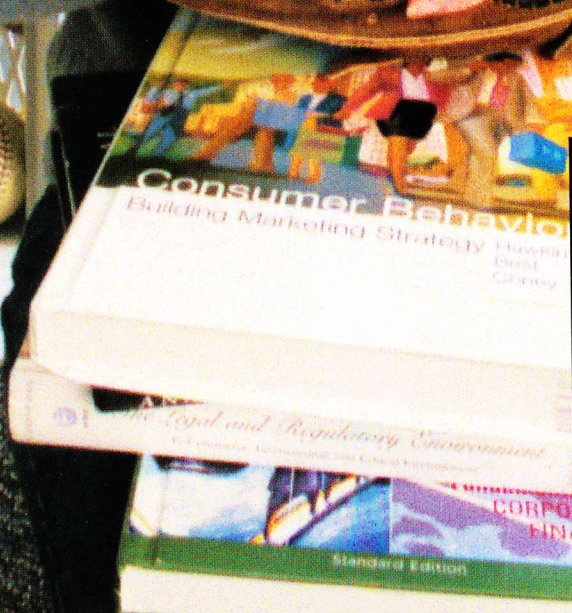




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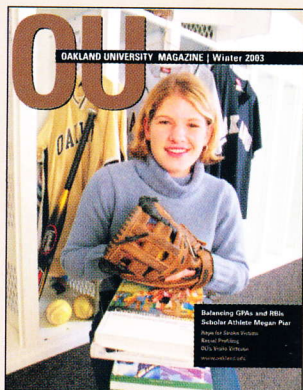
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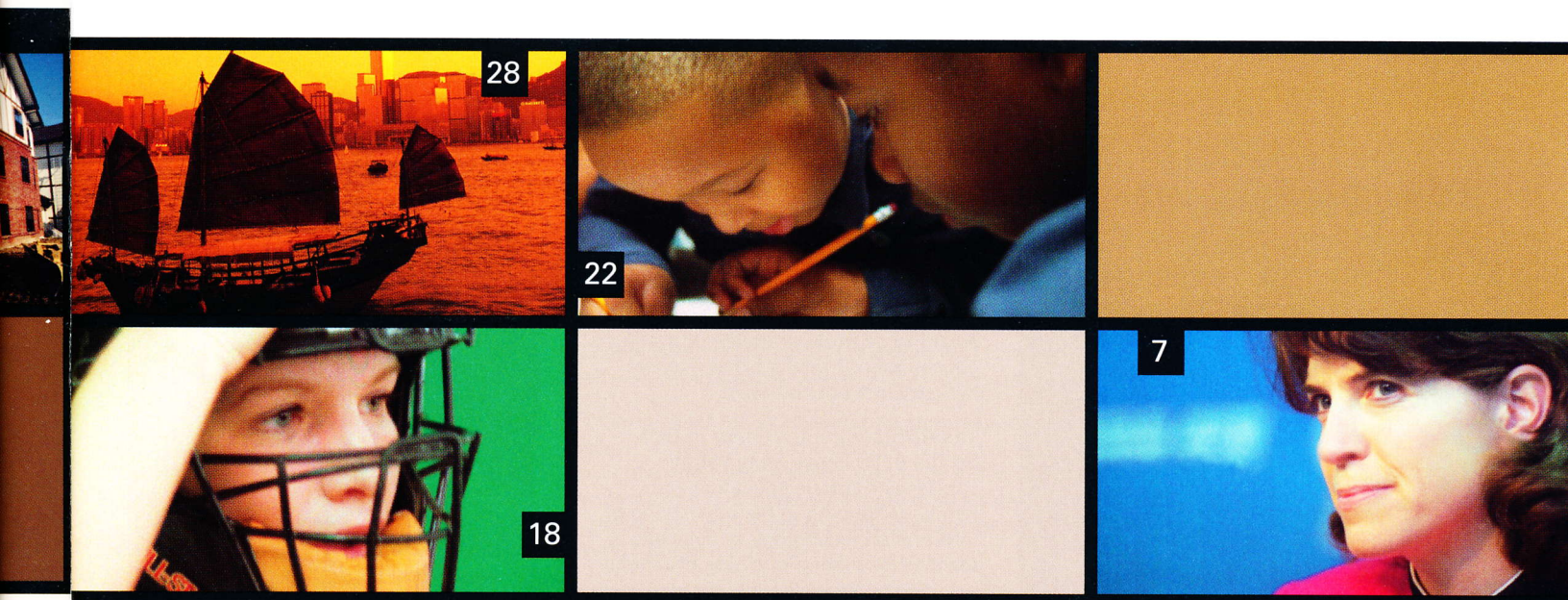
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Writers and photographers often enter into worlds not their own.

For this issue, one photographer laid flat on his belly as 60 mph softballs rocketed over his head and into the fearless glove of our cover athlete Megan Piar. On page 18, see how the determination that makes her a great catcher also makes her a great student.

A registered nurse took on a new role as writer for this issue to explain the dramatic scientific advancements of renowned stroke researcher Michael Chopp. The OU professor's innovative treatment, described on page 12, could change the fate of stroke victims.

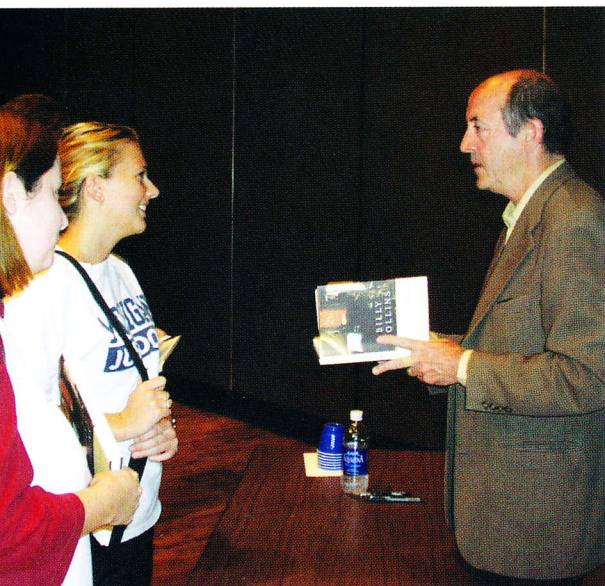
Some stories, though, come closer to home than we'd like. When OU Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis announced she would step down from her dream job because of her struggles with a debilitating disease, writer Ann Ruppenthal covered the story. Ann suffers from the same illness and brought true understanding to her interview. You'll gain insight into Beckie's bravery and internal strength as you read this candid story on page 8.

All these articles add up to the new way we'll cover your university for you. Our writers and photographers will be at the games, visit the labs, bring their hearts to their stories – defining this world, defining the Oakland experience.

We're listening to you. Last spring, focus groups of alumni, faculty, staff and friends gave us their thoughts. With this redesigned issue, we added more stories, expanded our alumni section and developed Web links for added details. We plan a letters section in coming issues. So, please let us know if a story inspired you. We'll listen, and we'll publish your thoughts.

Walter E. Lorio

Editor



Billy Collins talks to OU students after his reading

U.S. poet laureate visits OU

Continuing his outreach efforts to bring poetry back into people's daily lives, America's Poet Laureate Billy Collins read more than two dozen of his poems before a full audience at OU's Varner Recital Hall on Sept. 13.

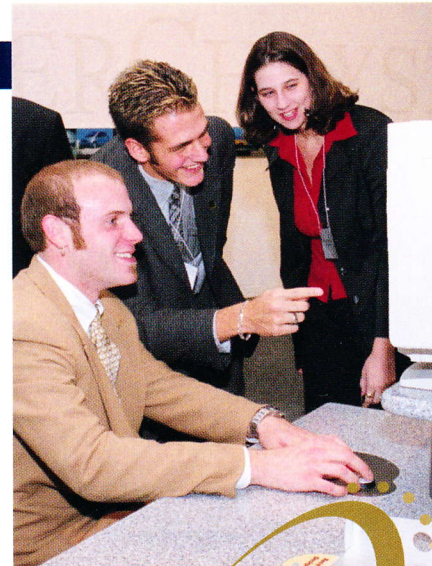
Collins' poems examine the details of daily life with hilarious sentiments about his dog's freedom from material possessions, an exquisite moment between a man and a woman on a subway train and a quiet morning when a worker painted his front porch. Between readings, Collins told stories about how to understand a poem, how he comes up with his subjects, how he refines each line and doesn't mind taking a poem off track. The visit prompted OU professors to incorporate Collins' work into their classes. Students in Associate Professor Rob Anderson's Modern Literature class read *Sailing Alone Around The Room*, examining his style, language and themes.

"His work is accessible in that people can read it and get something out of it immediately," Anderson says. "If they take the time to delve even further into the poems, they'll find more meaning." ●

ATiB named 2002 Program of the Year

Oakland University's Applied Technology in Business (ATiB) program recently was named the 2002 Automation Alley Educational Program of the Year. The consortium of technology driven companies, educational institutions and government businesses grants the award to an undergraduate or graduate educational curriculum that impacts industry in a positive way.

The ATiB program, a minor in OU's School of Business Administration, combines rigorous education with hands-on training in the application of information technology in business. It focuses on solving business problems using technology, learning how to communicate technology with others and training them. More than 45 corporations have sponsored ATiB since its inception in 1997. ●



**Applied
Technology
in
Business**



OU reaches enrollment milestone

For the first time in its history, Oakland University's enrollment topped 16,000. Fall 2002 enrollment stood at 16,059 students, a 1.2 percent increase over a year earlier.

The new enrollment mark puts OU in the same size category – or larger – than other four-year universities such as Notre Dame, with about 10,564 students at its South Bend campus, Northwestern with 14,688 and Syracuse with 14,688. Among Michigan institutions, OU is twice the size of Northern Michigan University and slightly smaller than Grand Valley State.

"Topping the 16,000-student mark for the first time is certainly exciting news for the university," says OU President Gary Russi. "Our long-term strategy of managed growth, which we are accomplishing through significant enhancements in academic programs, student life and facilities, has made Oakland a university of choice in the state and region." ●



Danhua Wang

Student's reading dissertation among top five in country

The National Reading Council recently recognized the work of Danhua Wang, a doctoral candidate in Reading and Language Arts at OU. Her dissertation, "Students' Learning Experiences and their Locus of Control in Web Supported Instruction," ranked among the top five at the 52nd annual National Reading Conference in Miami.

Distinguished Professor of Education Ron Cramer, co-chair of Wang's dissertation, believes Wang's paper will help OU further refine its online learning program (WebCT).

"What makes Wang's dissertation so outstanding is that it is well written, its research design is well constructed and the topic is of current significance," Cramer says. "She examines the uses of online resources in teaching a technology course and used four students from OU's WebCT program as a sample. It's known as a qualitative sample as opposed to a quantitative study. It's scholarship we can refer to in our approach to WebCT in the future." ●



Job outlook bright for OU graduates

Despite the tight job market, more than 90 percent of OU grads are finding jobs within a year after graduating. A Career Services survey of 2000-2001 OU bachelor's degree recipients shows a 93.4 percent employment rate after graduation with an average salary of \$38,840.

"I think students can find some encouragement in these numbers," says Bob Thomas, director of Career Services. "Among the more positive things we can see is that 89.6 percent of OU graduates are employed in a field related to their field of study. OU graduates receive strong employment opportunities with good salary figures." ●

OU scientists receive \$2 million grant

Two OU scientists received a \$2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for their work to detect dangerous chemicals such as anthrax.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Xiangqun Zeng and Assistant Professor of Biology Gabrielle Stryker teamed up to develop a device that may be able to instantly detect a single particle or molecule of a biological chemical hazard such as anthrax, smallpox or neurotoxins.

Potential uses of this novel biosensor include military, environmental, clinical and forensic applications.

Full funding by NIH is contingent upon reaching first-year milestones establishing the validity of the concept.

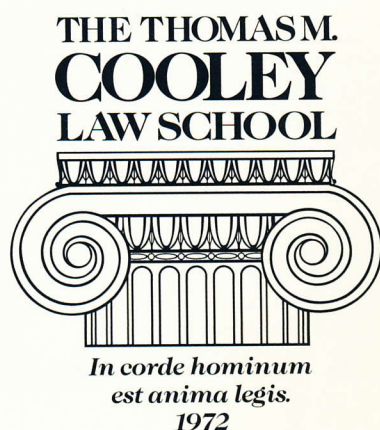
An analytical chemist, Zeng is one of the leading researchers in the field of Quartz Crystal Microbalance technology, which measures changes in weight at the nanogram level. Stryker, an immunologist, is developing recombinant antibodies, which will bind with specific biological and chemical agents. ●



Gabrielle Stryker



Xiangqun Zeng

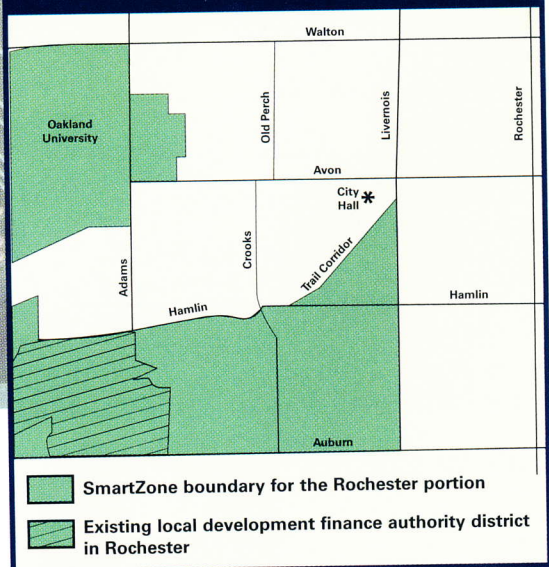


OU-Cooley Law School partnership raises the bar

When the fall semester began on Sept. 3, students took law school classes for the first time ever on OU's campus.

