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## University Board of Trustees Approves Organizational Changes

A number of organizational changes have been approved by the Board of Trustees, including consolidating auxiliary enterprises into a new division.

The board on June 14 approved the changes as recommended by President Joseph E. Champagne. "As times and circumstances change, organizations must also change if they are to continue to be viable and responsive," the president explained. "The changes approved by the board will clarify roles within the university, give recognition and emphasis to important areas of university affairs, and provide the pres-

ident with the opportunity for a more direct involvement in internal affairs while at the same time not diminishing the important role of continuing to foster and reinforce external affairs."

The major change is creation of the Division of University Extension and Public Service. Frank Cardimen, interim director of continuing education and director of the Center for Economic Development and Corporate Services, will serve as interim vice president of the division.

The new Division of University Extension and Public Service will include Meadow Brook

Hall, Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, Continuing Education, Economic Development and Corporate Services, and Meadow Brook Music Festival, Theatre and Gallery.

In promoting Cardimen, the board also accepted the retirement of Robert Swanson, vice president for developmental affairs. The president noted that with Swanson's retirement and divisional consolidations, plus Cardimen's promotion from an already funded dual position, savings from the realignment should more than offset any costs associated with additional staff assistance which may be needed in the Division of University Extension and Public Service.



Cardimen

Further changes included:

- Merging the Division of Developmental Affairs with the Division of External Affairs into one Division of Development and Alumni Affairs.

- Changing the title of Keith R. Kleckner, senior vice president for university affairs and provost, to senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. The change clarifies and re-emphasizes the critical importance of his position in the academic structure of the university, the president said.

- Having Wilma Ray Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, report directly to the president, rather than to Kleckner.

- Having the Office of Equal Opportunity report directly to the president, rather than to John De Carlo, vice president for governmental affairs, general counsel and secretary to the board.

- Having the three major program divisions — academic affairs, student affairs, and university extension and public service — coordinated by the formation of a Cabinet Council on University Programs. It will be composed of the three divisional vice presidents and the president. This newly formed cabinet council will expedite the review and adoption of appropriate policies and procedures for the major program divisions of the university.

The changes will take place July 1. ▽

## Institute Will Explore Possibilities in Biochemistry, Biotechnology

Basic research in biochemistry and the application of new biotechnological discoveries to medicine, chemical production and environmental toxicology are targets of the new Institute for Biochemistry and Biotechnology.

Creation of the institute was approved June 14 by the Board of Trustees. The board noted the institute builds on research programs that have been supported since 1987 by the Research Excellence Fund of the state.

The institute, a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences and reporting to the dean, complements a Bachelor of Science degree program in biochemistry that has been offered since 1980, and a doctoral program in biomedical sciences with a specialization in health and environmental chemistry that was established in 1983.

Biochemist Denis Callewaert will head the institute. He called it a "logical extension of ongoing research in biochemistry and related fields that have been recognized as a major strength of the university."

Keith R. Kleckner, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, reported to the board, "Establishment of the institute will enhance the visibility of Oakland's research capabilities and accomplishments in biochemistry and biotechnology and may be expected to improve the ability of faculty to obtain grant and contract support of their research, to the advantage of both graduate and undergraduate students who will then have additional opportunities to participate in research projects."

The Institute for Biochemistry and Biotechnology will also provide for increased interactions between Oakland scientists and researchers at other Michigan universities and biotechnology companies.

Long-range goals include creation of new biotechnology businesses, increased support for existing Michigan firms through applied

research, and development of new products and new industrial processes.

The institute will be housed in space now used by the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Biological Sciences. Once the proposed science and technology building is completed, the institute will be assigned space there.

Basic biochemical research has led to many breakthroughs in the past few decades. Recent discoveries of recombinant DNA and hybridoma technologies have now paved the way for a host of new and potentially spectacular applications of basic research. Thirteen OU faculty members are already engaged in research on:

- Development of microorganisms capable of degrading toxic substances to nonhazardous metabolites.

- Development of diagnostic assays to detect individuals at high risk of breast cancer and novel methods for optimizing chemotherapy for breast cancer patients.

- Development of immunoassays for the prognosis of breast cancer based on the expression of different forms of the progesterone receptor.

- Development of assays for antitumor immunity suitable for use in clinical laboratories, and new forms of cancer immunotherapy.

- Applications of a variety of transition metal complexes for the treatment of cancer and viral diseases.

- Identification of potential chemopreventive agents.

- Hormonal regulation with special emphasis on application to fertility and contraception.

- Development of microbial fuel cells for the efficient and relatively clean production of energy from biomass.

- Bioelectrochemical conversion of waste materials into fuel. ▽



Oakland students from the People's Republic of China demonstrate on campus in support of their friends in Beijing. The campus protesters called out for democratic reforms at home. More on their story is on page 3.

## Reddy Receives \$1.37 Million Award; Free of NEI Grant Competition for 10 Years

The National Eye Institute has awarded researcher Venkat N. Reddy a Merit Award of \$1,370,875.

