

inside OAKLAND

A newsletter for Oakland University colleagues

The China Connection

OU continues tradition as an authority on a changing nation

Indeed, China and Oakland University are hemispheres apart, but old and new ties are drawing them together and earning the university a worldwide reputation as an authority on the country.

One program, the Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy, promotes understanding between the United States and China in areas such as trade relations, international law, politics and education. The Legacy also fosters exchanges of faculty and students between the two nations.

Each fall, the Woodcock Legacy seminar draws experts on China and international trade from throughout the world, and has featured five prominent Oakland alumni: Christopher Cynar, J.D., CAS '72; Woodcock Legacy co-chair Mel Gilroy, CAS '89; Jerome Hill, J.D., Ph.D.,

CAS '70; Ledong Li, OU academic research associate, MAT '89; and Michael Michalak, senior economic adviser, Asian Pacific Economic Council National Center, Seattle, CAS '74.

In providing academic and political leaders and potential trade partners with the latest information on China, the Woodcock project aids Michigan's economic development. The program has also played a significant part in working to establish a China trade office in Oakland County.

The time is right for furthering trade relations with China, especially for Michigan's industrial economy, says Gilroy, a China "hand" who is also an OU Police Department lieutenant.

"We want to foster China's industrial and technical expertise, especially in light of Michigan's production in these areas, to increase our state's exports to China,"



Richard Stamps, left, and Mel Gilroy, co-chairs of OU's Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy programs on China, prize this rare ink rubbing of a stone relief sculpture in China. The piece is among many Chinese works of art on the top floor of Kresge Library. The next Legacy seminar is September 21 at Meadow Brook Hall.

Gilroy says.

China is beginning to flourish: In the 20 years since the United States established diplomatic ties with that nation, China has grown to rank 11th in world trade, said Wei Ruixing, Consul General, Consulate General of The People's Republic of China in Chicago. Ruixing made his comments at last year's Woodcock seminar.

"Thirty-two provinces, regions and municipalities in

China want to expand trade and other exchanges with the United States," Ruixing said. "The need is increasing for our two countries to stay engaged."

Richard Stamps, associate professor, Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, and Woodcock co-chair, agrees with Ruixing.

"China is a growing superpower," Stamps says. "For American trade, political and military reasons, it's impor-

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Celebrate Women's History Month

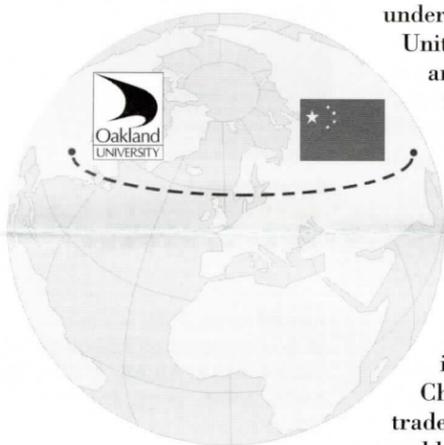
Thanks to the dedication and outstanding work of the Women's History Month 2000 committee and sponsors, the OU community has a wide array of thought-provoking activities from which to choose to mark this celebration's theme, *Knowing Our History, Creating Our Story*.

March

- 21 Speaker and reception featuring Darlene Clark Hine, scholar of African American history and women's history. *Women and the New Millennium: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future*, noon - 1:30 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center (OC).
- 23 Partnership for Success Luncheon. Explore issues of women in academia and build relationships among students, faculty and staff at OU. RSVP required; call 2400. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Heritage Room, OC.
- 27 National teleconference, *Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education, Part One: Imagining Ourselves into the 21st Century*. 1 - 3 p.m., Lake Superior Room A & B, OC.
- 29 National teleconference, *Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education, Part Two: Setting a National Agenda for the 21st Century*. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lake Superior Room A & B, OC.

April

- 4 Panel discussion: *Can Men Be Feminists?* Noon - 1 p.m., Lake Superior Room A, OC
- 6 - 9 Play, *Top Girls*. The main character is promoted at work and women from history gather for a celebration. Act Two highlights sacrifices she made for her career. Varner Lab Theatre. Call 3013 for times.



Oakland's Golden Grizzlies tear through Mid-Con competition!