Beginning law school students enrolled at Lansing's Cooley Law School can now take the same first-term classes at OU. Classes in Criminal Law, Torts I, Property I, Contracts I and Constitutional Law I are taught by Cooley's regular full-time faculty. Cooley students attending OU for their first term are eligible for the same scholarships and services as their fellow students in Lansing. Thirty-three students made up the inaugural class of Cooley students at OU, about six percent of the Raymond W. Starr Class, the 90th entering class at Cooley. ●

Oakland County SmartZone



Wise move: OU joins SmartZone

Hot on the tech trail, Oakland University has been instrumental in forming a new Oakland County SmartZone. The initiative combines the expertise and innovation of university researchers with the production of businesses and the tax support of cities to expand existing technology labs and attract research companies.

Under SmartZone legislation signed into law in 2000, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation could designate up to 10 SmartZones statewide by Dec. 31, 2002. Oakland University and Rochester Hills joined the existing Southfield SmartZone in December, earning one of the last remaining designations. Over the next 15 years, new property tax revenue generated within the zone can be 'captured' to support improvements to infrastructure, pay for property purchases, create labs and support marketing and promotional initiatives.

"We can add to our research partnerships," says OU President Gary Russi. "There's opportunity for student career placement and training, degree and certification collaboration, technology transfer, internships. This move will bring in top quality people to live and work in this community."

The Oakland County SmartZone includes Rochester Hills, Oakland University, Southfield and Lawrence Tech. A final component linking the two regions within the SmartZone — a business accelerator unit to promote and market county tech businesses — could be added early in 2003. ●

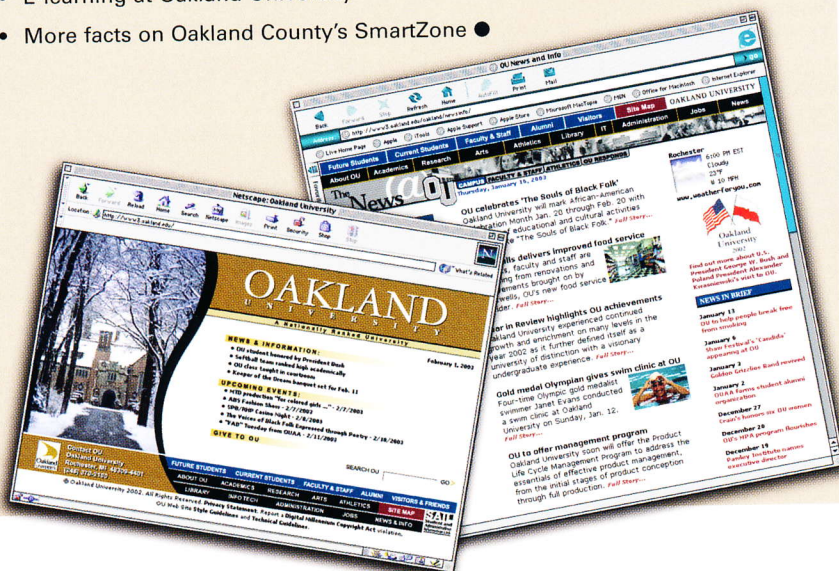
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- Poet Laureate Billy Collins' Poetry 180 Web site, offering American high schools a poem for each day of the school year.
- Details on the Applied Technology in Business program
- OU's 2002 Year in Review
- More information on OU's Career Services Department.
- Background on the new OU/Cooley Law School partnership
- E-learning at Oakland University
- More facts on Oakland County's SmartZone ●



OU studies athletics programs

In October, OU began a year-long, campus wide effort to study its athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification process. A team of faculty, staff and students will examine academic and fiscal integrity, governance, rules compliance, as well as a commitment to equity, student-athlete welfare and sportsmanship. For more information on the self study or to offer comments, visit the Athletics Web site at www.ougrizzlies.com ●

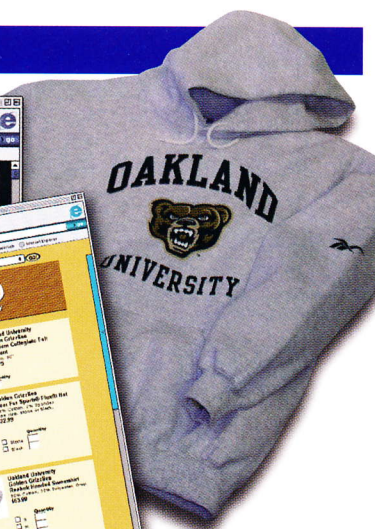


Get your Grizz gear here

Golden Grizzlies fans near and far can order merchandise boasting their favorite team through the new online Grizz Store. Find sweat-shirts, water bottles, baseball caps and golf shirts available through the online catalog.

"We're making it easy for alumni and friends who live too far away to stop by. They can shop at night, or whenever they get a minute," says Denise McGee, Grizz Store manager and assistant athletic director for operations.

Check out www.ougrizzlies.com for the store link and an order form. Mail or fax your order to The Grizz Store. Orders will be shipped within one or two days. ●



Virtual tour steps inside OU's halls, apartments

Take a glimpse inside the new OU apartments – complete with kitchen, family room, bedrooms, furniture and that all-important Internet connection – with a click of your mouse, thanks to OU's revamped housing Web site.

Launched in December, the site offers detailed information on on-campus living, dining options, apartment choices and campus conveniences from Starbucks to computer labs. For those new to the university, the site shares information on costs, safety measures and menu choices across campus along with information about the surrounding community. For alumni, the new site provides a chance to go back to your residence hall for a day or peek inside the new buildings on campus.

"The new site captures and shares the fun and excitement of the on-campus living experience at Oakland," says Director of Housing Eleanor Reynolds.

"It puts a vast amount of information at your fingertips, including activity calendars, housing agreements, forms, payment schedules, job listings, room descriptions and housing tours. The site is easy to navigate and answers most, if not all, of the questions any new student might have." ●

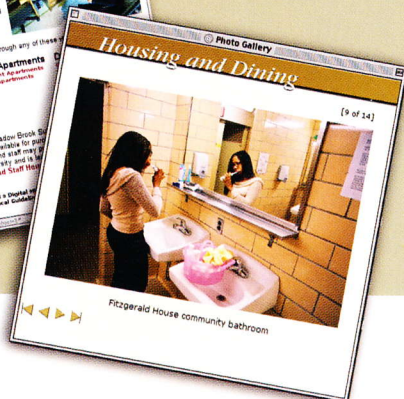
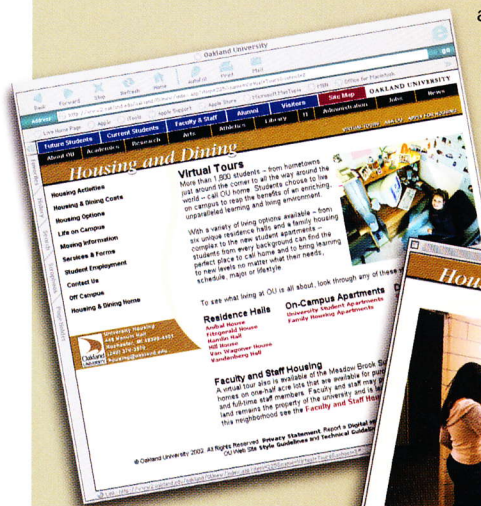
Take nursing classes in your pajamas

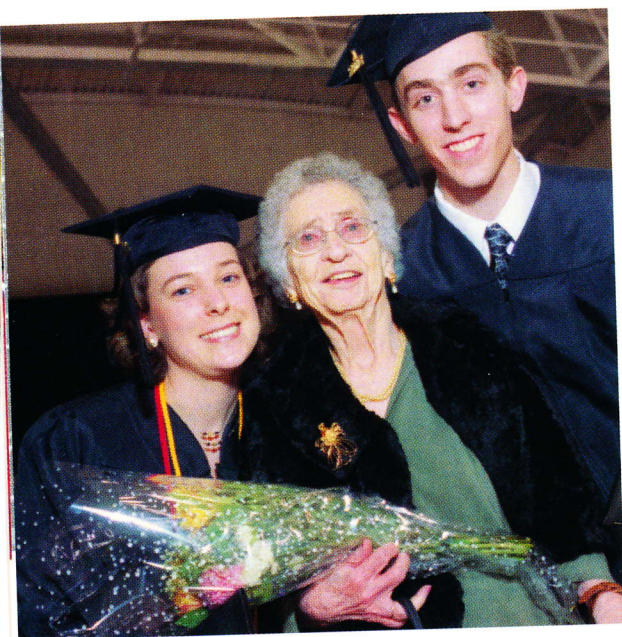
Nurses juggling career and family just got an easier way to earn an advanced degree. Master's degree candidates now have anytime-any day-anywhere flexibility through a new online program.

Launched in fall 2002, the program offers five master's degree foundation courses online. "We found that it is true that people will wake up at 2 a.m. to feed the baby, then login to answer questions while they're up," says Associate Professor of Nursing Gary Moore. When OU launched online classes for undergraduate nursing students two years ago, that flexibility led to a 60 percent increase in nursing enrollment.

Graduate students still need to complete clinical requirements at a hospital but have the option to design their own study plans, meaning they can live practically anywhere in the world, Moore says. Oakland currently offers two MSN tracks: nurse anesthesia and family nurse practitioner. A third option, geriatric/adult nurse practitioner, is in development. For more information, contact the School of Nursing advising office at (248) 370-4253. ●

For direct links to any of these web pages, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu





Christine Wilcox, center, with the inaugural scholarship recipients Annelies Rigole and Scott Burgess.

Gift helps students engineer their future

For Christine and Ivan Wilcox, personal experience drove the decision to set up an endowed scholarship for Oakland engineering students. When they created their estate plans, Ivan — who spent his career as an engineer in the automotive industry — recalled his own difficulties supporting himself through school. The Christine and Ivan Wilcox Endowed Merit Scholarship Fund, established in 1998, provides full, four-year scholarships to two freshman engineering students with high academic qualifications. Recipients must maintain a 3.5 GPA and remain enrolled as full-time Oakland students working toward a degree in engineering. Although Ivan passed away a few years ago, Christine, now 94, attended the graduation of the first two scholarship recipients in December. ●

For details on the many ways you can support OU, click on the Give to OU link at www.oakland.edu

Crittenton grant supports nursing lab

OU's School of Nursing will open a new multimedia lab in April — complete with CD-ROM training programs, videotapes and an interactive mannequin that mimics human responses — thanks to a \$75,000 grant from Crittenton Hospital Medical Center.

"We'll have a catheter simulation program and an intravenous administration program that allows students to practice IV insertion," says Interim Associate Dean Catherine Vincent. "Certainly, this lab renovation would not be possible if not for the generosity of Crittenton."

It's worth the investment, says Crittenton Chief Executive Officer Lynn Orfgen.

"When the baby boomers get to their late 60s, their health-care needs are going to skyrocket," Orfgen says. "In the nursing field, we've already had shortages all over the country. We're going to need people who are well trained to enter the workforce. Anything we can do to help support educational programs, and certainly high-quality programs like that at Oakland University, we will try to do." ●



Crittenton's Lynn Orfgen

Dean pledges \$100,000 to Ed School

Known internationally for her articulate support of higher education and its impact on the world, OU's Dean of the School of Education and Human Services put her own money behind her vision.

In November, Mary Otto announced a \$100,000 planned gift to the university to encourage and support faculty research and provide award funds to students pursuing degrees in education and human services.

"It is my hope to assist future generations of students and faculty in embracing the many challenges and opportunities available at Oakland University," Otto says.

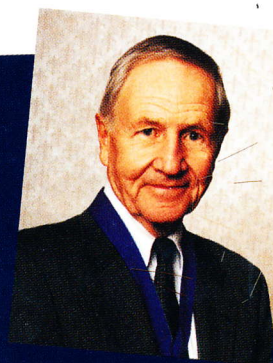
A member of OU's faculty since 1974, she served as a professor in Counseling, then executive/special assistant to the president and director of research and academic development before taking on her current role. ●

OU friend and supporter honored for philanthropy

Jim Howlett, chair of the OU Foundation's board of directors, received a medallion in recognition of his outstanding volunteerism at the 11th Annual National Philanthropy Day events in Detroit.

Retired senior partner of Beier Howlett, PC, Howlett served for many years as legal counsel for the OU Foundation beginning with its founding in 1966. He also served as OU's first General Counsel.

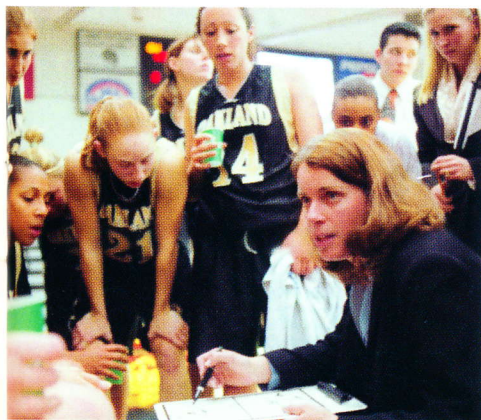
"Jim and his wife, Anne, have been active supporters of OU's Meadow Brook Music Festival, Meadow Brook Theatre and Kresge Library for years," says Julie Vulaj, director of Annual Giving. "In 1988, Jim and Anne were recognized by the OU Alumni Association for their exemplary volunteer service to the university, spanning more than 36 years with the Spirit Award." ●



New head women's basketball coach

Eileen Shea-Hilliard joins OU as the new head women's basketball coach. A native of Los Altos Hills, California, Shea-Hilliard served most recently as an assistant women's coach at the University of Michigan. She helped guide the Wolverines to three NCAA tournaments and two NIT appearances, with the squad posting an overall record of 110-66.

Shea-Hilliard holds a master's degree in kinesiology from U of M and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State University. She replaces Beckie Francis, who left for health reasons. *See related story on p. 8.* ●



Eileen Shea-Hilliard already in the game



2002 Hall of Honor inductees

Five athletes, two teams and a coach saw their names added to Oakland University's Athletics Hall of Honor in October. This year, OU renamed the Hall of Honor in remembrance of Hollie L. Lepley, the founding father of OU athletics. He passed away in 2001.

