



Wednesday, April 3, 2002

## OU celebrates Founders' Day April 17

Oakland University will celebrate its heritage on Founders' Day Wednesday, April 17. This year, the Oakland community is celebrating its diversity by commemorating its dedication to the arts, students, outstanding faculty and the growth attained over the past year.

Hosted by the Office of the President, Founders' Day honors the memory of benefactors Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson, who donated 1,500 acres and \$2 million to establish the university.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### Varner Memorial Garden Dedication

- Reception — 8:30 a.m., Varner Recital Hall Lobby
- Dedication of garden and sculpture by Sharon Que — 9-10 a.m., Varner Courtyard, open to the public

#### Varener Seminar Series on University Vitality

- Presentation of the first Varner Arts Award — 10 a.m., Varner Recital Hall. The Varner Arts Award will be presented to Neeme Jarvi, music director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The event is open to the public
- Creativity in the Arts Panel Discussion — 10 a.m., Varner Recital Hall. Panelists include Emil Kang, president and executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; Sharon Que, sculptor; and Lisa Jesswein, radio personality and OU alumna. English Professor Brian Murphy will moderate.

#### Faculty Recognition Luncheon

- Honoring outstanding achievement; teaching, research and new investigator excellence award recipients; and distinguished professors — 11:30 a.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms, by invitation only

#### Graduate Admissions Office Dedication/Open House

- 1:30-2:30 p.m., 160 North Foundation Hall, open to the public

#### Parking Structure Groundbreaking Ceremony

- 3 p.m., Recreation Center Patio overlooking the Lower Playing Fields, open to the public

In recognition of this historic event, eight students, one for each month of fall and winter semesters beginning in September, will be awarded a **designated parking space** for a specific month. The special spot will be located in Lot No. 1 in front of North and South Foundation Halls. To register, fill out a raffle ticket at the designated table in the Oakland Center, which is there every Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. until April 11.

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