

inside OAKLAND

A newsletter for Oakland University colleagues

They're going the distance



Technology brings focus to Oakland's first distance-learning classroom this fall

Shea Howell's Com 301 class on Sept. 5 made Oakland University history.

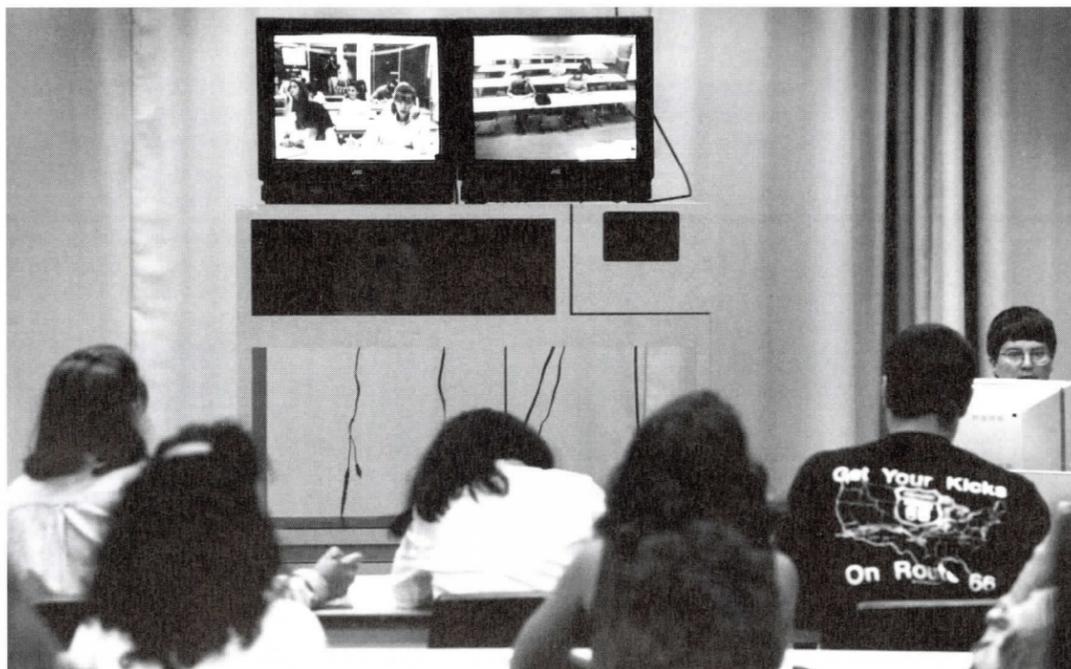
Howell, associate professor, Communications, instructed the first interactive television class, called Distance Learning. Her 18 students in Varner Hall were joined "live" via interactive television with five other students in Traverse City who were signed up for the same course, Persuasion: Com 301.

Distance Learning is an umbrella phrase that encompasses a range of teaching, instruction and learning techniques that take advantage of technological tools, such as interactive video, satellite pro-

gramming, e-mail and the Internet. An interactive, two-way video and audio link between Oakland University and the Northwestern Michigan University Center is making this possible for students living and working away from the university to attend classes, and to interact with professors, students and administrators on campus.

In Howell's class, for example, television technology, data networks and fiber optics are making it possible for students in the Traverse City area to attend the course for credit, without having to drive 400 plus miles twice a week. Those students are enrolled in Oakland's bachelor of general studies program, the first degree program the university is offering at Northwestern Michigan's newly opened University Center.

"Star Trek, here we come,"



'Star Trek, here we come': Shea Howell (far right, seated at computer) conducted the first interactive television class with students at Northwestern Michigan in Traverse City.

Howell says.

As instructor, Howell has control of the TV cameras and monitors. A third "document" camera allows for sharing text and graphics with both locations.

On the first day of class, students at both classroom sites received a special note from the

university's Instructional Technology Center, citing tips on being a student in an interactive television classroom. Foremost on the tip list was this warning: "You will need to change your television viewing habits. This is not a passive experience."