The Hall of Honor recognizes athletes, coaches and athletic staff members who, like Lepley, contributed significantly to the success of OU's sports through outstanding achievement. The 2002 inductees included (from left, above): **Dario DiFazio '95** (diving), **Chris Zoltak '97** (swimming), **Karen III Piper '97** (volleyball), **Tracy Huth** (women's swimming coach), **Mali Walton '94** (soccer) and **Gray Haizel '86** (soccer, not pictured), the 1982 women's basketball team and the 1982 men's soccer team. Huth's nod puts him in the hall twice. He received the honor for his achievements as a student athlete as well.

In addition, long-time OU friend and donor R. Hugh Elliott received the Gary D. Russi Community Service Award for his efforts in support of OU sports, and Bill Macauley, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and faculty athletics representative, received the George Wibby Award for his work in support of athletes. ●

Fall sports tally: Five more championships

Oakland University added five more Mid-Continent Conference championships to its tally this fall, with exciting finishes in soccer, cross country, swimming and diving.

Soccer

The top-seeded men's soccer team captured its first Mid-Continent Conference title, earning an automatic berth to the NCAAAs. In its first NCAA appearance, since moving to Division I four years ago, the team lost to UW-Milwaukee 2-1 in the first round.

The women's soccer team won the Mid-Continent tournament for the second year in a row, but lost to the University of Michigan in its first round NCAA tournament game.

Swimming & Diving

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams earned their fourth consecutive Mid-Con championships Dec. 7. With the 2002 title, OU has won every Mid-Con titles since joining the conference in 1999.

Cross Country

The men's cross country team posted its first Mid-Con championship and the women's team tied for fourth. At the NCAA Great Lakes Region championships, the men finished 16th and the women finished 21st, out of 31 squads.



OU battles UW-Milwaukee in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Volleyball

Freshman Amanda Fowler of OU's volleyball team was named to the Mid-Continent conference All-Newcomers Team — the first Golden Grizzly to earn that honor. OU's volleyball team finished its season with a 4-27 record, 4-8 in Mid-Con play. ●



Rick DeLorme

A dream cut short

**Intensity of collegiate coaching —
a national issue as stakes rise for athletics —
sidelines OU women's basketball coach**

By Ann Ruppenthal

At 37, Beckie Francis never imagined she would give up a job, she dreamed about since childhood.

The OU women's basketball coach for the past five seasons, Francis started playing basketball as a child. She was named captain of the Colgate University women's team as a sophomore and landed a high school assistant coaching job right out of college. Working her way up the ranks of collegiate coaching, Francis accumulated a winning career record of 120-101. Her most successful season came in 2001-02, as she led Oakland's Division I team to its first-ever NCAA tournament appearance.

Yet as she basked in the glow of March Madness, Francis coached through inconceivable pain unbeknownst to the thousands watching. "I became an actress," Francis says. "What people didn't know was seconds before the game started, I was in the bathroom, not because of nerves, but because of my illness."

On Oct. 31, 2002, after quietly sharing her decision with assistant coaches and players, Francis sat before the press and officially resigned her dream job.

"I was really shocked to get the news of the resignation. I knew she was sick, but I didn't realize her illness was as bad as it was, she never let it show," says basketball standout Katie Wolfe, the 2002-03 Mid-Continent Conference Preseason Player of the Year. "I really want to play well my last season here, as a tribute to her."



Battling chronic illness

Francis was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis at 23. A chronic form of inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis affects the rectum and colon and causes its sufferers to live between periods of flare-up and remission. During a flare-up, lasting weeks, months or even years, the person experiences pain, uncontrollable urges to use the bathroom, bleeding, diarrhea, cramping and fatigue.

"It affects every part of your life," Francis says. "Whenever I go someplace I haven't been before, the first thing I do is locate the bathroom." At games, it was no different. Francis' assistant coaches stood outside the bathroom, keeping track of the time before tip off.

"At the end of last season, I took some time off, because I had been bleeding since the beginning of the year," she says. "The way you get into remission is primarily through rest. In this profession, that is just not possible."

In addition to coaching at practices and games, Francis handled national and international recruiting and fund raising, oversaw the academic performance of players, ran team meetings, prepared for upcoming games by watching hours of videotapes and

planning strategy, and throughout it all, traveled constantly.

Coaches nationally struggle with stress

Francis is not the only coach whose health has been compromised by the intense pressure of Division I coaching. In October, Cincinnati Bearcats Coach Bob Huggins collapsed after a heart attack on a recruiting trip. In the 1990s, the list of coaches leaving the court for health reasons stretched from Southern California to North Carolina.

"The stresses are more than five, 10, 20 years ago," Kansas Coach Roy Williams told the Associated Press. "There is so much more attention on the tournament and the top teams. You have to help with fund raising. You have to recruit. You're evaluating kids every day. You're running for red-eye flights."

For Francis, that stress led her to target 2002-03 as her final season of coaching, but her season ended before it began. "It just got to be too much, and I was literally working myself to death."

Francis' physician blamed the high stress level of her profession. "Her pattern was that she had an increase in symptoms as the season began," he says. "Beckie is such a motivated per-

son and has such a high-level of performance, she'll succeed in anything she does. She just needs a different level of stress in her life."

After consulting with a number of people, including her husband, OU President Gary Russi, Francis made the difficult decision to resign.

"I have kept a journal for a long time, and I read over past entries and realized that I just couldn't do it anymore," Francis says. "I knew it would be a hard season because I was already experiencing the symptoms that didn't develop until halfway through the previous season. So, I spent one evening writing out the pros and cons of resigning, and the list was 20 pros to two cons."

She knew what she needed to do.

"I had such an overwhelming sense of peace when I finally made my decision," she says. "God gave me the strength to do this, and my relationship with Him had been growing, and I believe He was preparing me for this."

"I used to judge my self-worth by how well my team did, how well I coached, titles and success. But, now, I know my self-worth is in the person that I am, and my faith has taught me that."

Francis is now concentrating on getting well.

"I know there is a plan for the next stage of my life, but right now, I need to start feeling better and concentrate on taking care of myself. I loved coaching, the players and all that went with it. And I miss it all very much. My body just couldn't take it anymore." ●

Ann Ruppenthal, Oakland University's assistant director of Media Relations, also suffers from ulcerative colitis.

For more information on this debilitating disease, click on the magazine's Web links on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu.



HISTORY COMES ALIVE...

WHEN OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
WELCOMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN

David McCullough

FOR THE INAUGURAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN THE HUMANITIES
FIRST PRINCIPLES: HISTORY AS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH



Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough achieved phenomenal success last year with *John Adams*, his biography of America's second president. *Time* magazine named it the best non-fiction book of 2001. Audiences agreed, sending it to the top of *The New York Times* best-seller list.

A two-time National Book Award winner, McCullough has been called "one of our most gifted living writers," by *The Washington Post*. He is the author of numerous non-fiction works including *Truman* and *The Great Bridge*. PBS fans will recognize McCullough as the host of "The American Experience," and as narrator of numerous documentaries, including Ken Burns' acclaimed series, "The Civil War."

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Violin Virtuoso



Jazz takes MTD grad across globe

By Cathleen Hagan

Once, when **Regina Carter CAS '85** climbed into a New York City cab with her violin, the driver noticed her instrument and offered encouragement. "Keep practicing," he said. "Maybe someday you'll play Carnegie Hall."

Carter, 37, just smiled. The internationally recognized jazz violinist didn't tell the driver she'd been there, done that - with Wynton Marsalis, no less. She didn't mention her Grammy nomination for Best Jazz Instrumental Solo for *Fragile*, a composition written by Sting and performed with pianist Kenny Barron. She didn't discuss her five solo recordings or brag about how she was the first jazz musician and first African American to play Niccolò Paganini's 250-year-old Guarneri violin, the legendary *Cannon*.

"The experience was so incredible for me," says Carter, who played the instrument before a crowd of 1,200 in Genoa, Italy, on Dec. 30, 2001. "Being nominated for a Grammy didn't excite me nearly as much as being asked to play the *Cannon*. Kenny and I lost (the Grammy) to Michael Becker, but I [felt like I] won my Grammy when I played Paganini's violin."

Media attention resulting from her encounter with Paganini's violin landed Carter on *60 Minutes* and in the April 2002 issue of Oprah's *O*.

Detroit comes home for college

Carter spent more than half her life in Detroit, learning from and playing with local jazz talents Marcus Belgrave, Lyman Woodard and Norma Jean Bell. She found her passion in the unique pairing of violin and jazz. "There's such freedom in the music," Carter says. "With classical music, you're playing the same piece the same way all the time. It's confining."

As a student, Carter studied at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit before spending two less-than-idyllic years at the New England Conservatory of Music. "There was no campus, it was all music and very competitive," Carter says. "I wanted to come home."

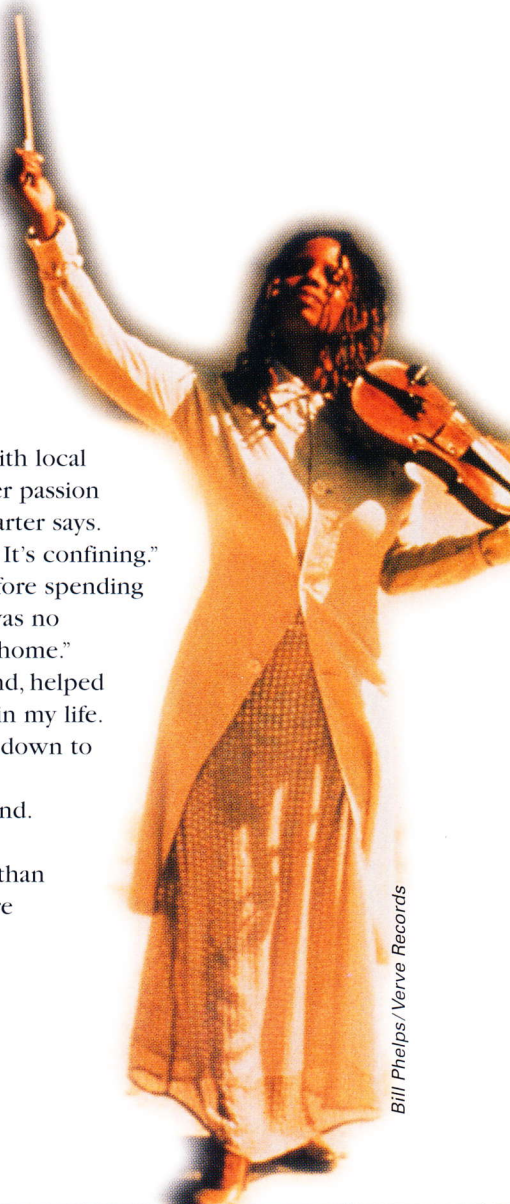
Oakland University, with its well-established music department and jazz band, helped Carter "feel normal" again. She liked the "wide variety of people. I had balance in my life. It was big enough, but not too big. After classes I could jump in my car and go down to Detroit to sit in and hear great music."

Carter still plays her old German trade violin, chosen for its warm, dark sound. She's at work on her latest recording with Verve Records.

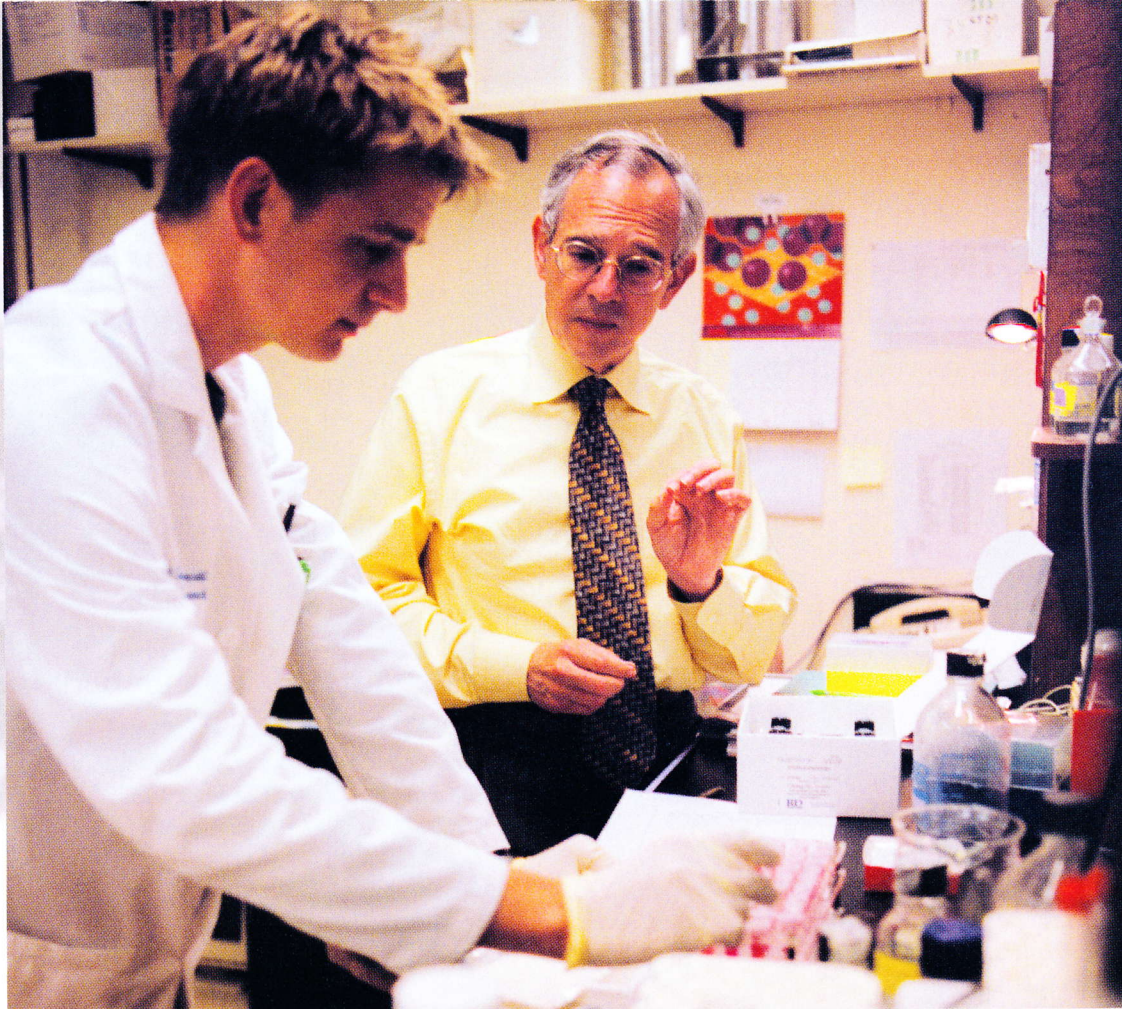
"I think being a musician or any type of freelance artist is more demanding than a 9-5 job," Carter says. "But I still feel like I'm 18. The enthusiasm and passion are still there." ■

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For a link to Regina Carter's Verve Records Web site, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu



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Stroke of genius

Professor's acclaimed bone marrow research promises stroke victims critical time, chance at normal lives By Maggie Boleyn

It strikes with the speed of lightning and leaves its victims just as dazed and injured. It is the third leading cause of death in the United States, behind heart disease and cancer, and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability. Its scientific name is cerebral vascular accident (CVA). In simple terms, it's a stroke, and its effects can be disastrous.