The Merit Award removes the burden of writing another competing grant renewal application for 10 years.

Reddy is director of the Eye Research Institute and the only eye researcher in Michigan to receive the award from the NEI since the program began in 1986. After five years, he will get the opportunity for up to a five-year renewal based on an evaluation of his research findings without the usual peer review.

NEI officials say the awards, which cannot be applied for by the investigator, provide "long-term support to investigators whose research competence and productivity are distinctly superior and who are likely to continue to perform in an outstanding manner."

The OU researcher's lab is one of only two to successfully grow human lens epithelial cells in a tissue culture in a manner in which they retain their lens-like characteristics. This has enabled Reddy to investigate developments in human senile cataract, study lens proteins and how they cluster together or "aggregate" within a cell leading to cataract formation, to study the genetic abnormalities in that form of cataract,

and to study how various anti-diabetic compounds inhibit the enzyme aldose reductase. This enzyme has been shown to play an important part in diabetic cataract and other diabetic-induced problems of the lens or retina.

Reddy has received NEI support for his major research activity for 22 successive years at OU. Prior to that he received support for 12 years while at Kresge Eye Institute. The early funding came from the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness before the NEI was created by an act of Congress in 1968 to support vision research.

In addition to growing human lens epithelial cells in culture, Reddy says he has developed a procedure for enhancing the process of differentiation that takes place as these cells complete a normal change from epithelial cells to the fiber cells similar to those in the intact human lens.

Explaining his research goals in more detail, Reddy says, "With this model system one may now study the interaction of the various lens proteins and how their aggregation leads to cataract formation, and one may also investigate the fundamental mechanisms by which the genes for these proteins are turned on during the

transformation from epithelial cells to fiber cells."

Reddy notes that another benefit from his model culture system results in an ample supply of tissue to study certain genetic cataracts. He explains that since such tissues are available only rarely, the ability to grow the cells in tissue culture provides a continuous supply of tissue for exploring genetic abnormalities.

Another target of Reddy's research is the enzyme aldose reductase which is known to play an important part in diabetic complications of the eye, such as diabetic cataracts and diabetic retinopathy. Reddy says "cultured lens epithelial cells as well as the retinal pigment epithelium are being used to evaluate the potential of certain anti-cataract drugs which inhibit aldose reductase." Different doses of an anti-cataract drug may be needed, depending on the tissue, and Reddy is trying to discover the least-toxic dose in each instance.

The ability to grow cells also provides the opportunity to look at means of inhibiting growth of epithelial cells. This ability could prevent formation of "secondary" cataracts which can afflict a patient after the initial cataract has been removed from the eye.

Of his Merit Award, Reddy says, "I am really

honored and privileged to be among the few people who have received this prestigious award. It is a recognition from your peers and recognition for your contributions to the field. It is not a single grant application, but a judgment based on my productivity and my contributions over the past 30 years. They (NEI officials) probably had a perception that I would continue to be productive; otherwise, they would not have given it."

Reddy views the award as an honor for the university as well because "one of its professors has been recognized. I might say that we do not have a medical school here, still this has become a very major center for eye research in the country." He says that the Eye Research Program at OU has received 26 percent of the roughly \$7.3 million given to Michigan institutions this year by the NEI.

His investigations continue to shed light on the role of oxidative processes, transport and metabolism in the development of human senile cataracts. Reddy acknowledges the contributions of his two associates, Tatsuo Arita, M.D., Ph.D., and Li-Ren Lin, M.D., who have worked on this project for the past two years.

— By Jim Llewellyn



# AIDS Project to Survey Arab-American Community

Finding out how much Arab-Americans know about AIDS is the goal of a state-supported program involving two members of the School of Nursing faculty.

Anahid Kulwicki and Penny Cass, both assistant professors, have received Michigan Department of Public Health funding to conduct the first needs assessment of Arab-Americans in Dearborn and Detroit.

The School of Nursing faculty members and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services received a \$51,300 grant for the project. The funds will be used for a survey and for four informational workshops to be conducted by ACCESS. Kulwicki directs the program and ACCESS provides support services.

"The reason we have to do this is that there is no documentation of perceptions and behaviors about AIDS in the Arab community," Kulwicki says.

## School of Nursing Faculty Assists

Statistical health-data forms list Arab-Americans under "other" with various minority groups. Determining the data for Arab-Americans alone is important, because Michigan has the largest Arabic population outside the Middle East.

For the survey, the Oakland researchers modified the standard KABB test (knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors) for the Arab-American community. The survey of 400 randomly selected residents, ages 14 and above, should be completed by July 15 with results known by the end of August.

Kulwicki explains the KABB survey was

modified to reflect the much more conservative and traditional Arabic life-style.

"There are special teen behaviors that are very different in terms of sexual behavior. It's more discreet, it's not out in the open, so nobody knows what they may do and where they're getting their information. In family circles, that is something that is not talked about," she says.