To increase participation,

Howell asks students to make classroom presentations. Each week, a different student summarizes the assigned class readings. Traverse City students take turns, making sure the cameras in the classroom are up and running, fine tuning audio and making other adjustments.

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NEWS

Enrollment figures

Oakland University set a new student enrollment peak this fall at 13,600.

That's an increase of 3.3 percent over last year's figure of 13,165. Credit hours are also up, from 123,352 last year to 129,031 for the fall semester.

New computer systems

Oakland University this month will bid for state-of-the-art administrative computing systems.

The new systems will allow easier access to information than the current mainframe system.

"We're looking at this not simply as a software change but a change in the way we do business," says Jean M. Wersching, director, Administrative Information Systems. "Enhancing student services and streamlining internal transaction processing are areas of major emphasis."

Excellence awards

Brian Murphy, associate professor, English, earned the 1995 Oakland University Teaching Excellence Award and Susan Wood, associate professor, Art and Art History, is the recipient of the 1995 Oakland University Foundation Research Excellence Award.

Look for more on these topics in the next issue of *Inside Oakland*.

Saving the Tiger

In the first President's Colloquium Series lecture, Professor Richard Tucker will tackle the ethical and policy implications of preserving the tropical rain forests



Richard Tucker

Wildness and biodiversity will survive on earth only if biological scientists, specialists and grassroots people work together.

That is the view of Richard Tucker, professor of History and Asian Studies, who will share his firsthand insights during the President's Colloquium Series at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 25 in the Oakland Center.

Can the Tiger Be Saved? Colonial India and the History of Tropical Wildlife Conservation summarizes Tucker's view that a powerful movement has

arisen in response to the diminishing of the biological diversity of the tropical world. This

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University celebrates statewide quality month

October is Michigan Quality Council Month in Michigan and Oakland University is helping the statewide promotion of total quality management (TQM) standards within the workplace.

The university is one of the council's founding members and also has housed the council office at 525 O'Dowd Hall since its inception in 1993.

"The purpose for Michigan Quality Month," says Gov. John Engler, "is for organizations to implement a quality program if they don't already have one, or evaluate and improve current programs."

Oakland is joined by 30 other council founders, including Chrysler Motors, Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp., Amway, Steelcase, Unisys and Whirlpool.

MQC Director Bill Kalmar says his definition of quality is "meeting and exceeding the expectations of customers. If you put the emphasis on quality, you have less red tape, satisfied customers, empowered employees and a nice place to work."

The university has several quality initiatives in place, on campus and off:

- Mary Otto, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, chairs the K-16 education committee for MQC, which is charged with infusing quality concepts into the state's K-16 curriculum, activities and operations. Eight schools are in the pilot program to become role models for Michigan education.
- The School of Business Administration has been involved in various TQM initiatives over the last several years, from providing faculty members with training to offering a master's level course in quality, taught by Gino Giocondi, a retired Chrysler vice president.
- The university is also in its first year of implementing a formalized assessment plan to evaluate every academic major and program Oakland offers. The first formal annual reports are due this month.

Oakland makes it easier to donate this fall by rolling three employee fund drives into single campaign

Oakland University is taking the confusion out of giving.

This fall, Oakland has created Partners in Success, a campaign to make it easier for employees to give. The cam-

to demonstrate their philanthropy, says Margo King, campaign co-chair and assistant vice president, University Relations.

"It's a great opportunity to rally around at one time," King says. "One focus of the university is the concept of partnership and we are demonstrating that through this campaign."

Beginning with a kick-off Oct. 2, campaign leaders will solicit co-workers to give money to all three campaigns. Employees have the opportunity to donate individually or to all of the fund drives if they wish. Envelopes will be collected by the campaign leaders for processing.