"One minute you're happy and talking," says Michael Chopp, Ph.D., professor of physics and health sciences at Oakland University, and director of the Neuroscience Institute at Henry Ford Hospital. "The next minute, totally incapacitated and unable to speak."

For a quarter century, Chopp has searched for ways to stop the brain from self-destructing. He pioneered the use of magnetic resonance imaging, better known as MRI, to evaluate the brain's health without surgery. In 1996, he was one of a handful of scientists invited by the World Health Organization to discuss how best to treat this neurological equivalent to a volcanic eruption. In the last 15 years, the National Institutes of Health backed the Center for

Stroke Research that Chopp leads with nearly \$17 million in grants or contracts.

The research is working. In 2002, the American Heart Association cited Chopp's experimental technique – treating stroke victims with an injection of bone marrow cells – as one of the top 10 research advances of the previous year. The experimental treatment reverses the side effects of stroke and returns patients to normal or near normal function within 14 days. Although successful so far only in rats, it gives hope to the hundreds of thousands worldwide struck down by strokes. If testing in humans finds the same results, the technique will give stroke victims something else, critical time, expanding the window for life-altering treatment from a few hours to seven days.

Research offers repair for brain

Strokes have a frighteningly easy start. A clot or a rupture blocks a blood vessel to the brain. Unable to get oxygen, the brain begins to die, affecting the part of the body it controls. That means paralysis, loss of speech or vision or a handful of other problems. Prompt treatment can make the difference in saving the stroke victim's life and preserving brain function.

That's where Chopp's study begins.

"We believe we have a therapy that shows promise in treating stroke, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury," Chopp says.

In his experiments, Chopp treats some rats on day one, some on day two and so on. Rats receiving an infusion of bone marrow cells up to seven days after stroke had similar recoveries to those treated on day one. That's important, Chopp argues, because it provides physicians with a bigger window for treatment.

Chopp conducts neurological, motor skill and sensory function tests on the rats before the strokes, and then repeats the tests again after the brain trauma. In general, patients treated with high-dose infusions of stromal cells scored significantly better.

The procedure eliminates problems with rejection because the cells come from the patient's own body – drawn from the thigh-bone. In effect, patients hold the cure inside themselves. Using stromal cells – adult bone marrow cells – also avoids the controversial use of fetal cells.

"These are smart cells that selectively migrate to the site of the injury and become little factories producing an array of helpful molecules to repair the tissue," Chopp told

MSNBC recently. In essence, the cells enter the brain and somehow encourage it to remodel itself. The injected cells do not replace brain cells, rather, they cause other cells to replace the damaged cells and "rewire" the brain, Chopp explains.

Teacher, mentor, researcher

Chopp earned a B.S. in physics from Brooklyn College and his M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from New York University. In 1976, OU recruited him to set up a radiological physics program – the most familiar medical application of radiological physics being the MRI. Over the years, he worked with students to refine the effectiveness of the MRI and to find other ways to treat stroke victims. Seven OU pre-doctoral students work in his lab at Henry Ford Hospital.

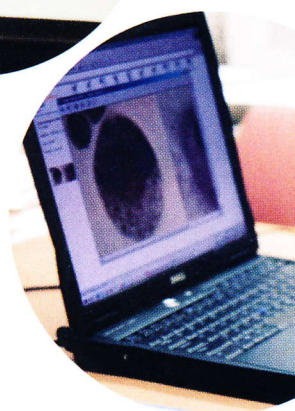
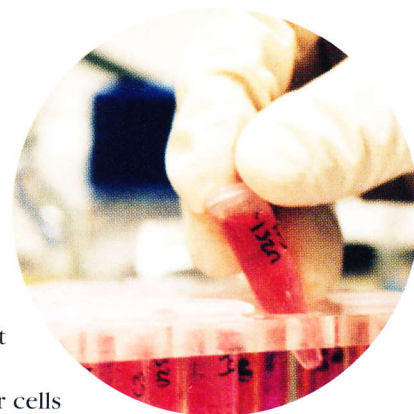
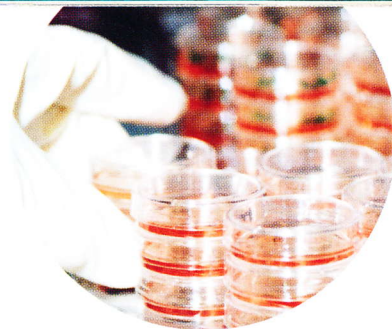
"He lets graduate students find their own direction," says Mark Katakowski, a medical physics major. Katakowski earned his undergraduate degree in physics at Oakland and plans to pursue his doctorate at OU so that he can continue to work with Chopp. "It's tremendous to work under such an incredible mentor."

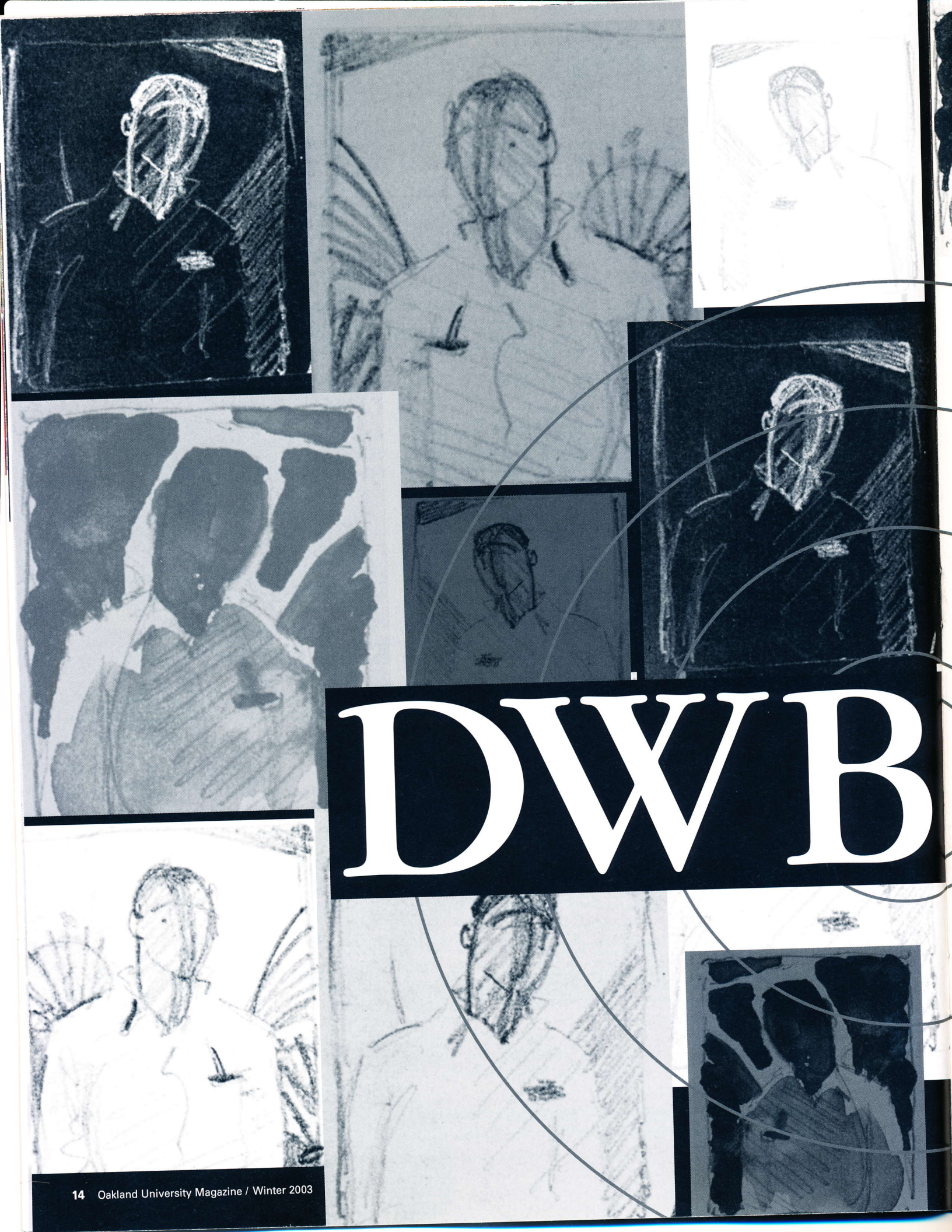
Chopp's latest work with bone marrow could become the new standard. He hopes to collaborate with scientists at the University of Washington to test the treatment on humans.

"In the last few years, neurologists have discovered that the brain can accept new cells and make them its own, in the same way the body can adopt a new heart or kidney," a spokesman for Britain's Stroke Association told the BBC. "If these transplants work, there could be huge benefits for the 300,000 people (struck down each year by the) devastating effects of stroke." ■

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For a link to more information on strokes, visit the magazine on OU's News & Info site at www.oakland.edu





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Driving While Black

OU researcher sheds new light on racial profiling.

By Natasha Vanover

10 p.m. The red and white flashing lights of a police cruiser appear in your rearview mirror. Your tags are good. All your lights are working. You are driving the speed limit. There are no points on your record, no tickets or warrants outstanding. So, why are you being pulled over? Far too often, researchers and drivers argue, it is simply because you are an African American and you have just crossed a line, the border between the big city and one of its suburbs.

Racial profiling – typically defined as “the police use of race as the sole basis for initiating law enforcement activity (such as stopping, searching, detaining an individual)” – received little media attention a decade ago, its existence disputed by law enforcement officials. Yet, research throughout the 1990s and today shows police surveilled and stopped African-American motorists in numbers disproportionate to their presence on the nation’s roadways.

The phenomenon came to be known as “Driving While Black.”

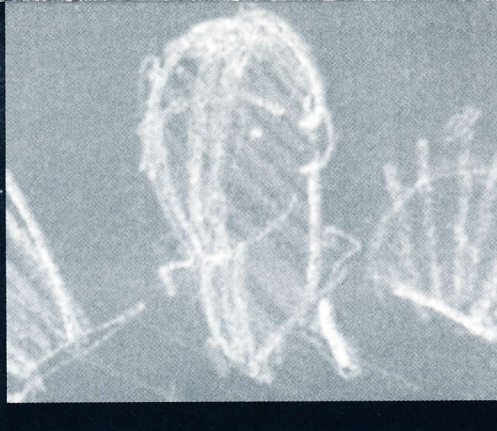
Today, racial profiling is a national concern from the highways to the criminal justice system to the White House. The NAACP lists it as a top concern. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) declared battle against it and filed the nation’s first lawsuit challenging the practice. In his first State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush called racial profiling “wrong” and promised, “we will end it in America.”

This March, Northeastern University will host a symposium asking the nation’s top thinkers on the subject to share their work and propose action. OU Sociology and Criminal Justice Associate Professor Albert Jay Meehan will be on the panel.

For more than four years Meehan along with retired OU sociology faculty member Michael Ponder planned and executed a study of a suburban police department’s queries of license plates from in-car computers. The research took a step back in time – before the traffic stop – to see if race comes into play even earlier. Then, the duo compared the number of queries to the actual racial composition of drivers on the roads. In September 2002, *Justice Quarterly* published their results. Meehan found a “race/place” effect.

The findings:

- Racial profiling does not begin with the stop. It begins with surveillance.
- African Americans were twice as likely as whites to be checked out by officers when in predominantly white communities.
- A small number of officers disproportionately queried license plates – looking up far more plates than average.



The Race/Place Effect

Police officers “develop and use an intricate knowledge of place” in their work, Meehan says. This sense of place, and the people who belong in that place, influences the actions they take. “Officers know which communities are whiter, blacker (or more minority), or some combination of the two and where in their own community racial, ethnic and class composition differ,” he says. Those perceived “out of place” are automatically suspect.

The study caused a stir nationally. Experts in racial profiling research applauded it for proving, with the police’s own data, that racial profiling occurs.

“They really looked back at the earliest possible place where race can be a variable,” says David Harris of the University of Toledo School of Law. Harris, who brought racial profiling into the national debate with his groundbreaking research in the 1990s, called the study “ingenious.”

“What they found was, I thought, breathtaking. If anything, there was a more pronounced effect of race at this earlier point. For those of us who study the stops, we’re actually missing some of the effects of race.”

Police departments, too, respected the study’s efforts because it examined the complicated thought processes officers apply before making traffic stops.

“It recognized that police look at things that are uncommon or out of place, they look for things to be in a certain range of regularity,” said Auburn Hills (Michigan) Police Chief Doreen Olko. “If it’s common to see a wide range of ethnicities, that’s not out of place. The study proves that more things come into play than just race.”

Taking research on the road

Meehan and his research team – Kim Cochrane, Melissa Hall, Lisa Kelley, Tracey Meldrum, John Schiabile and Nicky Spry, now all graduates – examined an undisclosed suburban community of more than 100,000 residents. Approximately 98 percent white, the community employs more than 200 sworn officers, none minorities. The community shares a border with a major metropolitan city whose population is 75 percent African American.

