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## 'Oakland Journal' publishes second issue

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The second issue of the "Oakland Journal," a publication featuring the scholarly and creative efforts of Oakland University faculty, students, staff and alumni, recently has been published.

Among the items in the Fall 2000 issue are a report on South African elections and the Reconciliation Commission, a tour of art in Rome from 313-1300 A.D., an account of research techniques in central Brazil and various book reviews, fiction and poems. Also included are reminiscences of two persons long associated with OU who recently have died: Woody Varner, OU's first chancellor, and Robbin Hough, an original member of the **Economics Department**.

The material selected for publication is deliberately eclectic, said chemistry professor and journal editor Gottfried Brieger.

"We felt the purpose or goal of the journal is to present something intellectually stimulating and interesting to the reader," Brieger said. "Some of the professional journals are not readable to outsiders because of the jargon particular to the discipline. We're not really interested in that side of things. We also want something broader than a literary magazine with lots of variation in the types of contributors. This makes it eclectic. If the readers aren't interested in reading it, there's not much of a point in publishing it."

Still, Brieger said the journal will attempt to maintain its status as a publication showcasing the best writing of all types from the Oakland University community.

"We have no grandiose ambitions," Brieger said. "Our journal is dependent upon what's produced in-house. We have deliberately stayed away from outside, big-name authors. We want it to be the Oakland 'family' magazine. We'd especially like more alumni input."

Upcoming issues may feature special topics such as the future of the university and non-technical responses by faculty to questions in their fields of study. Plans also are under way to produce an online version.

The "Oakland Journal" is published two times per year and is always accepting contributions. Copies of the journal are available at no charge to students, faculty and staff from Professor Brieger or the **Chemistry Department**. Individual copies are on sale at local Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores for \$6.50 per copy. To obtain a copy or enquire about submissions, contact Professor Brieger at [gbrieger@oakland.edu](mailto:gbrieger@oakland.edu).

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