The goal of this year's streamlined campaign is to collect more than \$100,000 through the generosity of more than 500 employees. That would surpass last year's totals of \$84,126 collected from 347 employees.

paign includes a single pledge card for three organizations — the Black United Fund, the United Way and Oakland University. Oakland combined the United Way with the All University Fund Drive last year and added the Black United Fund for this fall's campaign.

Jointly promoting all three is a convenient way for employees

Partners in Success

FUND
95/96
All
University



What is The Black United Fund?

Established in 1970, the Black United Fund seeks to fulfill community needs on a grassroots level.

BUF leaders focus on youth and community start-up programs and strive to advance neighborhood and family development, provide support for job training and education and cultural programs.

Over the years, BUF has also offered financial support for family counseling, scholarship funds, health care clinics and skill development.

employees of the MONTH

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Employee: **Paul Franklin**

Position: Coordinator of Campus Programs

Department: Campus Information, Programs, and Organizations

Length of Service: Fifteen Years

University Service: Process Redesign Software

Team — Chair Oakland Center Director Search Committee, WOCOU, AP Association, Universal ID Card Committee, Student Affairs Computer Users Group, NACA National Convention Lecture Showcase Coordinator, African American Celebration Committee

Plaudits:

"Paul is one of the most dedicated staff members at Oakland University. It is not uncommon, and almost routine for Paul to work 10-12 hour days during Fall and Winter semesters."

..... o c t o b e r



Employee: **Kimberly Carlsen**

Position: Administrative Secretary

Department: Oakland Center Operations

Length of Service: 10 Years

Employment History at OU: Cashier, University

Bookcenter

Clerk II, O.C. Operations

Secretary II, O.C. Operations

Administrative Secretary, O.C. Operations

University Service: African-American Celebration

Committee, United Way Committee

Plaudits:

"Kim brought a professional demeanor and skill level to the position. Because of her prior experiences, she could assist the OC bookkeeper when that person was ill or on vacation. Kim manages an enormous work load as the departmental secretary to a department which is open to its constituents, clientele and customers for more than 100 hours a week 48 weeks a year."

Employee of the Month nomination forms are available in all departments, ERD and CIPO. For more information, call Gail Ryckman at 370-3480.

REGISTER

of distinction

The following individuals have received special recognition in their areas of expertise.

Jeanne Carter, Academic Skills Center, was promoted to director in July. Previously, she was the department's associate director and the acting director of the Office of Handicapped and International Services.

Todd Estes and **Bruce Zellers**, History, will participate in the History Department Teaching Alliance Lectures this fall. Estes will be giving the department's Autumn Lecture Nov. 29.

A.R. Liboff, Physics, delivered the opening talk at a workshop sponsored by the European Bioelectromagnetics Association, Puschino, Russia. The event featured speakers from laboratories in England, the United States and Moscow.

Donald E. Morse, presented a paper, *Uncovering Incest in Joyce's Ulysses or The Politics of Incest and the Perils of Reading*, at the 25th Annual International Conference of the International Association for the Study of Anglo-Irish Literature, Cork, Ireland, in July. In June, he was invited to the 8th International Gerard Manley Hopkins Summer School in County Kildare, Ireland, where he opened the art exhibit, chaired the opening and closing session, and, with the Hungarian Scholar, Csilla Bertha, presented an introduction to Hungarian poetry to the delegates from 17 countries. In August, he spoke at the first Fulbright orientation for Hungarian host institutions, and chaired the four-day Fulbright Orientation for American scholars, students and exchange teachers where he also gave a talk on *Being a Fulbrighter in Hungary*.

Rikki Schwartz, Environmental Health and Safety, presented a paper at the American Chemical Society Conference in Chicago regarding the university's new *Laboratory Student Safety Program*. Schwartz was elected to the Board of Directors for the American Society of Safety

Engineers Greater Detroit Chapter. She will serve as secretary to the board for one year.