The study consisted of more than 240 hours of police ride-alongs, rolling roadway observations, a study of in-car computer Mobile Data Terminal query records and 25 interviews with all levels of command staff.

“Rolling roadway data” allowed Meehan, Ponder and the student researchers to compare the distribution of actual drivers on the roadways with officers’ proactive surveillance and stop behavior. During the two-week study, research teams mimicked police movement on the roads by driving the speed limit and moving with the flow of traffic. Every 60 seconds, teams recorded license plate numbers, race, gender, time and place of drivers chosen at random.

Then, they compared the roadway data to the MDT results.

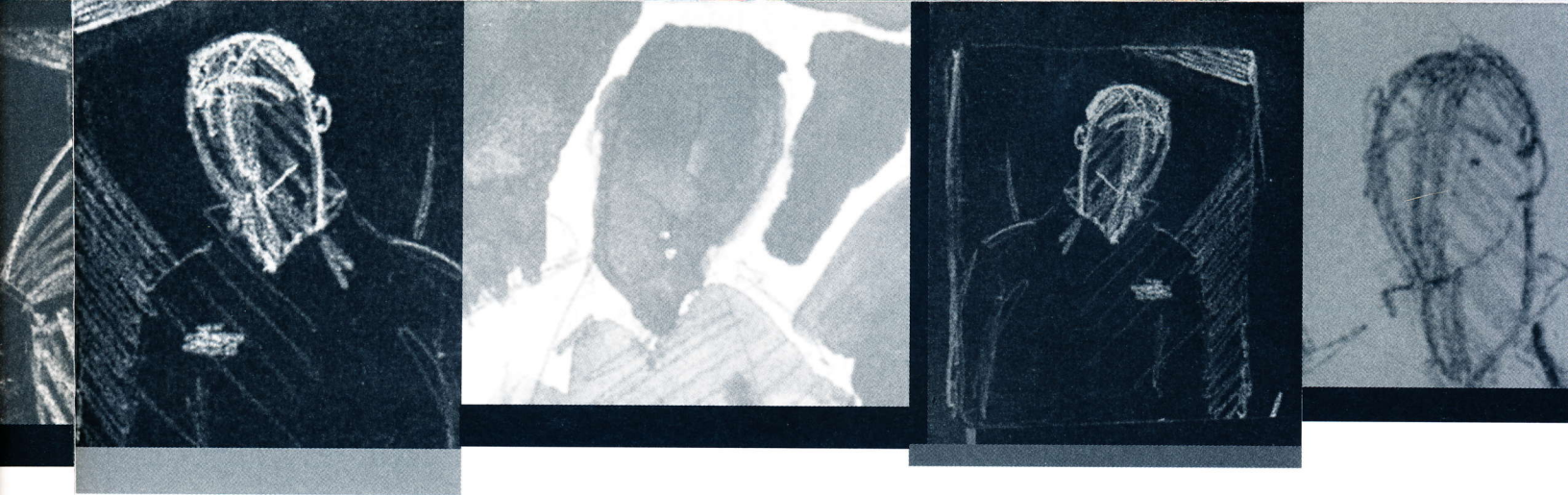
“The most significant finding,” says Meehan, “is the race variable: 13 percent of the drivers were black whereas 27 percent of all pro-active police queries were about black drivers. Whites, who constitute 87 percent of the drivers, comprise only 73 percent of proactive police queries. Expressed differently, if one assumes the percentage of black and white drivers on the road should be the same as black and white drivers queried, the ratios should be at or near a 1:1 ratio. However, this is clearly not the case: black drivers are twice as likely as white drivers to be queried.”

Harris found the results so convincing, he cited them in his 2002 book, *Profiles in Injustice*. “The further away blacks are from black neighborhoods, the more pronounced this activity becomes,” he says, “so much so that if you are in the least-integrated white areas, the police really need to be hunting for black people to be able to come up with those kinds of statistics. What we are talking about is no longer conjecture.”

Mobile Data Terminals

Modern technology has taken the phenomenon to a higher level.

Officers can turn to the Mobile Data Terminals or MDTs, easily garnering background information on nearby drivers they view as suspicious. The in-car computers provide access to national, state and local databases, including the FBI’s National Crime Information Computer and the Michigan Department of Motor Vehicles.



License plate checks can reveal vehicle year, make and model; the name and address of the registered owner; and details about whether the vehicle has been reported stolen. Officers can retrieve an individual's criminal history, including outstanding warrants, probation or parole restrictions. Race information only appears when a criminal history lists it.

MDT technology also tracks information about the officer making the query: name, patrol assignment placement, and the time of the query. Meehan and his team analyzed this information, comparing MDT data to patrol logs and dispatcher records.

While police officers maintain that MDT queries enhance "hit rates" – computer returns indicating a legal problem with the vehicle or driver – Meehan's research revealed just the opposite.

Overall, black hit rates came in higher than white hit rates – at 8.6 percent vs. 6.6 percent of 2,004 plates queried. But Meehan decided to analyze the data by place. In that case, queries were highest for blacks where hits were lowest. "Therefore, considerations of place, not the productivity from hits, drives black query rates," Meehan reports.

Interestingly, a 1998 study conducted by Meehan reported that many older officers complain the computer "de-skills" younger officers. Officers with the best hit rates made the fewest MDT queries.

Modern patrols, old practices

"Modern police patrol had its origins in southern slave patrols, which legally sanctioned the routine monitoring of all blacks, not just slaves," Meehan reports. "(The fact) that current police practice may function in the same way is not lost on many African Americans."

Current research shows that police officers act on assumptions about black criminality.

"Social psychological studies provide evidence that police, when compared to non-police, employ a 'cognitive schema,' which views the ambiguous behaviors of African Americans as suspicious and potentially criminal. ... Hence profiling African Americans is rationalized by many officers and citizens as 'good police work.'"

Auburn Hills' Olko counters that it happens only if a community and the community's police force allow it. "Every responsible police department that I know would not tolerate that behavior. I do think that racial profiling has happened. Do I think it happens on a daily basis? I don't think so. To say that assumes that all police officers – white, black, Hispanic – as a whole in 2003 focus on one group more than another. What we do is look for things that seem out of context."

The 9-11 effect

While the battle may have shifted from the "War On Drugs" to the "War Against Terrorism," the problem of racial profiling remains essentially the same.

"Terrorism has changed our world view," says Meehan. Incidents involving Arab Americans and individuals who appear to have a Middle Eastern background have increased public awareness of racial profiling, but solutions remain elusive.

First steps are underway, however. "We're making progress with community policing," Olko says. "I'm living, breathing evidence of the willingness of departments to diversify over the last 30 years. There are more African Americans and more women involved in law enforcement than ever before."

She believes departments want to solve this issue. If he can get grant funding, Meehan plans to expand his study to examine six months worth of MDT queries in the same community. At least three departments contacted Meehan after hearing of his study to offer their in-car police video archives for review. In the fall, Meehan took initial steps to develop a video study.

"What is wonderful about (the Meehan/Ponder) research," says Toledo's Harris, "is that it illuminates a difficult and troubling question in a solid, straightforward way. Only when we get those kinds of guiding lights do we begin to move beyond 'You say this happens and I say it doesn't, so we have nothing more to talk about.' This study goes a long way toward moving the national debate forward." ■

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Balancing GPAs & RBIs

All photos, George Waldman



Megan Piar

Striving for academic excellence plays central role in OU athletic game plan By Jeff Samoray & Liz Lent

A softball hurtling toward her at 60 mph doesn't phase Megan Piar. Neither does 14 hours a week of upper-level business management classes, 15 hours of conditioning and batting practice, another 15 hours working two part-time jobs and an avalanche of homework. As a catcher on the Oakland University softball team, the senior is used to corralling curve balls, on and off the field. And she posted a 4.0 GPA last fall to prove it, earning a Golden Grizzlies Excellence in Academics Award.

Piar represents a growing number of OU athletes successfully balancing books with batting averages. Last winter, sophomore psychology major and swimmer Shelley Aurit along with sophomore business administration major and soccer stand-out Matt Connor each earned top marks, completing 12 credit hours with 3.96 grade points.

The Golden Grizzlies Excellence in Academics Award recognizes student athletes for their hard work in the classroom. "And it lets others outside of athletics know how successful they are," says OU Associate Athletic Director Tracy Huth, who helped create the award. "Our athletes pride themselves on doing well in the classroom. For many of them, academics are no different from healthy sports competition. If there's



Megan Piar's lifeline: her color-coded planner

competition involved, it's usually a driving force. And competition breeds discipline. Our athletes value that and want to be not just good students but excellent students."

More than 150 student athletes, representing all 14 varsity teams earned the award in its first year. To receive it, the team's combined grade-point average must surpass 3.0. Athletes must carry a minimum of 12 semester credit hours to qualify.

"If you look at the entire student-athlete population, OU is well above the national average in terms of graduation rates," Huth says. "As far as basketball is concerned, we are either first or second in the state and right near the top of the Mid-Continent conference."

This academic success doesn't happen by accident. "At Oakland, academics definitely come first," says Piar, who plans to pursue a law degree and an MBA after graduation.

At OU's Recreation and Athletics Center, a media room doubles as a study hall facility. An Athletics Academic Adviser helps student-athletes register for appropriate classes, declare or change majors or find tutors. Some teams require specific study times and meet as a group to dig through class work. On away trips, athletes spend much of their down time curled up with text books. "I get more homework done during the season, just because of all the time we spend on the road," Piar says.

Mychal Thom, a 2000 CAS graduate and former Golden Grizzlies basketball standout, says he "traditionally did better during the season because you have that discipline that comes from only having a certain amount of time to get everything done." A Wilson Award winner, Thom majored in biology and graduated with a 3.7 GPA. He now teaches advanced placement science courses at Notre Dame Prep School in Pontiac, Mich.

"I found it difficult to juggle everything at first," Thom says. "But you have to understand yourself and how you learn. When I was at practice, I had to give 100 percent and I realized that if I wanted to excel academically, I would have to give 100 percent in the classroom. Sometimes you just have to work a little harder."

The same is true now for Piar. The key to her balancing act? Organization. She lives, works and plays by the strictures of her color-coded, daily planner. "I'm a big list person," she says. Piar's high marks helped her team place among the Top 30 Division I softball teams in terms of academics. "Our players help each other," says Softball Coach Michael Tomlinson. "When it comes to studying, they use every inch of a 3 x 5 card."

OU's team GPAs for Fall 2002

Women		Men	
Basketball	3.35	Soccer	3.27
Cross Country	3.29	Golf	3.23
Volleyball	3.28	Cross Country	2.99
Tennis	3.27	Baseball	2.89
Golf	3.26	Basketball	2.74
Softball	3.24	Swimming/Diving	2.72
Swimming/Diving	3.15		
Soccer	3.10		

Support from coaches such as Tomlinson has an effect. "Because our coaches are committed to a monitoring process, and show their players how important it is to succeed academically, they've made a big difference," Huth says.

Some coaches mandate a certain GPA to play on the travel squad. Coaches often obtain progress reports on players from professors. It's not unusual for players to study in the coach's office.

"When I first came here (in 1999), my team was dead last in academics out of Oakland's 14 teams," says Mark Avery, OU baseball coach. "We had a 1.9 GPA. Now we're nearing respectability with a 2.89. My coaches and I changed the culture, and now my student-athletes have mandatory class attendance and study tables at the library for an hour and a half, four nights a week. I will actually check classes to make sure they're present."

A catcher in the Chicago White Sox organization from 1996-97, Avery was moving through its minor-league system when a back injury forced him to abandon his dreams of the major leagues. Fortunately, Avery has a mechanical engineering degree.

"I was in a great position to possibly reach the majors, but then I became injured," Avery says. "I make it clear to my players that at some point, even if they are drafted and make it to the pros, they're going to have to get a job. I preach it constantly. A sports career only lasts so long, even for the very best athletes." ■

For a link to more information the Academic Excellence Award, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu





Lean on me

Manufacturing czar's \$1-million gift supports "lean thinking" at OU

By Mary E. Iorio

Dennis Pawley calls it a mindset, a way of thinking, a mental attitude.

If he could bottle it and sell it, the 1982 Oakland University graduate would. But you can't bottle attitude. It evolves with time and experience, challenges and achievements. So, the former executive vice president of Chrysler has begun a one-man mission to convince America's future business leaders to "think lean."

It's a concept he believes will transform industry. And Pawley knows about transforming industry. He was named Chrysler's Top Manufacturing Executive in 1991. *Automotive News* named him to its list of Manufacturing All Stars for four years running, from 1994 to 1997. Called Chrysler's "manufacturing czar" by the

Detroit News, Pawley developed the Chrysler Operating System in the early 1990s to restore productivity and streamline procedures. That "lean" thinking, Pawley argues, should extend to every aspect of business, from the earliest connections with a new employee in human resources to the approach engineers take to design, even the way line workers assemble products on the factory floor.

In 2002, Pawley backed his convictions with a \$1-million gift to Oakland University to establish the Pawley

Institute. The interdisciplinary institute will provide training, research and outreach in the concepts of "lean learning," turning out students who can approach business problems with a focus on the simplest route to success. "Basically, lean learning is a set of tools and a thought process (that) organizations use to reduce cost and increase quality – and do them both faster," Pawley explains.

Melding tech, business & HR

OU's schools of Business Administration, Engineering and Computer Science, and Education



and Human Services have signed on to design “lean learning” practices. In October, the institute appointed its board of advisers, including top executives from Ford, DaimlerChrysler and General Motors. Advisers quickly selected a new director who hopes to begin course work within a year. The institute will meld together technology, business and human resources for manufacturing, then establish a “lean manufacturing” learning center in partnership with business and community leaders.

“Too many businesses have the tools of lean manufacturing, but they lack the training and mindset necessary to use those tools effectively,” Pawley says. “Without adopting the lean manufacturing philosophy as a total system, the tools become outdated and useless very quickly. Training Oakland students in the principles of lean manufacturing will make them more marketable and will also benefit the automotive industry tremendously.”