The project director adds, "We know that the risk behaviors are there, and we documented that in the proposal, but we don't have statistical evidence that that's the case. Community leaders will tell you that they know that, too. That's why the Department of Public Health funded us, because it's all been hearsay. Now we want to find out exactly what's going on."

Kulwicki says once the data are analyzed, the information will be used in community workshops planned to begin in late August. One will

be for health-care professionals; the others will be for the general Arabic community.

Persons attending the workshops will be tested before and after the sessions to determine whether the information makes a difference in the community's understanding of AIDS, especially among teenagers and young adults.

"The second goal of the project is to develop a mass-media campaign in Arabic and English to try to change some of the perceptions and behaviors about AIDS," Kulwicki explains.

The informational campaign will include newsletters, a TV program and other material. "We're hoping that we can reach at least 20,000 households," Kulwicki says, "either by the literature or by the workshops."▼

## Pontiac Students, OU Work in Partnership on Guaranteed Tuition Program

Hard work will have its reward.

For 11 Pontiac middle-school students, the reward will be a guaranteed admission and full-tuition scholarship to Oakland.

The eighth graders are the first to sign agreements that commit them to work toward attending the university after their high school graduation.

Known as the Wade McCree Incentive Scholarship Program, it involves Pontiac school students, their parents and mentors working with the students to ensure they are admitted to Oakland upon high school graduation. At least one student will be selected annually from each of the Pontiac middle schools. The cost of the tuition for the students will be borne by the university.

The program is named for the late Wade McCree. He was a distinguished attorney, jurist, solicitor general of the United States, and law professor at the University of Michigan.

Mentors for the first McCree Scholars will come from the professional staff of the Office of University and School Relations.

Program participants were welcomed at a dinner June 7 by President Joseph E. Champagne. Among those in attendance were McCree's widow Dores and son Wade III. His

daughter Kathleen McCree Lewis was unable to attend.



Dores McCree and son Wade McCree III welcomed the McCree Scholars attending a dinner in the Oakland Center.

Also in attendance were Keith R. Kleckner, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost; Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs; Manuel H. Pierson, assistant vice president for university and school relations; several deans; and Rod Cotter, principal of Kennedy Junior High School, representing Pontiac schools. Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College, gave the dinner address.

As a McCree Scholar, students must:

- Cooperate with their assigned mentor, "who will serve as my counselor, coach, friend and liaison with Oakland University" throughout their high school years.

- Enroll in college preparatory classes upon entering ninth grade. They must take at least three years of math, four years of English, two years of a foreign language, three years of science and three years of social science.

- Give a copy of their report card to their mentor at the end of each marking period. If necessary, the mentor will call parents and school counselors to discuss academic performance and arrange for tutoring.

- Attend McCree Scholars workshops that will strengthen their study and test-taking skills, improve academic habits and attitude, and broaden awareness of career opportunities.

- Earn a 3.00 GPA and score at least 19 or better on the ACT to claim the McCree Scholarship.

Speakers urged students to seize the opportunity before them. Parents were also reminded to listen to and constantly support and reinforce the efforts their children were making.

Bledsoe spoke about McCree and his association with OU, where he was awarded an honorary degree in 1974. McCree was the first black circuit court judge appointed in Michigan. He held two higher court appointments before being appointed solicitor general. He completed his career at U-M.

McCree was a graduate of Fisk University, as was Bledsoe, then he went on to Harvard to graduate 12th in his class.

Cotter talked about the opportunities that do exist in the Pontiac School System. He noted that test scores of Pontiac students enrolled in the college prep courses rated as well or above those of students in neighboring districts.

"We think we are off to a good start and hope we can achieve the goals we have set for ourselves," said Pierson.▼

## Our People

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- Alice Horning, rhetoric, communications and journalism, and Carole Crum, academic services, presented *Group Advising for Undecided Students in Composition Classes* at the Michigan College Personnel Association spring conference. They reported on their collaboration in a special section of Rhetoric 101 for undecided students.

- Max Brill, psychology, presented a paper, *Motivation and Emotion as Topics for the Analysis of Behavior*, at the 15th annual meeting of the *Association of Behavior Analysts* in Milwaukee.

- Donald Morse, English, gave the plenary lecture, *Postmodernism, Modernism, Premodernism Meet the Fantastic in American Literature at Mid-Century*, at a national conference on English and American Studies in Eger, Hungary. Morse is completing the second year of his Fulbright Teaching Award in Hungary.

- Virginia Blankenship, psychology, presented *Needs — Unnecessary and Dangerous*, at the Sex and Gender Conference in Nags Head, N.C.

- Anandi P. Sahu, business administration, presented a paper, *An Empirical Investigation of the Timing Abilities of Insurance Company Investment Managers*, at the Midwest Finance Association meetings in Chicago. Robert T. Kleiman, business administration, coauthored the paper.

- Mary E. Eddy, nursing, delivered a paper, *Organizational Climate in Schools of Nursing*, at the research symposium, *The Impact of Research of Education*, sponsored by Concordia College-West Suburban College of Nursing in Chicago. Rita Munley Gallagher, nursing, pre-

sented a paper, *AIDS: Who Will Care at Home?*, at the symposium.