Christina Sieloff, Nursing, is co-editor of a new text, *Advancing King's Systems Framework and Theory of Nursing*. This text highlights work in nursing practice, theory and research which has, as its basis, Dr. Imogene King's systems framework and theory for nursing.

Geoff Wawro, History, has published an article in the *International History Review* titled *The Hapsburg Flucht nach vorn in 1866: Domestic-Political Origins of the Austro-Prussian War*.

Venkat N. Reddy, Eye Research Institute, spoke at the Zacharias Dische Lecture, Columbia University, New York. Reddy's topic was *Interaction of Glutathione Metabolism and Oxidative Challenge in the Lens: Implications for Cataract Formation*. Reddy and Frank Gibling, Eye Research Institute, presented seminars at the various departments of ophthalmology at several national universities and pharmaceutical companies in Japan: Osaka University Medical School, Osaka; Tohoku University, Sendai; Kumamoto University, Kumamoto; Ehime University, Matsuyama; Kanazawa Medical School, Fukui; Kyoto Prefectural University, Kyoto, Rohto Pharmaceutical Co., Osaka; and Senju Pharmaceutical Co., Kobe.

Yang Xia, Physics, was invited to write an editorial review article, *NMR Microscopy*, for the journal, *Lab Instrument*, published in the Netherlands. The article was written in English by Xia, translated into Dutch by the editor and published in the March issue of the journal.

new faces

- **Edith (Edie) Assaff**, development writer, University Relations
- **Marcelyn (Marcy) Brogan Potter**, development officer, School of Engineering and Computer Science/School of Education and Human Services, University Relations
- **Lori A. Boughner**, clerk-receptionist, Admissions
- **Laura Brown**, communications and marketing assistant, University Relations
- **Analya Callendar**, clerk-receptionist, Admissions
- **Sharon Campbell**, media relations director, University Relations
- **Julie Delaney**, administrative assistant, Graduate Study
- **Gwen Forrest**, development officer, College of Arts & Sciences/School of Business Administration, University Relations
- **Dino Hernandez**, assistant director, Annual Giving, University Relations
- **Janet Ivie**, secretary, Placement & Career Services
- **Sherrill Karppinen**, coordinator, School & Field Services, School of Education and Human Services/Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership
- **Scott Little**, technical director/lighting designer, Music, Theatre & Dance
- **Nick O'Shea**, assistant soccer coach, Athletics
- **Marti Jo Riley**, MBA administrator, School of Business Administration
- **Stephen Sargeant**, assistant soccer coach, Athletics
- **Lynn Sullivan**, secretary, Placement & Career Services

retirements

- **James Wells**, adjunct professor, Biological Sciences, Aug. 15
- **James A. Ashley**, custodian II, OC cleaning, Sept. 6
- **Willie Mae Marshall**, custodian II, Residence Halls, Sept. 6
- **Gerald Christopherson**, custodian head A, Residence Halls, Sept. 25
- **Patricia A. Boyer**, office assistant III, Residence Halls, September 29
- **James D. Llewellyn**, senior editor/news director, Media Relations, Sept. 29

GETTING IT STRAIGHT

Retired Professor **Egbert Henry's** name was incorrectly identified in the last issue of the *Oakland University News*. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please send any corrections via campus mail to Theodore G. Coutilish, Publications Department, or via e-mail: coutilis@oakland.edu
Retirement notices are provided by Staff Benefits.

jobs

Information about job openings is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling the Job Hotline at (810) 370-4500.

Administrative-Professional

- Programmer/Analyst, Administrative Information Services AP-4
- Academic Program Coordinator, Upward Bound AP-6
- Academic Specialist, Special Programs AP-8

Casual and Part-Time Positions

- Senior Accountant, Accounting Office
- Library Assistants, Kresge Library

Clerical

- Accounting Clerk, Student Accounts CT-7

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Associate Registrar
Ron Somerville
takes a break from
the registration
process.



You make the call

Seniors and graduate students will be first in line to use telephone registration system

Soon, the only lines Oakland University students will see at registration will be the phone lines.