See the back page feature for full story.

bits and PIECES

SON students to host health fair

You have a manual for your car, why not get one for yourself? Soon you'll have the chance: School of Nursing students will hold a Self-Health Care Fair March 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Lake Michigan Room of Oakland Center. At the free event for OU faculty, staff and students, SON students will measure height, weight and body mass index, and explain subjects including healthy eating and exercise habits; blood pressure and cholesterol levels; the effects of alcohol on the body; and the importance of self-breast and testicular exams and dental hygiene. Each participant will keep track of this information in a booklet.

State supports second year of antidrug program

The Michigan Department of Community Health awarded Oakland University a \$26,000 grant to fund the second year of the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council, a comprehensive social mentoring program for first-year students that provides positive alternatives to alcohol use. The council, a group of students and staff led by Nancy Schmitz, director, University Health and Counseling Center, meets regularly to discuss new programs

and events to raise awareness of the dangers of using alcohol and drugs.



Nancy Schmitz

SBA starts MBA at Macomb

The School of Business Administration now offers an MBA program and a program to earn a Personal Financial Planning Certificate during weekends at the Macomb Community College University Center. The Oakland University MBA program is accredited by the International Association for Management Education and the Personal Financial Planning Certificate is CFP Board certified. For more information on the weekend MBA program, contact the Office of Graduate Business Programs at 3287 or e-mail gbp@oakland.edu. For more information on the Certificate in Personal Financial Planning, call 3128, e-mail sba-ce@oakland.edu or visit the SBA site at www.sba.oakland.edu/mba/weekend.

Recreation Center opens to credit union members

The Department of Campus Recreation is now extending Recreation Center membership to MSU/Oakland Credit Union account holders. Membership may be purchased on a daily, 10-visit, semester or annual basis. Individual, individual and spouse or family memberships are available. Call 4732 or stop at the Welcome Desk for more information or an application form.

Recreation Center to hold family day

OU community members and their families are invited to enjoy open recreation, swimming, a mini family Olympics, face painters, jugglers on unicycles and balloon artists for a free day at the Recreation Center. The fun will be on April 8, noon-3 p.m.

Two art forms unite at the DIA

Carol Halsted, chair, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, CAS, is displaying her collection of more than 50 photographs of great dancers at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The collection features works by more than 30 photographers including Margaret Bourke-White, Annie Liebowitz and Henri Cartier-Bresson. Admission to the exhibition, which runs through June 11, is free with a suggested museum donation of \$4 for adults and \$1 for children.

new faces

- Cornelia Agotesku, Instructional Assistant, Lowry ECC
- Amrita N. Dhurandhar, Instructional Assistant, Lowry ECC
- Hernando Echeverri, Developer Analyst, Administrative Information Services
- Daniel G. Fryer, Academic Technology Developer, OTUS
- Zafar Iqbal, Communications Administrator, IIT
- Rosezine Payne, Custodian I, CF&O
- Stephen J. Rice, Financial Aid Adviser, Financial Aid
- Stafford Rorke, Research Assistant, Health Sciences
- John M. Setzekorn, Groundskeeper IV, CF&O
- Linda Sisson, Interim Director, Disability Support Services
- Cheryl R. Verbruggen, Assistant Director, Budget Office



Carol Halsted



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DEADLINES

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REGISTRY

of distinction

Hoda Abdel-Aty-Zohdy, Computer Science and Engineering, received a \$95,250 award from UCINN/USAF for her research on Multilevel Information Fusion by an Adaptive Mixed-Signal Neural/Net for Improved Command Control, Communications, Computer Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Systems Integration. She also received a \$10,000 award from UCINN/USAF for research on Collaborative Technologies for Creative Integrated Systems.

Kevin Andrews, Mathematics and Statistics, presented the paper, *A Model for Heat Transfer in Grinding*, at the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society. **Meir Shillor** and **Steve Wright**, also of Mathematics and Statistics, coauthored the paper.

Jennifer Charney, Communications and Marketing, was a panelist at a Windsor, Ontario, press conference on February 29, International Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) Awareness Day. She spoke to newspaper, TV and national radio reporters about coping with her injury; and she explained how OU sets an example for employers by accommodating disabled workers.

Jane Goodman, Counseling, won the American Counseling

Association election for President Elect. The ACA is the largest counseling organization in the nation. Her term as president is July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

Edward Gu, Computer Science and Engineering, received a \$22,560 award from Regal Electronics Inc. for his research, Developing a Dynamic Algorithm for Electronic Sensory-Based Lift Device Controllers.