- Abraham R. Liboff, physics, delivered an invited talk at a special symposium held in honor of the 200th anniversary of the research done by Luigi Galvani. In addition, Liboff contributed a paper on aspects of his present research in cyclotron resonance and chaired one of the scientific sessions. The symposium, *Electrobiology Today*, was held at the University of Bologna and drew participants from around the world.

- Robert W. Jarski, health sciences, presented three invited addresses before the American Academy of Physician Assistants 17th annual conference in Washington, D.C. More than 4,000 health-care providers and educators attended. He presented *Clinical Research Protocols*, *The Nuts and Bolts of Getting Published* and *Enhancing Your Test Taking Skills for the Certification or Recertification Examination*.

### PUBLICATIONS

- An article by Elinor Waters and Jane Goodman, Continuum Center, will be translated into Japanese. The National Institute of Employment and Vocational Research in Tokyo asked to use *Career Counseling for Adults: Why, When, Where and How*, as part of a five-year project. The project will study a system for training older adults and specialists who work with the elderly.

- Robert J. Goldstein, political science, wrote an article, *Censorship of Caricature in France, 1815-1914*, for the March issue of *French History*. An expanded version will be published in a book this fall (*Censorship of Political Caricature in Nineteenth-Century France*) by Kent State University Press. He also wrote *The Debate Over Censorship of Caricature in Nineteenth-Century France* for the spring issue of *Art Journal*.

- An article by Anandi P. Sahu, business administration, *Monetary and Fiscal Policy Effects on Real Interest Rates: Evidence from the 1970s*

## Jobs

For information on position openings, call the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, at 370-3480.

- Associate director, AP-11, Office of Financial Aid.

and 1980s, has been published in the *American Statistical Association 1988 Proceedings* in the business and economic statistics section.

- *Opening Doors: A Practical Guide for Job Hunting*, a Continuum Center publication, has been excerpted at length and distributed to every Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (Holland) high school graduate. The reprinted sections on job hunting skills are a major portion of an information packet called *Blueprints: A Graduate's Guide to Success*.

### CONFERENCES

- Marguerite Rigby, alumni relations, chaired the organizing committee for the Michigan Advancement Council Summer Conference at Bay City. Also on the committee were Jill Dunphy, alumni relations, and David Lias, external af-

fairs. Lias also presented *The Grateful Deed*, a session about planned giving.

- Paul Tomboulia, chemistry, was convenor for a panel on *Hazardous Materials in the Community* at the Michigan Public Management Institute in Lansing. Tomboulia was also a panelist for a discussion on *Locating and Prioritizing Community Chemical Hazards*. The institute is sponsored by the state universities' programs in public administration and the university chapters of the American Society for Public Administration.

## Funding Opportunities

### U.S. Information Agency

American studies winter institute, June 25; study tour for Eastern European university administrators: request application materials by June 5; and Cantonese-speaking Asian journalists program, July 7.

### National Institute on Aging

Rehabilitation and aging, October 1 and February 1 for research applications; September 10 and January 10 for research training applications.

### Department of Education

Fellowships in areas of national need, June 23; FIRST schools and teacher grants, June 16; McNair postbaccalaureate achievement grants, July 24; and rehabilitation long-term training, July 25.

### National Endowment for the Arts

Arts curriculum development, June 30.

### National Institute of Mental Health

Child mental health epidemiology, July 12.

## New Faces

- Katharine Leon of Waterford, a clerk II in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

- Scott Ruiter of St. Johns, a skilled tradesman III in Campus Facilities and Operations.

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- Jay Jackson, staff writer

- Rick Smith, photographer



## Bits & Pieces

### Pull Up a Chair

If you're the sort who likes music with your crumpets, then the Oakland Center is the place to be at noon Wednesdays.

Again this summer guest musical artists will perform on the lower-level patio. Remaining concerts are the Chamber Arts Trio, July 5; a group to be announced, July 12; the Varner Duo violinists, July 19; and jazz pianist Dr. Egbert Henry, July 26.

Marriott Food Service will have food and beverages available. In case of inclement weather, the programs will be in the Fireside Lounge. CIPO, the Student Activities Board, the Oakland Center and Marriott present the series.

### Register, and Step on It

Calling all who are fleet of foot: Mari Winsor will be in town to teach you the latest party dancing steps.

The Los Angeles dancer and choreographer will teach from July 10-14 and 17-21 in 132 Varner Hall. Two sessions, one night each week from 8-9:30 p.m., are \$20. You may choose from among the five sessions.

To register, call 370-2030 or sashay into the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

### New Director on Board

Virginia Allen has been named director of Academic Services and General Studies, as of July 1.

Allen comes to Oakland from Mercy College, where she had been director of the Counseling and Advising Center. She replaces Elaine Chapman-Moore, who left Oakland for a position at General Motors.