That's because the Telephone Registration Project Steering Committee on Sept. 15 approved a two-year phase-in for telephone registration. Seniors and graduate students will be the first to use the new system, which begins Oct. 30 and runs through Nov. 1. On average, phone registration will be completed within about 5 to 6 minutes.

The cost of the system (about \$40,000) will pay for itself within three years.

The service will be available to the rest of the student body in spring 1996, according to Registrar Larry Bartalucci.

"This will cut down on the

need for students to drive to campus to register," Bartalucci says. "This is just the start of a myriad of phone services that are coming. We hope registration will be available from computer laboratories and home computers."

Student registration has come a long way. Associate Registrar Ron Somerville vividly remembers his first registration in summer 1969.

"We used the old IBM punch-card system at Lepley," he says. "Faculty manned their own departments and they were often asking for more cards as classes filled. In the 70s, we used mail registration and then coded scan-card registration. We went to an on-line system in 1986."

This fall, students signed up for classes at Oakland in what is called arena-style registration. The new phone system is expected to eliminate the lines at registration, at least during the early registration periods.

Cooke, Pete Hovland, Bridget Green (student), Michelle Bauman (student), Bonnie Karas '86, and William Coyro, chairman and CEO, TeamTech, and director, Oakland University Foundation.

OU athletes return to coach

Thirteen former Oakland University athletes have returned to serve as athletic coaches. Head coaches, include: Tracy Huth (women's swimming), Dave DeWulf (men's golf), Kris Jeffery (women's tennis) and Dave McCauley (men's and women's cross country). The other nine are assistant coaches.

Gas money and then some

It's after 5 p.m., the Student Accounts Office is closed and master's student Kathleen Ciccinati-Moskos and daughter Alexa, 2, are out of luck — and out of gas.

With car keys in one hand and a student promissory note in the other, Ciccinati has no clue how she will get home to Southfield. She has no credit cards, no ATM cards and no cash on hand. In tears, she enlists the help of Publications office assistant Sheila Carpenter who, in turn, enlists the help of Controller Tom Evans. Evans listens to the woman and, within a few minutes, signs her \$200 cash advance on the promissory note.

Ciccinati was grateful. "It's gas money and then some," she says. "I can't thank you enough."

Send your anecdotes to the Publications Department, 119 North Foundation Hall. When space permits, we will publish them in future editions of this newsletter.

The digital revolution

CalArts digital animator to offer latest in booming industry at Hammerle Lecture

Animator Eric Martin will address the rapid development of the personal computer, how the digital revolution has transformed animation and the blurred line between "producer" and "consumer" on the Internet at the 9th Annual Hammerle Lecture Oct. 12.

Martin, director of the Macintosh Laboratory in the School of Art at CalArts since 1976, has served as consultant in digital animation software development and interface design for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Xerox and Apple Computer. Most recently, he has consulted in interactive media with The Center for Creative Imaging, the American Film Institute Computer Center and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The annual lecture will have a broad appeal to the university community, says Richard Haskell, professor, Department of Computer

Science and Engineering.

"The idea of designing anything in 3-D and being able to look at it, has a lot of advantages," says Haskell, who has taught a special topics course in virtual reality to Oakland senior graduate classes the last three years. It was during one of those courses that a student designed a 3-D model of the campus including the new science and engineering complex, with a view from the seventh floor of the complex, still under construction.

It is digital animation software developers, says Haskell, who are helping to make things come alive in the classroom.

The annual Hammerle Lecture Series in honor of the late William G. Hammerle, a professor of engineering at Oakland, whose creative approaches to problem solving became an institutional inspiration. The



Eric Martin

lecture is sponsored by the William G. Hammerle endowment, the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the school's alumni affiliate.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 12 in 201 Dodge Hall. For more information, contact the school at 2212.

Going the distance

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Junior Michael Riegler, who is taking the course at the Traverse City facility, has taken other interactive television courses before.