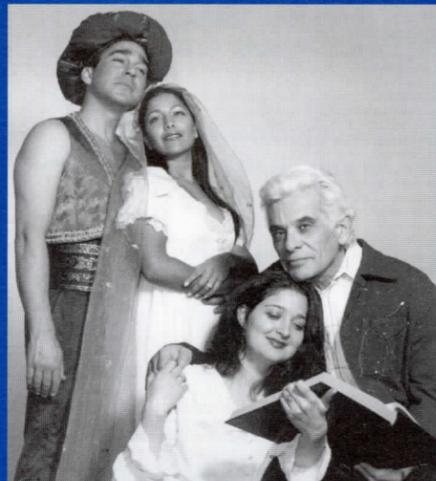
Michael Hung, Computer Science and Engineering, received a \$20,000 award for Evaluation of Vibration-Welded Joints in Composite Manifolds from Ford Motor Company.

Naim A. Kheir, Electrical and Systems Engineering, just assumed a two-year term as president of the American Automatic

Control Council. He is a member of these technical societies of the council: AIAA, AIChE, AISE, ASCE, ASME, IEEE, ISA and SCS.

Anahid Kulwicki, Nursing, had her article, *Collaborative Partnership for Cultural Care: Enhancing Health Services for the Arab Community*, published in the January *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*.

Susan McGough, Alumni Relations, led two workshops on enhancing volunteers' image at the joint conference of Michigan's hospital auxiliaries and directors of volunteer administration. At the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) V conference, she facilitated a session on faculty and alumni.



From left: Robert Morgan, Sunita Param, Nedra Gallegos and Robert Grossman perform in Meadow Brook Theatre's magical world premiere of *Chagall's Arabian Nights*, by MBT's Karim Alrawi. The play runs from March 15 through April 9. For tickets, call the MBT box office at 3300.

calendar of EVENTS

March

15 through Apr. 9

16 through 26

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Play, *Chagall's Arabian Nights*, MBT

*Play, *Translations*, VAR Studio Theatre

Motivational speaker Al Roker, 3 p.m., MBT. For tickets, call 2400.

*Concert, OU Jazz Band, 8 p.m., VAR Recital Hall.

*African Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., VAR Recital Hall.

*Benefit Concert with Flavio Varani, 8 p.m., VAR Recital Hall.

**Hit and Run: Dances for a New Century*, Oakland Dance Theatre and

March

31 (cont.)

April

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Oakland Dance Theatre Repertory Company, 8 p.m., VAR Recital Hall.

Piano Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m., VAR Recital Hall. Free admission.

*OU's Symphonic Band, 8 p.m., VAR Recital Hall

Gorlin Memorial Lecture: Clifford Gaddy, Brookings Institution, 7:30 p.m., DHE 201

* For tickets, call 3013.

Thanks for giving! Fund drive exceeds goal, raises more than \$166,000 for university, human service organizations

OU employees and retirees did a great job last fall in showing their support for Oakland, the United Way and Black United Fund (BUF) by donating more than \$166,000 in the All-University Fund Drive (AUF). Forty-two percent of Oakland employees and retirees participated, exceeding the 1999 goal of \$165,000.

The new volunteer retiree committee of Marion Bunt, Suzanne Frankie, Glenn

Jackson, Jane Mosher, Joan Rosen and Jack Wilson was quite successful in raising funds from retirees, says Margo King, assistant vice president, University Relations.

Pat Nicosia, director, Budget and Financial Planning, is stepping down after two years as AUF co-chair; Maura Selahowski, assistant director, Marketing and Business, Campus Recreation, will replace Nicosia. Kevin Murphy, professor, Economics, CAS, will continue as co-chair. Oakland University thanks Murphy, Nicosia and the committees for their outstanding work. Special thanks go to John Cameron, professor, Art and

Art History, and Selahowski, who achieved 100 percent participation from those they solicited.

AUFD Committee Representatives:

- Jim Boucard, skilled trades
- Matt Carlson, building/grounds maintenance
- Shirley Cobb, exempt employees
- Susan Derocher, police
- Joyce McGathy, clerical-technical
- Kevin Murphy, faculty
- Pat Nicosia, AP & MC
- Lisa Sample, custodial

American Heart Association Heart Walk 2000 Kickoff



Date: April 11
Time: 12 - 2 p.m.
Place: Oakland Room, OC

The Heart Walk itself will take place on October 7. Interested in being a team captain? Contact David Disend at 4382.

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tant to engage China on a friendly basis."