In effect, Pawley wants to retrain brains to stop accepting the status quo and to rethink how even the most mundane tasks get done. Would direct lines of communication speed decision-making? Could re-mapping a process cut time, money, waste?

“The environment will be very different from any classroom that (currently) exists at Oakland University,” Pawley says. “There will be three phases of teaching: a lecture about the concept, a simulation with students applying what they’ve learned and a phase of reflection.”

Mary Otto, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, finds the “lean learning” concept particularly appealing. “This will give students in the human resources development department an opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge important to them in their future work. In the world we’re living in, we need to be able to accomplish more work than ever before, and we need to be more efficient to be competitive and successful.”

Pawley couldn’t agree more. “The answer isn’t to work harder. The answer is to better understand the processes for how you provide products and services.” For Pawley, that transformation came when he learned as a leader how to be humble. “I found I learned more by learning how to say three little words – ‘I don’t know.’ I quit pretending I knew everything and I learned from my people.”

Grads sought out by industry

The outcome, Pawley hopes, will be Oakland graduates sought after by industry. “I’d like to see Oakland become the primary recruiting ground for the Big Three and have a higher percentage of recruitment than any other university in the state of Michigan.”

The Pawley Institute marks another in a line of important connections between Pawley and OU. In 1997, Pawley and his wife Carlotta donated \$2 million to OU to support the schools of Education and Human Services and Engineering and Computer Science. He served as a member of OU’s Board of Trustees from 1996 to 1998, a post he resumed in August 2002. Currently chairman and chief executive officer of Pawley Enterprises in Farmington Hills, Mich., Pawley signed back on with Chrysler last February, this time as a consultant.

“Dennis Pawley has been a friend to Oakland University for many, many years,” says OU President Gary Russi. “He has given his ideas, his energies and his time unselfishly to make Oakland a world-class university. His generous gift greatly enhances all that he has contributed to Oakland over the years and soon students and industry will benefit.” ■

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Reaching back, *MOVING FORWARD*

OU AmeriCorps student heads back to the community where he grew up to help boys see where education can take them By Mary E. Iorio

Most people who grow up in disadvantaged communities spend their lives trying to get out. Lenwood Compton hopes to go back in – but this time as a middle school teacher.

"I think it's a critical age," says the Oakland University senior education major. "These students are developing, and they need concerned and qualified teachers who can steer them in the right direction. A lot of kids don't know that there's something else out there."

Three days a week Compton leaves behind the green stretches of Oakland's campus to volunteer with boys at Great Lakes Academy in Pontiac, Mich. In a tiny office-turned-library, Compton tutors boys in reading, offers strategies in math and works on team building. But, he says, the most important thing he does is show up. He listens. He guides. He answers their questions, eats lunch at their table and talks about the future while teaching rebounding basics on the concrete courts outside.

"I'm here every week," he says. "I want to be accountable to those boys, because I want them to be accountable to themselves."

A presidential handshake

In January, Compton's volunteer efforts through AmeriCorps earned him a whirlwind week as an invited guest of President George W. Bush for the State of the Union address. Compton flew to D.C., ate hors d'oeuvres at the White House, sat in the House Gallery three seats from First Lady Laura Bush during the speech,

then stayed two extra days at the request of the president to take part in a White House-sponsored panel discussion on mentoring. In three days, he appeared in nearly a dozen television interviews, including spots on CNN and MSNBC. "Hopefully this will boost everything that AmeriCorps stands for and the hard work that all the members put in," Compton said.

Compton first met Bush in October during a fly-in to Oakland County International Airport. Under sunny October skies, Bush addressed the importance of volunteerism in showing the world the true heart of Americans.

"There are things government can do to make America a better place, but not nearly as importantly as what our fellow Americans can do to make America a better place," Bush said. "Government can hand out money, but what government cannot do is put hope in people's hearts or a sense of purpose in people's lives. That's up to our fellow Americans."

Pausing to identify Compton on the stage with him, Bush cited the Pontiac native for his efforts to help youth during school and after – on top of a 16-credit class load. Last summer, Compton put in full-time volunteer hours developing lesson plans and curricula for day camps through the Pontiac Area Transitional Housing (PATH) program. He'll complete 1,800 hours before finishing the program.

"Today we've got with us Lenny Compton," Bush said. "He mentors a child. He mentors kids in the first, second and third grade. He understands one person can't do everything to change America, but





Lenwood Compton listens to his charges at Great Lakes Academy in Pontiac, Mich.

one person can do something. One person can help change America, one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time. I want to thank you, Lenny."

Compton shook hands with the president and spoke with him for several minutes. "President Bush said that he'd read a lot about my experiences and he was pleased with the work I was doing. I said 'Well, I'm pleased with the work you're doing, too.' He laughed and said, 'Your work is more important, because you are out there touching lives.'"

Out there, touching lives

On a Tuesday morning in November, Compton maneuvers his car along the familiar side streets of his hometown. He pulls into the back entrance of the Great Lakes Academy, then briskly makes his way inside. Over the next hour, he'll help four boys with reading. A word search serves a dual purpose: teaching spelling while extolling teamwork. "They're so used to not being able to talk things out," Compton explains. "I want them to understand how they can work together."

Next, they'll read through two storybooks, answering Compton's questions as they go. "What's the significance of the two mules?" he asks. "You just read the word gazette. Do you know what that is? If you don't know, stop and ask...It's a newspaper."

Sometimes, simple strategies make the difference. "James was struggling to read, because he'd rush," Compton says later. "He could say all the words, but he couldn't tell you what he just read. I'm slowing him down. I stop him after every two paragraphs and make him tell me the plot or the name of the character."

He taught Jarrus the process of elimination, taking the anxiety out of multiple-choice math tests. Kendrick and Charles learned their times tables using a hand-clapping, leg-slapping song Compton shared.

"Lenny epitomizes the spirit of community action, civic responsibility and excellent leadership that President Bush has set as a goal for all Americans," said Carol Anne Ketelsen, AmeriCorps Oakland program director. "His outstanding service to his community and to children is an ideal we can all strive to emulate."

Across the nation, more than 50,000 Americans do volunteer work through hundreds of AmeriCorps service organizations. Michigan has more than 25 chapters. OU's AmeriCorps volunteers – some 40 strong – complete at least 80 community service projects each year. Saturday training sessions offer strategies for teaching reading or for dealing with conflict. Compton's education classes at OU make him even more effective with the children he helps. "What can I do to relate to this student?" he asks. "What are some strategies to deal with different intelligence levels? I'm learning 10 different ways to explain negative numbers. If one doesn't work for a student, I'll try another."

It's all taking Compton where he wants to go, back to middle school, where a teacher once believed in him and told him he could do more. "Some kids need support beyond academics," he says. "I want to be that kind of teacher." ■

For links to complete coverage of Compton's week in Washington, a diary of his experiences and streaming video, visit OU Magazine at the OU News & Info site, www.oakland.edu



Cranes, brick, glass, concrete

Managed growth gives students a home, education a building and everyone more parking By Liz Lent

Oakland University's landscape tells the story: cranes, brick, glass, concrete. Buildings are rising all over campus, providing expanded learning and living space for the university's 16,000 plus students. The Education and Human Services building, University Student Apartments and a 550-space parking structure opened this fall. The Oakland Center (OC) expansion project broke ground soon after.

"As our student body continues to grow, we are focused on providing the quality infrastructure, academic offerings, technology enhancements and student services that make the Oakland experience distinctive and unique," said OU President Gary Russi. Yet, it all follows a measured and careful strategy, combining a long-term vision for the university, a campus master plan and partnerships with the state and with industry.

State-of-the-art ED Building

The 132,000-square-foot School of Education and Human Services building – 75 percent paid for through the state's capital outlay funding – offers an airy, glass-fronted edifice with state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, counseling rooms and a resource library. It serves as home to the Lowry Early Childhood Education Center. An inscription in the lobby reflects the school's mission. Taken from the Mari Evans poem, "The Schoolhouse," it reads: "Education... a jewel casting brilliances into the future."

"In terms of education, we should be leaders here at Oakland and this building gives us the opportunity to do that," says Mary Stein, who teaches science education. "The classrooms have exceptional technology and this gives us the opportunity to show students the type of technology they'll one day be using in their own classrooms."



550-space parking deck

Located next to the Education Building, the new parking structure will not only make life easier for tomorrow's teachers but for staff, students and visitors to the south end of campus. Situated just off Pioneer Drive, the structure features two covered decks to protect drivers from the elements. A convenient walkway leads directly to the ED building's front entrance.

Off-campus living on campus

Augmenting OU's student-friendly environment has meant increasing residential space. The \$21 million University Student Apartments – financed with bonds and rental revenue – house more than 450 students in its six, Tudor-style brick buildings. The 130, three- and four-bedroom apartments include full kitchens, furnished bedrooms and living rooms, Internet connections and basic cable TV for those all-important study breaks. The complex's community center boasts a game room, lounge, fireplaces and a deck overlooking basketball and volleyball courts.

"The biggest thing to me is that people living here are campus residents, but you have the (same) advantages of independent living as those who live off campus," said Jolanda Bean, a senior sociology/anthropology major. "You really have the best of both worlds."

OU's living room

By fall 2003, the \$8 million Oakland Center expansion will provide an additional 30,000 square feet to the existing building. The addition expands Pioneer Food Court seating and upgrades kitchen facilities. An enhanced reception area

will welcome students while a larger lounge area and a 24-hour "cyber café" will provide added study space. Upstairs, a 7,000-square-foot multi-purpose room will be available for lectures, banquets and other student gatherings.

"Each fall, starting with freshman orientation, I can almost read the relief in the faces of new students when they realize that the Oakland Center is their living room of the campus," says Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for student affairs. As a gathering place, it serves as the heart of OU's opportunities for cultural understanding, awareness programs, cross-discipline lectures and student activities.

"We've come this far," Russi says, "because we've worked smart, defined our goals and managed our resources wisely. As we continue to move forward to build learning relationships and distinctive undergraduate programs, this campus with its many buildings will serve as our backbone." ■

For a link to OU's new housing site, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu



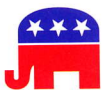
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“A” for Appleton

Poly-Sci professor's fierce dedication opens students' eyes to diverse views of government, world

By Jeff Samoray



If a teacher's success can be measured by the achievements of his students, then Political Science Professor Sheldon Appleton could be called the JFK of higher education — inspiring a generation of students to serve their country and their communities as politicians, professors, provosts, even college presidents.

“I’m not a conventional teacher,” Appleton freely admits. “It’s hard to engage students in class, particularly in a lecture-hall environment. But I have them do a lot of cooperative learning by breaking up into groups and completing assignments — usually summarizing a chapter and answering questions collectively. I also have them conduct mock elections, and I require that they conduct public opinion questionnaires. What they learn is that people have hostilities toward our government, there is staggering ignorance and a wide diversity of views.”

For more than 40 years, the professor known fondly as “Shelly” has turned stereotypes on their ear, opened eyes and demanded more from students than they knew they could give. His

fierce dedication to teaching earned him OU's first-ever Teaching Excellence Award in 1982. Last spring, he achieved the rank of distinguished professor along with long-time faculty members Ronald Cramer of the Reading and Language Arts department and Jane Donahue Eberwein of the English department. In February, OU's Board of Trustees awarded the title to Chemistry Professor Paul Tomboulia. The four join only seven other faculty members to earn such distinction in Oakland history. *OU Magazine* will examine the careers of these recently honored professors in a four-part series.

Academic freedom

Appleton arrived at OU in 1960, when it was still known as Michigan State University – Oakland. Following his vision to hire inspired faculty, OU's first Chancellor Woody Varner offered the 26-year-old, already-published Appleton an assistant professor position before he completed his doctorate at the University of Minnesota. Though Appleton's faculty advisers cautioned him not to accept, the offer was too good to turn down. At Oakland, Appleton would have complete autonomy in the classroom and the freedom to teach courses in his specialties – Chinese and American political culture and socialization.

"Oakland was a new university that embodied my ideals," Appleton says. "It was the first school in the country to require its students to study foreign cultures. We had more students studying China and India than the University of Michigan. It was an experimental school, and we had a tremendous amount of freedom – and still do."

Appleton quickly established himself as an authority on Communist China and Taiwan as well as presidential politics and public opinion. Instrumental in developing the current advising system for undergraduates, he served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1979-87 and associate provost for Undergraduate Studies from 1987-93. He has written two books and scores of articles in journals such as *The Public Perspective* and *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Appleton's current research delves into public views of political assassinations. His latest article in *The Public Perspective* investigates the mistakes Al Gore made in his 2000 presidential campaign.

But, Appleton considers his classroom work the most important.

Enthusiasm for learning

"I had a class in 1995 called 'American Culture.' It was the kind of class I'd like everyone to take. It had a nice ethnic mix of very bright students. Everything just clicked. ... There was a lot of learning, and I hated to see it end."

For Appleton, reward comes in seeing his students grow, then go out to affect the world. At least two went on to become college presidents: Janet Holmgren at Mills College in Oakland, Calif., and Betty Youngblood at Lake Superior State University in Michigan's upper peninsula.

"Betty was a kid from a working-class family. I called her 'Tiger' because she was a B student but never satisfied.

She worked and worked to improve and was just a joy to have in class."

Youngblood remembers Appleton "with great affection and profound respect."

"I recall Professor Appleton as a brilliant teacher who cared deeply about his students," says Youngblood, who earned her B.A. in South Asian area studies and Political Science in 1965. "I always remember his complete insistence that every student give their best effort in every class. He had us rewrite our papers so many times. ... He wanted you to understand the material, and he didn't give up. He was so much more than a political science professor. He taught me how to write, how to think and a great deal about life."

More than 30 years later, his students still see that same passion. Gena Hintz, a senior history major and political science minor, almost dropped PS 323 – "The American People and Their Presidents" – when she saw her mid-term grade. Instead, she approached Appleton for help.

"I became less egotistical about my writing skills and asked him to help me, and I learned to have my ducks in a row before I turned in another paper. My grades improved tremendously by the end of the semester. ... I walked away from his class thinking, 'Wow, I really learned a lot!'" Hintz ended up accompanying a group of high school students to Washington, D.C., for a Close Up Foundation look at government. She served as one of Appleton's teaching assistants during the fall 2002 semester.