"I've learned that sometimes you have to be noisy in order to get attention," he says. "At the end of class, you can't just grab the teacher's elbow on your way out the door and say, 'Hey, what do you think of this or that?'"

To help shorten the distance in distance learning, Howell is designating time at the end of each period to answer questions and concerns from the Traverse City students and also plans to make at least one personal visit to Traverse City during the semester.

What about tests and homework.

"I don't give tests in this class. I give papers," Howell says. Even so, both tests and papers can be faxed to the room during the class period.

Howell says the distance-learning classroom is a multi-application environment, offering voice, video, audio and data capabilities and access to various media housed on campus or off, via VCRs and videotapes, telephones, satellite programming, CD-ROMs and the Internet. The classroom is also equipped with special lighting and audio system, plus fax, phone, computer, printer and related accessories and controlling software.

The cost to create the first of two planned distance-learning

classrooms is around \$67,000, according to George Preisinger, manager, ITC, the university's hands-on support group for the distance-learning classrooms. A second distance-learning classroom, slated for 206 Varner Hall, is expected to be ready for use in fall 1997.

Close to 60 faculty and staff members took a two-day distance-learning course in August. They received hands-on training and tips on how to make the best use of an interactive television classroom.

Alice Horning, professor, Rhetoric and Linguistics, was among the participants. She says she had to laugh when she found herself wondering what to wear to the workshop on the day that she was scheduled to be on camera. She says she was pleased to discover that she will not have to remain static behind a desk or podium when she lectures. The classroom comes equipped with a device she can wear that will instruct a camera to follow her around automatically, as she paces through a lecture.

From an instructor's viewpoint, distance learning will present other challenges.

"If all you're doing is giving a lecture and being a 'talking head,' that can be pretty boring," Horning says.

To make the lecture stimulating, professors will need to take advantage of the technological resources available to them in the distance-learning classroom, Horning says.

bits and PIECES

Athletic conference expands

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), in which 12 of Oakland's 13 varsity sports compete, expanded from 10 schools to 13 this year and is no longer solely in the state of Michigan. Newcomers are Gannon University and Mercyhurst College from Erie, Pa., and Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio.

Professor in mock trial

One of the highlights of the 59th annual meeting of the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, at the Sun Valley Lodge in Idaho, was a mock trial in which A.R. Liboff, Physics, testified as the expert witness for the plaintiff. Arguments were heard on whether to admit Liboff's Ion Cyclotron Resonance (ICR) theory as relevant evidence in a hypothetical case or whether it should be excluded under the Supreme Court Daubert ruling, which places limits on scientific testimony. There is currently some interest in Liboff's ICR model as a possible explanation for the correlation between power-line magnetic fields and leukemia in children.

Name change

The Department of Orientation has changed its name. The new name is the Office of New Student Programs.

Committee to study ice arena

Oakland University has formed an ad hoc committee to study the potential benefits of a campus ice arena.

Members are: Geoff Brieger, Bill Macauley, Joel Russell, Glen McIntosh, Katie Kazarian, Ron Olson, Dave Herman, Peggy



Tom Evans with Kathleen Ciccinati-Moskos and daughter Alexa (see related story, right).

KNOW

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A feature for and about university colleagues