"Virginia Allen brings to the university excellent experience in higher education administration, as well as a background that includes teaching and testing services," says Ronald Kevern, assistant vice president for student affairs.

### Library on Holiday

If you need a book for the holiday weekend, hurry over to Kresge Library, because the building will be closed July 3-4.

### Another Dining Choice

The popular Tea Room at Meadow Brook Hall opens for lunch on weekdays throughout July and August.

Hours are 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., and no reservations are needed. The Tea Room actually consists of three rooms: the enclosed porch, the Christopher Wren Room and the Wilson Room.

### Board Sets Dates

Meeting dates for the Board of Trustees have been established for 1989-90.

They are July 10 (9:30 a.m., special), July 26, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13.

Regular meetings are planned for 5 p.m. in the Oakland Center.

### Credit Union Changes Hours

The MSU Federal Credit Union is now open from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Previously, it opened at 9 a.m.

### APICS Awards Students

Two School of Business Administration students have won \$500 scholarships from the Detroit Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

Melissa Hake, MBA student and president of the student chapter of APICS, and undergraduate Michell Shrider, chapter vice president, received the awards.

The winners were chosen on the basis of scholarship and participation in the APICS affiliate student chapter.

### Chrysler Gets its Water

The university Board of Trustees has granted an easement for a water main to serve the new Chrysler Technology Center.

The city of Auburn Hills requested the 12-foot-wide easement to allow Chrysler to connect to a water main. The affected property is approximately 500 feet north of Butler Road.

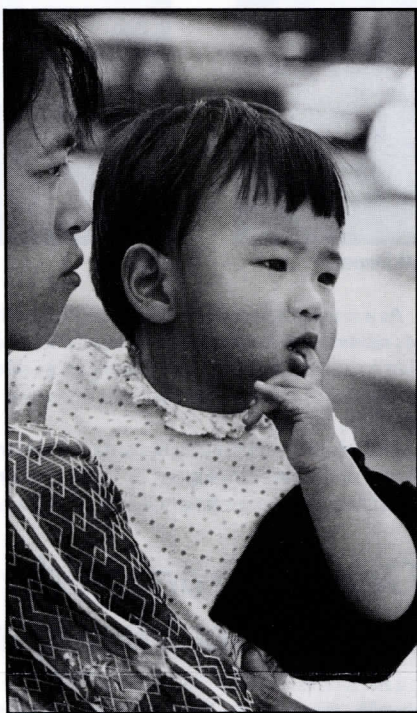
About 175 people sat at tables set up in a huge square in the Oakland Center, listening to a discussion of the rapidly changing events in China.

Faculty members and students exchanged opinions, then a few of the 25 Chinese students from the People's Republic who are studying at Oakland added their thoughts.

For about 90 minutes they bantered, a thought here and there about the June 4 massacre and what might happen to the students and soldiers who protested in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. The audience came together for the CIPO-sponsored program to listen and learn.

The irony of the event was that the people seated at Oakland could discuss the day's events in Beijing from a more knowledgeable perspective than the millions of residents there themselves.

Despite its size, China has remained one of the most isolated countries. Getting word into or out of the country has been nearly impossible, as students confirmed. Peter Shi of Beijing, a doctoral student and an instructor in mathematical sciences, was uncertain



A mother and her young son, with protest armband, watch Chinese students speak out against the Beijing government.

# China Conflict:

## Discussion, but Few Answers, to the Tragedy

of his relatives, or even of how to get through to them.

A few American students who have friends in China were unsure whether to even attempt to contact them by phone — a shaky system in itself — or by letter. They wondered if the Chinese government would question the patriotism of persons with contacts from abroad.

Ling Li, a third-year medical physics doctoral student from Shanghai, reads the *People's Daily* and noted that it has carried little news of the protests. The people, even in the major cities, remain largely unaware of events the rest of the world can witness from living rooms. She urged foreign governments, including the United States, to continue to inform the Chinese people by radio broadcasts. "I don't know how we're going to do this," she said, expressing despair. Later she added that Chinese students in the United States love their homeland, but fear for their safety if they return.

Shi spoke out against what he called "this

brutal government." He urged an overthrow of the government by the people. "They have to organize by arms, and then overthrow the government by arms," he said.

Shi agreed that the Chinese people must hear the truth about the student-military conflict. The controlled media, Shi said, have been a mainstay of the government for years.

"That's exactly the tool used by the Communist Party to fool the people and rule the country for so long," he said.

Sociology Professor Richard Stamps, who has led a number of teaching expeditions to China, said the world media need to stop jumping to conclusions about what the situation is like in China. Early speculation about a potential civil war was one example, he said.

"We need to be slow to make judgments and take a look at the bigger picture to see what's shaking down," Stamps said.

Stamps added that Americans rooting for democracy in China misinterpret what the Chinese students want. Chinese students, Stamps said, are unsure of what democracy is but do not want to give up communism. They favor free speech and a free press, getting rid of government corruption and economic reforms. That to them, he added, is democracy. Applying the American standard to what the Chinese are calling for is a mistake, he indicated.▼



## Faculty, Students Surprised with Honors at Commencement

Add a few more honorees to those previously announced in conjunction with the June 3 commencement.