Stamps says OU's connection to China is a tradition.

"OU founders Alfred and Matilda Wilson recognized the need for international studies and technology in the context of the race to outer space," Stamps says. "That's why OU offered China studies. Another reason to study China is its 4,000-year history from which to learn."

Stamps is also the coordinator for East Asian studies in OU's Center for International Programs.

Oakland's other China activities and resources have included:

- Seminars on culture for U.S. businesspeople visiting China

- A cross-cultural and English language training program for Chinese industrial personnel visiting America
- Faculty and student exchanges
- The Woodcock East Asia Reading Room, 429 Kresge Library, which features research materials and periodicals
- Chinese art on the top floor of Kresge Library
- Chinese language and culture seminars for faculty, staff, and students. Call 3033 for information.
- A bachelor of arts program in East Asian Studies
- Courses in Chinese language, art, history, philosophy, political science and anthropology

- Hosting many Chinese delegations
- OU faculty who have written books on China and traveled and researched there.

In addition, the SBA is working on an agreement to offer an Internet-based MBA to students at 10 universities in China. The school is also planning to offer training to more than 200 Chinese finance managers.

"Oakland University is an excellent resource on China and has demonstrated a strong dedication to strengthening cultural, economic, political and educational ties between our two countries," says Deanna Rose,

International Trade Specialist, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, State of Michigan. "Mel Gilroy has proved a stellar representative for both OU and the state of Michigan in building our China ties."

The School of Education and Human Services' Office of Professional Development and Education Outreach will offer an April 14 workshop for individuals and organizations that want to develop or expand markets in China.

Registration is due by April 5. Call 3033 for information.

Osteoporosis prevention: Got a plan?

Check out your fridge. Got milk? If so, you probably think you're safe from osteoporosis.

You may be surprised to learn that it takes more than milk to prevent osteoporosis, which causes bones to become more brittle with age. That may help explain why Eskimos, who consume more calcium than any other people in the world, have the highest rate of osteoporosis.

Other countries with high calcium consumption, such as the United States, Sweden and Finland, also have a higher number of females with osteoporosis. One reason is that there's more to it than just getting plenty of moo juice. You need a plan. Here's a simple one from the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

1. Eat less animal protein, which research suggests can actually rob your

bones of calcium.

2. You can improve bone strength by participating in weight-bearing exercise. You need to exercise your upper body, so try resistance training while you watch television.
3. Reduce or eliminate caffeine, alcohol and tobacco. All three can affect how your bones absorb and maintain calcium.
4. If you're a peri- or postmenopausal woman, or if you're at high risk for osteoporosis, ask your doctor about bone mineral density measurements, an important screening procedure.

It's never too late. Osteoporosis is no longer considered an inevitable consequence of getting older. Research suggests it's both preventable and treatable for many people.

And if you think you're not at risk, think again: One in two women and one in eight men will develop osteoporosis-related fractures. In fact, 17 percent of Caucasian women will suffer hip fractures in their lifetime—more than the combined risk for breast, endometrial and ovarian cancers—while 5 percent of

men will experience such injuries. Half of those over age 65 who fracture a hip never walk independently again, and many die of complications.

Young or old, there's something you can do now to help.

For more information, call the Institute at (248) 370-3198.

oakland WAY OF LIFE



employee of the MONTH

FEBRUARY 2000

EMPLOYEE: Marlene McKean
DEPARTMENT: School of Engineering and Computer Science
TITLE: Office Assistant I
LENGTH OF SERVICE: 14 Years

COMMENTS:

"Marlene goes out of her way to be helpful to faculty, staff, and students. She presents a friendly, competent and caring demeanor to the new students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science."

"Part of Marlene's success is that she recognizes the student as the consumer and as her reason for being there. It's wonderful that she's so willing to help the students so that their runaround will end."

We are the champions!

5 teams claim first OU Division I titles



In the first official year of NCAA Division I competition, five Oakland University teams earned Mid-Continent Conference titles.

The 1999 women's soccer team was the first Oakland team to win a Division I league championship. The team won all five conference games and finished the regular season with a record of 14-4-1.

Nick O'Shea, women's soccer coach, was named Mid-Con Conference Coach of the Year.

One month later, both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams claimed the Mid-Con Conference Championship. The women's team also took all the top Mid-Con Championship awards, with head coach Scott Teeters named Mid-Con Conference Coach of the Year, Rachelle Atrasz Swimmer of the Year, Kazi Murr Diver of the Year and Danielle Ward Newcomer

of the Year. The men's coach, Pete Hovland, also was named Coach of the Year, while Thiago Orso earned the Swimmer of the Year honors and Drew Williams Newcomer of the Year.