PEGGY COOKE
Auxillary Services



MATT PRIZGINT
Mail Room



JACQUELINE PIERCE
Music, Theatre and Dance



ED PEREZ
Office of Equal Opportunity

What is your favorite food?	The cream cheese muffins at J.W.'s.	Spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, salad and milk.	Roasted garlic.	Meatloaf — it was a nice break from the mexican food we had every day.
Do you now or have you ever had a nickname?	I hate to admit it, but yes, "Punky."	In high school, they used to call me "Matt the Rat."	"Jacq" (pronounced Jack).	The softball team has dubbed me "Flameboy."
What is your favorite television show?	I don't really watch much TV except <i>Home Improvement</i> .	<i>Cops</i> .	I hate TV.	<i>Friends</i> , I must admit.
What was the last movie you saw?	I haven't been to the movies all summer, but we rented <i>Circle of Friends</i> .	<i>Great Panda Adventure</i> — I saw it with my son.	<i>Kids</i> .	<i>Babysitters Club</i> — I took my two daughters, Lauren, 10 and Alaina, 5.
What are you most likely doing on the weekends?	Hanging out with my kids, Erin, 12, and Cassidy, 6.	Spending time with my 9-year-old son, movies, bowling or ball games.	Teaching/performing dance. Spending time outside.	I'm either with my children or I'm working around the house.

calendar of EVENTS

People with disabilities who need special assistance to attend any of the events listed may call the sponsoring unit or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 370-3496.

OCTOBER

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45 p.m.). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

- 1-Nov. 30** - Art Exhibition, *Shibori: the Art of Japanese Indigo Dyeing*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. 370-3005.
- 10-11** - TIAA Retirement Workshops, various times, Oakland Center Rooms 126-127. Limited seating by reservation only, call 370-3483 ext. 0.
- 12** - 9th annual Hammerle Lecture, Eric Martin on the digital revolution, 3:30 p.m. Dodge Hall of Engineering. 370-2212.
- 13** - V. Everett Kinsey Lecture, 7:30 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Open to the public.
- 14-15** - Women's soccer, CENTRAL REGION CLASSIC, 2:30 p.m.
- 17** - Oakland University volleyball vs. Wayne State University, 7:30 p.m.
- 18** - Men's soccer vs. University of Michigan, 3:30 p.m.
- 19** - Women's soccer vs. Siena Heights College, 3:30 p.m.
- 20** - Opening Night, *Lend Me A Tenor*, Meadow Brook Theatre. Runs through Nov. 12. Admission. 370-3300.
- 20** - Oakland University volleyball vs. Gannon University, 7:30 p.m.
- 21** - Oakland University volleyball vs. Mercyhurst College, 1 p.m.
- 21** - Men's soccer vs. Lewis University, 2:30 p.m.
- 25** - President's Colloquium Series: Richard Tucker, Professor of History, 11:30 a.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms.
- 25** - Men's soccer vs. Siena Heights College, 3:30 p.m.
- 27** - Play, *Twelfth Night*, Varner Studio Theatre. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Runs through Nov. 12. Admission. 370-3103.
- 27-28** - 34th Annual Writer's Conference, Saturday keynote: essayist Kathleen Stocking. Cosponsored by the Detroit Women Writers and Continuing Education. Admission. Reservations suggested. Call 370-3120.
- 27** - Oakland University volleyball vs. Hillsdale College, 7:30 p.m.

28 - Women's soccer vs. Tiffin University, noon.

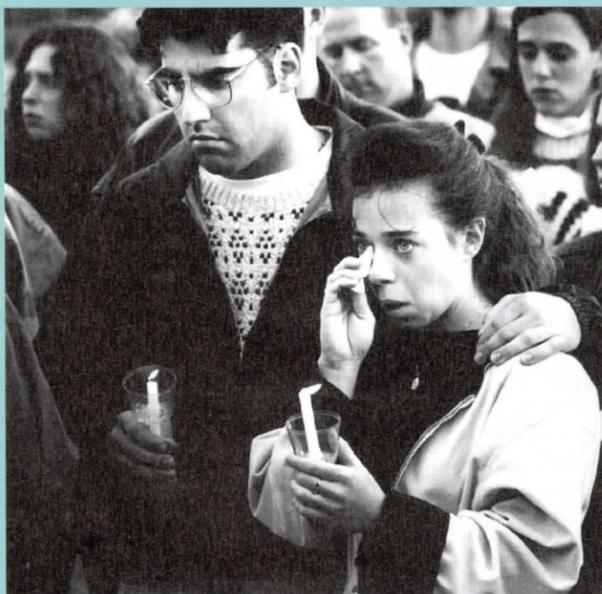
28 - Men's soccer vs. Tiffin University, 2:30 p.m.