As is traditional, some awards were not announced before the actual ceremonies were held.

Two advisers who are willing to "go the extra mile" for their students received the Outstanding Academic Advising Awards.

David Daniels and A. Jay Meehan each received \$500 and a certificate. Funds for the awards were provided by the Arts and Sciences Affiliate of the Alumni Association.

Daniels is chief adviser in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance; Meehan is coordinator of the Concentration in Social Justice and Corrections in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

The advising awards have been presented each year since 1980 to express appreciation to arts and sciences faculty members who put forth extra effort in academic advising. The

funds may be used for any professional purpose.

The winners were selected by faculty and Alumni Association representatives.

Yolanda Miller and Lisa Kern won Board of Visitors and Exceptional Achievement awards at the School of Nursing commencement.

Miller, a registered nurse who is completing her baccalaureate training, won the award established by the school's Board of Visitors to honor an outstanding RN/BSN adult learner.

Kern was recognized with the Exceptional Achievement Award for professional care and support to senior student Linda Mansfield and her family during Mansfield's illness and death this past year.

At the School of Business Administration ceremony, Albert J. Nielsen won \$1,000 for the MBA candidate with the highest grade point average; Suzanne Battermann won \$1,000 for the highest overall average for an undergraduate; and Nancy Carpenter won \$500 for hav-

ing the second highest overall average among the undergraduate degree candidates.

Also honored were Michael Morissette, the Wall Street Journal Award; Kevin Verhelle, the Ernst & Whinney Award; and Darlene Fields, the Financial Executive Institute Award.

Writing skills won graduate student Daniel Smith and undergraduate Laura Fortier the \$1,000 Paul F. Lorenz Writing Awards. The awards were presented for the first time.

The awards were established by a gift from Lorenz, retired director of Texas Instruments, to encourage excellence in preparation of business reports in SBA classes through upgrading of business report writing skills.

The winners were selected for their expertise in fulfilling a classroom business report assignment. Specific criteria have been established on the class sections and kinds of assignments that will qualify.▼

## Fencers Cut Up the Competition in National Tourney

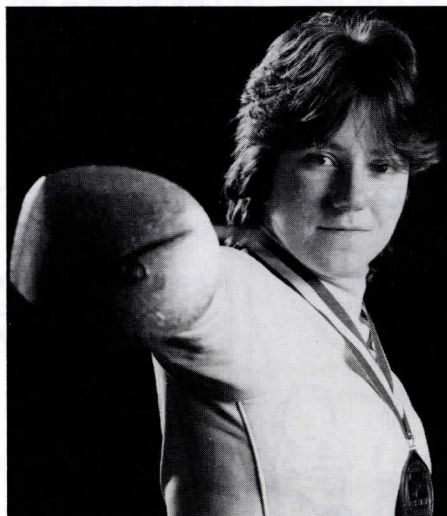
The competition was foiled again — with sabres and epees.

Senior Christine Cameron came through for the Oakland Fencing Society at the U.S. Fencing Association national championship in Orlando, Fla., by finishing third in women's sabre. Meanwhile, volunteer assistant coach Tom Decker placed second in the men's senior epee competition.

Awards for the team didn't stop there. A four-member epee team (including Decker) tied for 19th place, and in the men's sabre competition, Todd Dressel placed 22nd.

Decker and Cameron's final standings were the best ever for Oakland fencers. It is significant, notes Coach Paul Franklin of CIPO, because the team has club status, which means it is not sponsored by the Department of Athletics.

Competing against 38 other women, Cameron placed behind two fencers from California. The senior computer science major has fenced



For Christine Cameron, it was a third-place finish in national competition.

since 1984. She started in foil, moved to epee and stuck — so to speak — with sabre.

"Sabre is the most fun, in my opinion," Cameron says. "It's more flamboyant."

The USFA is one of two major national tournaments. The other is NCAA-sponsored. The USFA is not limited to collegiate teams or individuals, and fencers of all ages competed. Franklin says that U.S. Olympic team members are selected through the USFA. In fact, he adds, if women's sabre were an Olympic event, Cameron would have earned points toward qualifying for such a team.

At last year's tourney, Cameron placed 13th. With a third-place finish behind her, she knows what it takes to get to the top. "I'll keep at it, even after I graduate," she says. "It's a lot of fun."

The epee team included Decker, alumnus Joe Burley and students Lance Foster and Mark Ament.▼



## Academic Support Program Students Can Look to Their Leader



Blenda Wilson, left, chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was welcomed to Meadow Brook Hall by Margo King, director of university relations, for the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration Alumnae Conference. Wilson delivered the keynote address and spoke about the need for women to assume more leadership roles in higher education. Thirty-five women attended the conference from Michigan and surrounding states.

## 'Critical Difference' Scholar Named

A senior mother of two children has received the first Critical Difference Scholarship from the Women of Oakland University.