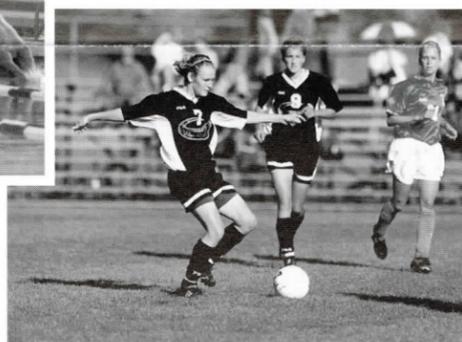
The men's and women's basketball teams also won Mid-Con Conference titles. The men's team ended the season with a six-game winning streak and improved to 13-17 overall and 11-5 in the Mid-Con. Coach Greg Kampe was honored as Mid-Con Coach of the Year and was selected National Coach of the Year by *College Hoops Insider Magazine*. The women's team won the last 10 games of the regular season, nine of which were conference games, and finished the regular season 18-9 overall and 13-3 in the conference. Coach Beckie Francis also was named Mid-Con Coach of the Year and OU freshman guard Katie Wolfe earned the Newcomer of the Year award. The women's team competed in the Mid-Con tournament, winning its first game against University of Missouri-Kansas City and bowing out in the semi-finals to Valparaiso.

"We're very proud of our

fine athletes and coaches," says OU Athletic Director Jack Mehl. "Oakland has always had strong athletic programs; now they're getting the widespread recognition they deserve with our move to Division I. Our change to Division I status is consistent with Oakland's unprecedented campus growth in recent years. The athletics programs are a positive for the university; they've increased Oakland's visibility and outreach."



Men's basketball coach, Greg Kampe — who won both Mid-Continent Conference and National Coach of the Year honors — takes some time out to acknowledge his number one fan (Press, his son, 4).



Oakland's Golden Grizzlies racked up an impressive number of titles in their first official year of NCAA Division I competition.

A total of five teams earned Mid-Con Conference titles — women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving and men's and women's basketball. In addition, the head coaches of these five teams earned Conference Coach of the Year awards. Six athletes from three sports also took home individual honors, including three Newcomer of the Year awards, two Swimmer of the Year awards and one Diver of the Year award. Finally, a total of 30 athletes from the men's and women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving and men's and women's basketball teams were named to their respective Mid-Con All-Conference First Teams.

New staff boosts health clinic services

Three join Graham Health Center

Next time you need a physical exam, lab tests, medication, shots, counseling or other health care, consider visiting OU's Graham Health Center (GHC). The center has always been a convenient, cost-conscious alternative to off-campus care for OU faculty, staff and students. Now it's even better: GHC's new staffers are bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to campus.

Joanne Talarek, certified nurse practitioner, is the center's new coordinator. She provides women's health care, including routine pelvic and breast exams; pap smears; contraceptive counseling; pregnancy testing; diagnosis and treatment of sexually

transmitted diseases and gynecological problems; and referral for victims of sexual assault. Talarek also sees patients for acute and chronic stable illnesses.

Amanda Mack, RN, Patient Educator, teaches patients about contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and other preventive care. She also hosts on-campus workshops on preventive care.

Ida Logan is the new certified medical assistant. She screens patients, assists with programs and maintains files and inventories.

Nina Geisler, Clerk III and certified medical assistant, is the GHC veteran who has

provided billing and administrative support since 1996.

One new GHC service is an e-mail address, health@oakland.edu, to which the OU community may send health-related questions. GHC has a new Web site: www.oakland.edu/GHC.

Mack plans to appear in the main hall of Oakland Center twice a month to show videos

and distribute information on different preventive health topics each time.

"The staff is eager to continue providing the high-quality services that Graham Health Center is known for," Talarek says. "We're also excited about expanding our outreach."

Talarek can be reached at 2341 or Talarek@oakland.edu.



From left: Nina Geisler, Ida Logan, Amanda Mack and Joanne Talarek try out the Graham Health Center waiting room for a change.

GHC QUICK FACTS

HOURS: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

EXTENSIONS: For health services, call 2341; for counseling, call 3465.

INSURANCE: The center accepts many brands of private insurance and the student health insurance.