28 - Oakland University volleyball vs. Ashland University, 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

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- 1** - University Affairs Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room C.
- 1** - Women's soccer vs. Grand Valley State University, 3 p.m.
- 3** - Concert, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble with Company Dance Traverse, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. 370-3024.
- 4** - Concert, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble with Chicago's Zephyr Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. 370-3024.
- 4** - Men's soccer vs. Mercyhurst College, 2 p.m.
- 13** - University Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Dykema Gossett in Bloomfield Hills.
- 17** - Women's basketball OU TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT, Madonna vs. Indiana Tech, 5:30 p.m.
- 18** - Women's basketball OU TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT, Consolation Game - 5:30 p.m., Championship Game - 7 p.m.



In Memory

"I hope you choose to remember Tina Biggar, not as a victim of senseless events, but as an individual who gave this community the gift of a richer, deeper meaning of life. Because it is Tina's passing that is going to lead many of us to understand better the human commonalities that bind us all together — the experiences that are shared by everyone on the Oakland campus — the experiences of birth, growth and death." **Mary Beth Snyder, vice president, Student Affairs, addressed a group of students, faculty and staff at a candlelight vigil in honor of Tina Biggar on Sept. 25.**

Saving the Tiger

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movement, with its roots in the colonial past, the national parks and biosphere reserves of the tropics, has had success in preventing the extinction of endangered species, Tucker believes.

"Global threats to the planet's ecological health focus on tropical regions," he says. "This is where escalating populations and consumer demand for resources are rapidly eroding biodiversity."

Tucker, fresh from a Fulbright fellowship to India in August, has been exploring the history of tropical forest exploitation in India and other colonial countries for 15 years. India has led the response movement, he says, setting up its first nature reserve over a century ago to limit hunting and habitat destruction.

This fall, Tucker will continue to share his firsthand findings through courses on global environment and tropical environmental history.

"These lectures explore important national parks in India," Tucker says. "I survey their biological riches to understand the many human pressures on them and to assess the

workings of policies designed to reconcile wildlife with the human presence."

Typical of most academic pursuits, Tucker finds no easy solutions. As a member of the World Conservation Union's Commission on Environmental Strategies and Planning, he is struggling with the ethical and policy implications of preserving the tropical rain forests. "These dilemmas can be clarified," he says, "if people have a better understanding of their historical evolution."

Oakland University created The President's Colloquium Series to showcase faculty research. Four presentations will be made during the 1995-96 academic year. Other presenters, their lectures and lecture dates include: Robert Kleiman, associate professor, Finance, *The Empowerment Zone and Privatization: Cures for What Ails Detroit*, Dec. 5; Brian A. Connery, associate professor, English, *Flame Wars in the Virtual Coffeehouse: Lessons from the Eighteenth Century*, Feb. 6; and Yang Xia, assistant professor, Physics, *Applications of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Microscopic Imaging*, April 3.

Time to think about your flexible spending accounts

It's that time of year again.

Time to begin calculating the amount to put in your 1996 Flexible Dependent and/or Health Spending Accounts.

The Flexible Spending Accounts enable you to pay for dependent care and out-of-pocket health expenses (medical, dental, optical) with pre-tax dollars. These are expenses you need to pay and, by doing so with pre-tax dollars, your taxable wages are reduced. Therefore, this is a win-win benefit in which you are eligible to participate.

Keep in mind: the regulations for Flexible Spending accounts state either "use it or lose it." To avoid a loss, under estimate your expenses.

Open enrollment is Nov. 1-17 in the Staff Benefits Office, 142 NFH.

The 1996 Open Enrollment period for insurance plans is Nov. 1-17. All adds/changes must be completed in the Staff Benefits Office, 142 NFH, by 5 p.m. Nov. 17 for Jan. 1, 1996, effective date.