Rockefeller Foundation grants. Egbert W. Henry, acting chairperson of the department, directs the program.

Huantes was the first Hispanic student to participate in the OU program. He worked in the laboratories of Asish C. Nag, biological sciences, and Hitoshi Shichi, Eye Research Institute. Huantes also worked at the General Motors plant in Pontiac while attending high

school. Henry says Huantes showed a talent for mathematics and science in elementary school.

"It is worthy of noting that Mr. Huantes was accepted by the Naval Academy, sponsored by Senator Riegle, and by West Point, sponsored by Senator Levin," Henry says. "Also, he was offered a scholarship to the General Motors Institute and an ROTC scholarship to the University of Michigan."

Henry calls Huantes a premier role model minority student (he was also senior class president) and says Huantes "epitomizes the worthiness of government-assisted programs to help talented minority high school students become active, contributing and involved citizens of our nation."