"Shelly takes teaching very seriously," says Michelle Piskulich, associate professor and chair of the Political Science department. "He really involves his TAs in the planning process and lets them discover that teaching isn't just walking into a classroom and talking. He believes in communicating to students and creating an enthusiasm for political science and for learning." ■

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New President's Club category for OU graduates

The President's Club, Oakland University's
oldest philanthropic organization, announces
a new category of membership for Oakland
graduates who are members of the Oakland
University Alumni Association.

The Alumni "Associate" membership is a
multi-tiered program, which requires a \$500
gift in the first year, a \$1,000 gift in the sec-
ond year and a \$1,500 gift in the third year.
In recognition of the above level of support,
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registration fee.

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asked to sign a five-year pledge of \$2,000
annually. Members are then eligible for full
President's Club privileges, including access
to the R & S Sharf golf course. In subse-
quent years, an annual gift (at the prevailing
rate) is all that is required.

OU grads should look for an application in
their mailboxes soon or for more informa-
tion, contact The President's Club office at
(248) 370-3700. ●

OUAA Board open call for nominations

Here's an opportunity worth its weight in gold. The Oakland University Alumni
Association is seeking candidates for its Board of Directors.

"Service on the OUAA Board provides lasting opportunities to acquire and enhance
leadership skills, network with other alumni, provide service to the university and
represent OU graduates to the university and larger community," says Adrienne Bass,
director of OU Alumni Relations. The university calls on the 24-member panel to give
advice to Alumni Relations, the University Relations Division, OU's president, and the
Board of Trustees.

Board members attend quarterly committee meetings and bi-annual board meetings,
assist in fund-raising efforts and support OUAA events and activities. Board members
provide annual gifts to the university and recruit annual gifts for scholarships and
funds. Elected at the annual spring meeting, board members serve three-year terms.
The new term begins in June. Nominations are open to all OUAA members.

Applications are available from the Alumni Relations office or on the OU Alumni Web
site, www.oualumni.com. Submit applications and a resume/vitae by March 15. For
more info, call (248) 370-3700. ●

OU alum, diplomat shares insight into work abroad

American diplomat **Michael Michalak, CAS '74**, returned to OU in November from
halfway around the world, where he works as the third highest ranking U.S. official
in Japan.

On campus at the invitation of OU's Career Services, Michalak told a packed crowd
what to study for a career in the Foreign Service and described the opportunities
available in 160 countries. Work ranges from familiar administrative jobs in accounting
and travel planning to consular work helping American citizens abroad, to political
positions analyzing foreign policy and monitoring governments to economic
opportunities overseeing economic and trade affairs between countries.

For a link to more information on foreign services careers, visit the OU News & Info
site at www.oakland.edu ●

*From Left: Director of Alumni Relations Adrienne Bass, Career Services Program Manager
Joyce Esterberg, **Michael Michalak CAS '74**, former Career Services Coordinator Carolyn
Somskey Miller and Director of Career Services Robert Thomas.*



Alumni membership has its privileges

The Oakland University Alumni Association is working to make your membership even more valuable. While reconnecting with the university, old friends and mentors, take time out to play golf, help future students or pick up that perfect book – at a discount.

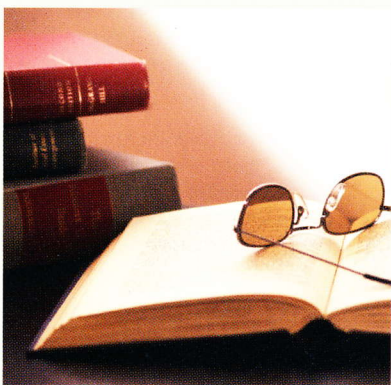
Katke Golf Program

Warm up those clubs, then sign up for a one-year special offer to access the Katke-Cousins Golf Course for \$500. This one-time, non-renewable, exclusive OUAA membership offer is limited to the first 100 OUAA members to respond. Greens fees and cart rental are not included. Contact the Golf & Learning Center at (248) 370-4150 to sign up.



Legacy Scholarships

The OUAA now offers an exclusive scholarship to students whose parents or grandparents are alumni and OUAA members. Up to three, \$2,000 Legacy Scholarships will be awarded annually to incoming OU freshmen or sophomores who are full-time students with cumulative high school or undergraduate GPAs of at least a 3.0 and ACT scores of at least 21. Applications will be available after Feb. 15 at www.oualumni.com or from the OUAA office. For details, contact Carol Carpenter at (248) 370-3700.



Save at Borders Appreciation Weekend

The Rochester Hills Borders Books and Music, at 1122 S. Rochester Road, will host an OU Alumni Appreciation event on May 2, 3 and 4. Save 20 percent on books and gifts and 15 percent on DVDs just in time for Mother's Day. Only current OUAA members with cards will receive the discount. It does not apply to smaller purchases such as newspapers, magazines, special order items, store transfers or gift certificates.

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It's easier than ever to be a member of OUAA. Call (877) 445-ALUM or (248) 370-3700 x2158. Visit our Web site www.oualumni.com and mail or fax the membership form to our office. Or, use the form on page 39. ●



OU President Gary Russi, right, congratulates David Doyle, CAS '80, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Association seeking nominations for Alumni Awards Banquet

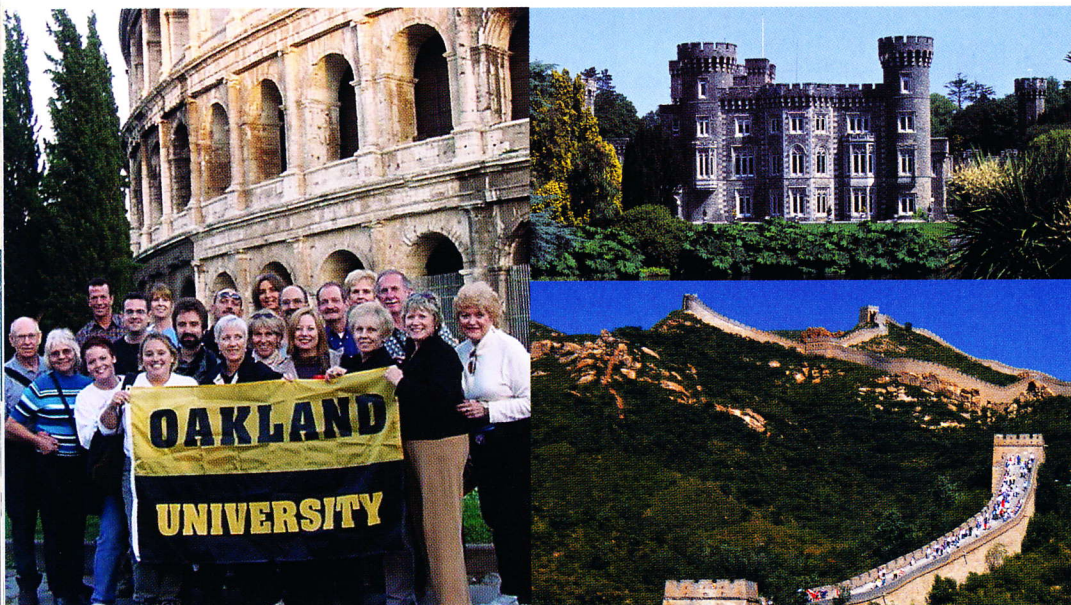
Recognize a fellow grad whose distinguished career or exemplary volunteer service brings prominence to Oakland. The Ninth Annual Alumni Awards Banquet is set for Fall 2003.

The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for five categories, which include awards for alumni and friends of the university. "We would like to recognize those outstanding alumni and friends who give service to Oakland University and the community," says Adrienne Bass, director of Alumni Relations.

Awards include:

- The Distinguished Alumni Service Award for outstanding alumni leadership in service to the OUAA or the university.
- The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for outstanding professional achievement or service to a community.
- The Odyssey Award for alumni whose lives exemplify Oakland University's motto, "to seek courage and knowledge."
- The Spirit Award for volunteer service to the university.
- The Honorary Alumnus/a Award for non-OU alumni who have given outstanding service to the university.

Nominations should include a brief statement of qualifications, materials or letters of support and the nominee's resume. OU Alumni Relations must receive nomination forms and all supporting materials by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2003. For more details, call Adrienne Bass at (248) 370-3700, or visit www.oualumni.com ●



Far flung Grizzly getaways take alumni to Italy, Austria, Tibet

OUAA members hit the road this fall for trips to Italy and Chicago. Spring, summer and fall trips will travel down the Danube River, across the mountains of Tibet or onto the fields of Ireland.

Italy In October, 30 alumni and friends took in the beauty, history and architecture of Florence, Rome, Vatican City, Sienna and Assisi. "We had a wonderful group of alumni who connected and traveled well together," says Adrienne Bass, director of OU Alumni Relations. She led the tour, along with staff and guides from Global Holidays Inc. "The weather, knowledgeable guides and local cuisine provided us with an unforgettable experience."

Chicago In December, 26 alumni headed for a Holiday Shopping Tour of the Windy City. The group took a relaxing Amtrak train ride from Detroit to catch the holiday lights of Chicago's Michigan Avenue. They stopped only for an evening at the Schubert Theatre to see the Broadway spectacular, *Stomp*.

The Danube Upcoming Grizzly Getaways include a Danube River cruise in April. Visit Vienna, Prague and Budapest from April 27 to May 6. Three of Europe's most famous imperial cities, they offer 600 years of living history. The tour includes airfare, cruise ship reservations, a multi-lingual guide/travel director, 16 meals and sightseeing in Linz, Prague, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. The price: tentatively \$2,349, based on double occupancy.

China This summer, join Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Richard Stamps on an exclusive tour of Tibet. Visit the Potala Palace, the former seat of the Dalai Lamas, and sightsee in Beijing and Hong Kong and as many as five other cities. Tentative dates are Aug. 6-23. Contact Bass at bass@oakland.edu for info.

Ireland What could be more spectacular? This trip to the Emerald Isle, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 19-27, explores the delights of the ancient ports of Galway and Waterford. Projected pricing for the trip will begin at \$1,269 per person.

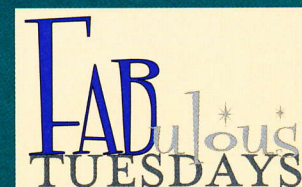
To reserve your space on the Danube or Ireland trips, contact Global Holidays Inc. at (952) 918-8950 or (800) 842-9023 or visit www.globalholidaysinc.com. ●



Mid-Continent Conference Tournament

March 8-11

Don't miss the excitement of four days of fierce hoops action as our OU Grizzlies and the men and women of Mid-Con battle for automatic berths into the NCAA Tournament. They face off in Kansas City's Kemper Arena. The OU Alumni Relations staff will coordinate special activities and travel surrounding this event.



'FAB' Tuesdays

May 13

The new Faculty-Alumni Breakfast Series – dubbed 'FAB' Tuesdays – welcome alumni back to campus for breakfast, kinship and intriguing lectures. On May 13, hear from Richard Jarski, assistant professor of Health Science and director of the Complementary Medicine and Wellness Program.



Young Alumni Events

Join us this summer and fall. Start with a June wine tasting at Cranbrook Art Museum with tips from a wine connoisseur. In August, we'll host a Comedy Night featuring dinner at the Hockeytown Cafe followed by a comedy show at Second City. In October, we'll get to work on Make a Difference Day.

For more information on these events, contact Jamie Simek, (248) 370-3700 ext. 1113 or at ruark@oakland.edu. ●

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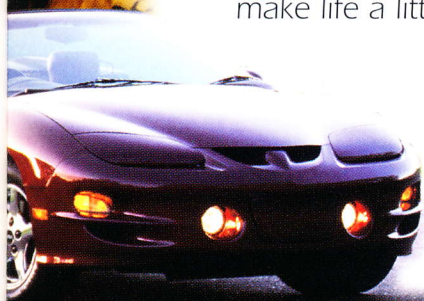


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CAS

College hosts Dickens Conference

In October, the College of Arts and Sciences hosted the Dickens Society of America Conference, an annual event bringing together Dickensians from Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain and the United States to celebrate the renowned author. The conference featured an exhibit of 19th-century photography organized by the Department of Art and Art History in Meadow Brook Art Gallery and a performance of Dickens' work by members of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.



Poet & essayist Thomas Lynch

English Department's Far Field awarded MCACA grant

The Far Field Retreat for Writers received a \$7,100 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs in support of its 2003 program. The retreat, led by **Mary Ann Samyn CAS '92**, is sponsored each year by the English Department and the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Program Fund in association with The Writer's Voice Project of the Detroit YMCA.

The 2003 Far Field roster of writers includes Thomas Lynch, the celebrated poet and essayist featured in the fall 2002 *OU Magazine*. OU awarded Lynch an honorary doctorate in Humanities in December 2001.

SBA



SBA Dean John C. Gardner, second from left, with a visiting delegation from southern Russia's Taganrog University.

International programs grow

The School of Business Administration soon will deliver its MBA program to students at the Beijing Institute of Technology in China. Designed by business faculty under the leadership of Dean John C. Gardner, the program will combine on-site faculty instruction and distance-learning education. Similar programs are in development in Moscow, India, France, Mexico and Korea.

Small business development center launched

Oakland University has become a Michigan Small Business Development Center site. A statewide network of regional offices and development centers provides services for small emerging and growing businesses.

One of only three sites in Oakland County, OU's center will be supported by School of Business Administration professors and will offer counseling, training, research and advocacy services. The goal: to help small businesses avoid the 80 percent failure rate typical of new ventures in the first five years and to assist existing businesses as they struggle to survive, grow and innovate in today's ever-changing marketplace. Classes are available at low or no cost. For a link to more information, visit the OU News & Info site at www.oakland.edu.