Katheline Schulte will receive \$250 for each of the summer and fall semesters to help cover tuition and fees. The scholarship program was established this year to help single heads of household complete their education at Oakland. Eleven students applied for the first scholarship.

Schulte will be recognized at the annual WOU fashion show on September 20 in the Oakland Center.▼

## MOT Tickets Offered for OU Community

Members of the university community are invited to join their colleagues in the OU Michigan Opera Theatre block.

Unlike last year when the current 51 members all purchased a full season ticket, this year there will be an individual block for each production. You may buy tickets only for the productions you wish to see.

The dates are 7 p.m. September 24, *Les Miserables*; 2 p.m. December 3, *Hansel and Gretel*; 2 p.m. March 11, *Swan Lake Ballet*; 8 p.m. April 21, *Don Giovanni*; 8 p.m. May 11, *La Traviata*; and 8 p.m. May 19, *Romeo and Juliet*.

Payment is due by July 12 for *Les Miserables*. Tickets are \$42.50 main floor and \$16 upper

Students in the Academic Support Program need not look far when searching for a role model.

They can talk to Janet Clerk.

Clerk joined the Oakland staff in April as a counselor in the Office of Special Programs. She is an "alumna" of a program similar to the ASP at Western Michigan University where she obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work.

From her own experience, Clerk knows what it takes for students to acclimate themselves to university life. That fact makes it easy for her to become closely involved with ASP students who may have lingering doubts about college.

"In just talking to a few of the students, I know they have the same fears that I had. This expo-

sure will help them a lot and give many of them that extra push," Clerk says.

The ASP goal is to help students complete their college education. Although students leave the ASP upon entering fall classes, their progress is monitored as long as they attend Oakland.

The Academic Skills Center, which lends support to ASP students and all others who request it, is available as a resource.

New this fall at the skills center will be student tutors for supplemental instruction. Ten tutors will attend classes with ASP students and take their own notes. Then in study sessions, the tutors will go through the material with the students. The tutors will not repeat the class-

## It's Farewell to Atkinson, McVety as Retirements Approach

Two long-time employees are retiring in July and August.

Assistant Provost Tom Atkinson and Clare McVety, general foreman, building maintenance, have served the university community for a combined total of 55 years.

Atkinson officially retires at the end of August, but has already left the university for a new home in Spring Lake. He started at OU in 1962 as assistant registrar. Previously he taught in Pontiac schools. "There are still people who work for Oakland who were my students," he says, laughing. "I'm not going to name them!"

Atkinson has held numerous positions throughout his career, including registrar from 1964-69. In 1969 he took a two-year leave to work in Istanbul, Turkey, then returned as director of administrative services. He became assistant provost in 1982.

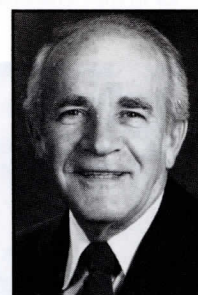
Most recently, Atkinson oversaw personnel in registration and records, external reporting procedures, academic grants and contracts, special credit courses and commencement. Those duties will be reassigned.

Atkinson was directly involved in the first commencement ceremony at OU and the most

recent. Early commencements, he notes, were an exact science. Officials handed out actual degrees with students' names printed on them, meaning everyone kept fingers crossed to ward off graduates switching places in line.



Atkinson



McVety

As a retiree, Atkinson and his wife Polly, who has retired from Rochester Community Schools, plan to sail on nearby Lake Michigan as often as possible. The couple has two sons and a daughter, all grown.

McVety, who retires July 6, came to Oakland as one of the first employees in 1959, and one of just two in the maintenance area. "I did work

room lecture, Clerk adds, nor will they act as a substitute for the professor.

Clerk and counselors Wanda Wade and David Moroz welcomed the latest ASP class of 111 students on June 25. The students spent their first few days in orientation sessions, then started regular classwork in math, writing and English.

While on campus this summer, the ASP students will participate in special career symposia with guest speakers and attend supervised study sessions. Other programs will include study of issues like racism, and on Fridays, they will attend special lectures that deal with such topics as men's and women's issues, among others.▼

in grounds, custodial, structural — everywhere. There was no one else but Dick Moore and myself," McVety said. His talents also included serving as locksmith for a time. Since the mid-1970s, McVety has been a supervisor, now with nine employees reporting to him.

Before coming to OU, he held a position with some pull to it. Although hard to picture, considering it was not that long ago, but McVety drove a horsedrawn milk wagon through the streets of Pontiac from 1953-59 for the Maple Leaf Dairy. When the milk business soured, McVety headed for OU and found an inviting atmosphere.

"I've loved the environment here, working with the students. I loved the university community and seeing all the new buildings going up over the years," he said. In 1988, he was named Outstanding Administrative-Professional Employee.

McVety plans to spend time near his native Houghton Lake with wife Elva. The McVetys have three sons and a daughter and six grandchildren.▼

## Events

### CULTURAL

July 6-25 — Duo-piano workshop, 9 a.m.-noon, 317 Varner Hall. Fee. Call 370-3018.

July 10-21 — Jazz dance workshop, 1-2:30 p.m., 132 Varner Hall. Fee. Call 370-2030.

July 10-21 — Beginning jazz dance workshop, 6-7:30 p.m., 132 Varner Hall. Fee. Call 370-2030.

July 10-21 — Party dancing classes, 8-9:30 p.m., 132 Varner Hall. Fee. Call 370-2030.

July 28 — Benefit afterglow for Meadow Brook Hall and Music Festival with pianist Victor Borge, approximately 10:30 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Admission. Call 370-3316 or 370-3140.

July 31-August 11 — Ballet classes, 10-11:30 a.m., 132 Varner Hall. Fee. Call 370-2030.

### MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Call 370-2010 for concert ticket information.

• July 1 — Gemini (11 a.m.), DSO with Jarvi and Jean-Pierre Rampal (evening).

• July 2 — Earl Klugh & Friends.

• July 3 — Ben E. King, Shirelles, Contours and Marvellettes.

• July 4 — Student-group Meadow Brook Estate of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, Red Carter Band and Sounds of Time with fireworks display.

• July 5-6 — Bob Dylan.

• July 7 and 9 — DSO with conductor Andrew Davis, soprano Gianna Rolandi and tenor Tonio DiPaolo.

• July 8 — Rosenshontz (11 a.m.), Rosemary Clooney and Artie Shaw Orchestra (evening).

• July 10 — 10,000 Maniacs.

• July 11 — Frankie Valli and Four Seasons.

• July 12 — Andy Williams and Chenille Sisters.

• July 13 — Starship.

• July 14 — Pat Metheny Group.

• July 15 — Zambir and Meadow Brook Festival Orchestra.

• July 16 — Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Bobby Rydell.

• July 18 — Perry Como and Jimmy Aleck.

• July 19 — Philip Glass and Philip Glass Ensemble.

• July 20 and 22 — DSO with conductor Christof Perick and pianist Joseph Kalichstein.

• July 21 — Milton Berle and Sid Caesar.

• July 22 — The Bremen Town Musicians (11 a.m.).

• July 23 — Carole King.

• July 25 — Air Supply.

• July 27 and 30 — DSO with conductor Stephen Stein and guitarist John McLaughlin.

• July 28 — Victor Borge.

• July 29 — DSO Pops with conductor Erich Kunzel, soprano Kathleen Brett, tenor Benoit Boutet, baritone Douglas Webster and Detroit Symphony Choral.

• August 2 — Festival Women's Fashion Show at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion (call 370-3316).

• August 3 and 6 — Conductor Gunther Herbig and clarinetist Richard Stoltzman.

• August 4 — Julius LaRosa, Helen O'Connell, Modernaires and Tex Beneke & His Orchestra. ETCETERA

July 22 — Detroit Lions training camp opens on campus and continues through August 25.

July 27 — Seminar, *Working with Groups*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oakland Center. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Admission, but reduced rate for university employees. Call 370-3033.

July 30 — Student Research Conference, 1 p.m., Oakland Center. Call 370-3551.

### ATHLETICS

August 24-27 — Gus Macker basketball tournament. Call 370-3190.

## Employee of the Month

Linda Carney, office assistant II in the Office of Graduate Study, has been selected for the Employee Recognition Award for July.

Carney has been an OU employee since August 1979 when she began her employment as a clerk II in the Office of the Registrar. She has been in her current position since June 1988.

In selecting Carney, the review committee relied on such nominating statements as:

• "Ms. Carney performs her job responsibilities far 'above and beyond' her required assignments by arriving early and staying after hours to assist the nontraditional student who cannot get to campus during regular business hours."



Carney

• "Linda is always willing to investigate student and faculty concerns and provide accurate and timely solutions to their problems."

• "Linda has been instrumental in creating an 'open and relaxed' atmosphere where students, faculty and staff can feel comfortable in seeking information."

• "In all areas of her job, Linda consistently shows initiative. She continues to strive for ways to enhance and improve the efficiency of the Office of Graduate Study."

• "Linda Carney exemplifies those qualities associated with a first-rate employee: loyalty, dedication, commitment to the mission of the organization, and a spirit of cooperation and teamwork."

Employee Recognition Award nomination forms are available in all departments, ERD and CIPO. For details, call Larry Sanders at 370-3476 or selection committee members Peggy Cooke, Esther Easley, Mike McCormick and Nancy Schmitz.

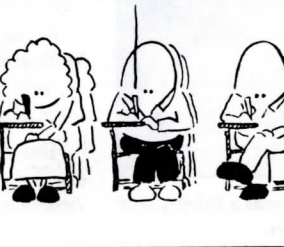
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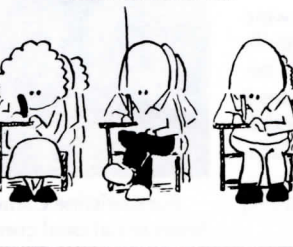
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