SECS

PhD in Mechanical Engineering now offered

The School of Engineering and Computer Science launched a PhD in mechanical engineering program in September. The new degree prepares students for careers in industrial or governmental research, work in development laboratories or in academics. Students will focus on acoustics, vibrations, classical/experimental mechanics and non-destructive testing; fluid and thermal energy systems involving phase change, combustion, and energy transfer and conversion; systems involving friction, lubrication and wear; and general manufacturing processes systems.

The new program furthers OU's goal to offer doctoral programs that strengthen undergraduate offerings and meet market demands. The degree also provides opportunities to build collaborative relationships with business and industry. For a link to more information on engineering graduate programs, visit the OU News & Info site at www.oakland.edu.

NSF grant encourages women in engineering

Six women researchers came to campus this year to inspire young female engineering students to pursue higher education. Speakers shared stories about all aspects of their careers, including educational curriculum, research interests and accomplishments, and the daily joys, challenges and satisfactions of being researchers.

Part of a 10-week summer institute, the program was supported by a multi-year grant from The National Science Foundation as part of a new "Research Experience for Undergraduates" initiative. Ishwar Sethi, professor and chair, Computer Science and Engineering, and Fatma Mili, associate professor, Computer Science and Engineering, are co-principal investigators.

"Research has shown that when computer science is perceived as mathematics, the field has attracted more women," Mili says. "But when the perception involves sitting in front of a computer screen for hours and hours, women are

less interested. We'd like to change that by attracting more female undergraduates and encourage them to consider going to graduate school."

SEHS

Wiggins to expand outreach efforts

Robert Wiggins, an elementary principal turned Ph.D. professor, will lead the charge to build relationships with local schools and human service agencies as SEHS' new associate dean. Wiggins assumes the mantle from retiring James Clatworthy, Ph.D.

A nine-year SEHS faculty member, Wiggins began his career teaching junior high school music classes on Long Island. He later taught elementary children and worked as an elementary school principal while working on his doctorate at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. At OU, he led

undergraduate courses in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership and served as Coordinator of Elementary Education.

"My goals are, first, to continue and enhance the strong,

positive relationships Jim Clatworthy established with local schools and human service agencies," he says. "This will be the starting point for even greater outreach. I am convinced that the future for SEHS involves moving beyond our campus to provide access and meet the needs of students in both a larger geographic region and through a variety of non-traditional formats."

SHS

School delivers cutting-edge wellness program

The School of Health Sciences introduced a new bachelor's degree program in fall 2002 in Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention (WHP). The WHP curriculum aims to produce broadly educated wellness generalists with additional expertise in a specific area of interest. The degree will buck the trend toward narrow specialization and will create well-rounded professionals with a thorough knowledge of healthy living.

Students choose one of six focus areas: general health enhancement, which targets psycho-social issues, including substance abuse, sexuality, and behavior; health promotion intervention strategies, with an emphasis on legislation, managed care and human resources; complementary medicine, exploring different healing traditions; injury prevention; exercise science; or pre-professional training in medicine or dentistry.

SON

School of Nursing earns re-accreditation

Oakland University's School of Nursing programs recently earned re-accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), for the maximum accreditation period of 10 years. This is OU's first accreditation by CCNE. Previously, the School of Nursing was accredited by the National League for Nursing.

"We are very proud to be accredited by the CCNE for the maximum accreditation time," said Teresa Thompson, assistant professor of nursing and chair of the accreditation committee. "Our faculty and staff are committed to creating the best learning environment for our students, and it's important to know our efforts are being recognized."

CCNE ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate education programs preparing effective nurses.

HC

Friday Forums keep debates alive

OU's Honors College Friday Forums continue to attract crowds each week, with subjects ranging from the art of Degas to poetry readings to stereotype-breaking insight from women of Islam. The forums typically share the experiences or research of Honors College students or professors. To see a list of upcoming Friday Forum lectures, visit OU's web calendar on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu.

This March, Anything Goes!

Pull out that dusty pair of tap shoes and brush up on your Cole Porter. Nearly 20 years after the first OU performance of *Anything Goes!* a new cast will perform this foot-stamping, heart-pounding Broadway musical in Varner's Studio Theatre.

A casting call is out for the alumni from that original production and for any alumni interested to see a special, pre-opening dress rehearsal, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 19.

Those attending will view a true dress rehearsal, with all its possible pitfalls, stops and director comments. Afterward, the cast may participate in a talk-back with the director and audience. The event will end with a reception outside the theatre.

Michael Gillespie will direct this year's production. James Wells is the musical director. Regular performances run from March 20 through March 30

Ticket prices for the reunion/fund raiser have yet to be set as details are being finalized. For more information, contact Jean Parker at (248) 370-2032.



CAREER / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1960s

Bettina C. (Phillips) Hagen CAS '64 is working as an editor for the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia.

Nancy (Rinke) Ozturk CAS '64 now manages Citlembik Ltd., a family owned publishing company. The company translates the works of young Turkish writers into English and publishes in-depth tourism books on Turkey.

Orrin P. Shoemaker CAS '67 recently retired after 32 years in public education. He now has a part-time job in law enforcement and enjoys woodworking.

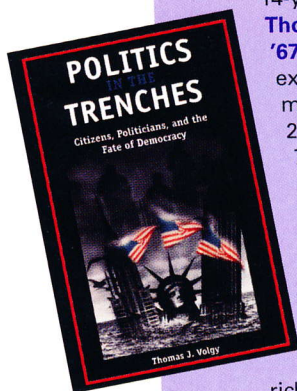
Ristina Wigg SEHS '68 is executive director of the Southern Tier Library System, which serves 50 public libraries in five counties in western New York.

Politics in the Trenches

A political science professor at the University of Arizona and a 14-year Tucson city official, **Thomas J. Volgy, PhD, CAS '67**, shares his hands-on experience as a council member and mayor in his 2001 book, *Politics in the Trenches: Citizens, Politicians and the Fate of Democracy*.

"Volgy's portrait of the citizen politician runs contrary to the often espoused vision of slick attorneys and rich developers dominating the political scene," says Arizona's *Sierra Vista Herald*. "Regardless of whether you are a political junkie or simply a person interested in good government, *Politics in the Trenches*, is a good, intelligent read."

Politics in the Trenches is available through the University of Arizona Press, www.uapress.arizona.edu. or (520) 621-1441.



1970s

Patricia Pace CAS '70 is personnel director for the Anderson County Library. She received her MA from the University of South Florida in 1992.

Reverend Elizabeth Zivanov CAS '71 recently became rector of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Gregory Farnum CAS '74, MA '78 was recently named partner of RYB Communications, continuing his 18-year career in business-to-business advertising.

Donald Beagle CAS '75 is director of Library Services at Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, N.C. His recent work includes "The Sociotechnical Networks of Scholarly Communications," which appeared in *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*, Johns Hopkins University Press, October 2001.

Sal Aragona, DDS, MAGD, CAS '76 has received the prestigious Master award from the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization that recognizes dentists who are committed to continuing their education at the highest level. Only 1,000 dentists nationwide have attained the Master's award. Aragona has maintained a low-volume, high-quality general dental practice in Clinton Township since 1980.

Robert Cairns SBA '76 has been promoted to director, North American Sales and Marketing for Radiall Automotive Division. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers as well as the Oakland County National Ski Patrol.

James Gillette MAT '76 is superintendent of Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills Public Schools.

Warren Keith Wright CAS '76 contributed editorial assistance, translations from the French, and a foreword to "May Sarton: Selected Letters 1955-1995," ed. Susan Sherman (W.W. Norton, April 2002).

Reverend Steven J. Agostino, S.J., CAS '77 was ordained a Jesuit priest in Detroit on June 12, 1993. He is director of Campus Ministry at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland.



Faith & Illness

As a medical social worker for more than 20 years, **Nancy Groves CAS '72** "spent many hours listening to people who shared their internal struggles and fears as they faced a serious illness." In 2002, Patient Press published her book, *Faith & Illness: Reflections on God's Sustaining Love* to "share their point of view."

David Hurst, pastoral care supervisor at William Beaumont Hospital, calls the book "uniquely well done, in style, sensitivity and understanding. Our staff members have found it decidedly useful in their ministry here."

Groves earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from OU and her MSW from Wayne State University.

Joseph A. Gardella Jr. CAS '77 was awarded the 2002 Jacob F. Schoellkopf Medal by the western New York section of the American Chemical Society (*Chemical & Engineering News*, Aug. 12, 2002) "for innovations in polymer surface science research" and for "professional contributions that have impacted the lives of many in the western New York community." Gardella is professor of chemistry and biomaterials and associate dean for external affairs at the State University of New York, Buffalo. He received the 1998 Outstanding Alumni Award from the OU Department of Chemistry.

Jeffrey G. Johnson, PhD, CAS '78 wrote an article, "Television Viewing and Risk for Aggressive Behavior During Adolescence and Early Adulthood," which was published in the March 29, 2002, issue of *Science*.

Rebecca Ezyk SON '79 is the principle adviser and CEO of Reliant Legal Nurse Consulting, Inc. as well as working part time in the Maternal/Infant and Women's Health Services at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Mich. She is a member of the National Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses and the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Dave Sheehan CAS '79 has put Mr. Video Productions LLP, his 10-year-old Montana video production company, on the market in order to relocate to Nevada and care for his father.

1980s

Beth Gotthelf CAS '80 was presented with an Award of Special Recognition at the 2002 National Association of Metal Finishers for her work as legal adviser of the Michigan Association of Metal Finishers over the past 10 years. This award recognizes invaluable service and support of the finishing industry.

Leslie (Keay) Steil SEHS '80 is the human resource director for the State Attorney's Office in Ft. Pierce, Fla. Prior to her appointment, she worked with crime victims and was executive director of Safe Space, a shelter for battered women.

Joyce Weiss MA '80 is a certified speaking professional. Her second book, *Take the Ride of Your Life! Shift Gears for More Balance, Growth & Joy*, was recently published.

Brian K. Cunningham CAS '82 will be inducted into the Chippewa Valley High School Sports Hall of Fame in October.

Thomas Morell SECS '82 is employed at Johnson Controls ASG in Holland, Mich.

Lisa L. Campbell CAS '84 was named marketing director of Farber Midwest in Rochester Hills.

Randall Lechlitner SECS '84 has accepted a lecturer position in the Division of Computing and Mathematics, Natural and Applied Sciences at the University of Houston, Clear Lake campus.

Cynthia Mandelbaum MA '84 is a member of the Board of Governors of the Michigan National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS). She is co-chair of the Michigan chapter's public relations committee.

Glenn Wolven CAS '87 is a registered nurse at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich. Wolven works in the emergency center.

Judith (DeVore) Hansen, BGS '88 is employed as a senior corporate human resources partner with Blue Care Network in Southfield where she has worked for the past eight years. She is married to Chris Hansen and the two have a 5-year old daughter, Marissa Christina.

Linda Bird CAS '89 is a clinical social worker in both a clinic and private practice. She also teaches in the master's program in social work at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Carol A. Friend BGS '89 has been elected partner to the Detroit-based law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn LLP. She specializes in Business Immigration Law.

Joanne Kolean-Chorney CAS '89 is employed as a clinical psychologist at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services and also owns a small private practice. Kolean-Chorney has two children – a daughter, Autumn Rain, born July 14, 2001, and nine-year-old Desmond.

Sammy Lumetta SECS '89 is employed at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Loraine, Ohio, and is married with two children.

David Wieme CAS '89 was named director of strategic communications at Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills, Mich.

1990s

Christina Fuoco CAS '90 is a full-time features reporter for the Oakland Press. She also is involved in free-lance work for *Rolling Stone* magazine and MTV.com.

John Edens SECS '91 is a product engineer in radio core and telematics at DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

Rose (Singletary) Stevenson CAS '91 has been in business for the past 14 years making hats and accessories that she ships to 22 states and the Bahamas.

Celeste Jeffries SEHS '92 is working as a legal administrator.

Seth Seidell CAS '92 is general counsel and chief operating officer at Human Capital, a professional employer organization. He specializes in employment and corporate law.

Prosecutor makes his case

Can you prove someone guilty of murder without a body?

Steve Kaplan CAS '75 did. An assistant prosecuting attorney for Macomb County, Kaplan tried Robert Pann for the 1991 murder of ex-girlfriend Bernice Gray in a landmark 2001 case and won – even though Gray's body has never been found.

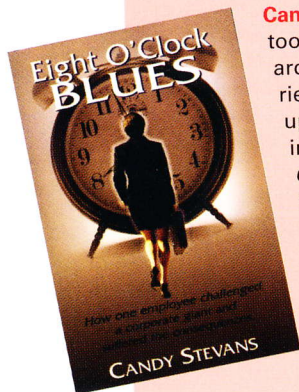
It's not the first time Kaplan, who works in the felony trials division, has set a precedent. In 1988, following a statute change, he successfully prosecuted the first husband charged with marital rape. A 16-year veteran of the Macomb County prosecutor's office, Kaplan has more than 40 homicide jury trials to his credit.

Kaplan attended OU because he "wanted a small university, and OU had an excellent reputation for academics," says Kaplan. He served on the University Congress in 1973 and wrote for the student newspaper.

He earned his law degree from MSU-Detroit College of Law. Kaplan lives with his wife Lisa and two daughters in West Bloomfield where he serves as an elected township official. He teaches future lawyers as an adjunct professor at the MSU-Detroit College of Law and continues to support OU as an active mentor, volunteer and former alumni board member.

By Cathleen Hagan

Eight O'Clock Blues



Candy Stevens (Anna Kutlich CAS '83)

took a bad situation and turned it around, basing a novel on her experiences as a secretary trying to move up the corporate ladder in the 1970s automotive industry. *Eight O'clock Blues: How One Employee Challenged a Corporate Giant and Suffered the Consequences* got high marks from *The Midwest Book Review*, which called it "a gripping, involving saga of a white-collar worker pitted against devious and endemic corporate mismanagement."

The book is available through Book One Publishing, P.O. Box 80781, Rochester, MI 48308-0781, Amazon.com, Ingram Book Company, Barnes and Noble, and Baker & Taylor.



David G. Horner MA '95 is associate professor of secondary education, English, at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa.

Melanie Campbell SBA '96 is a software consultant for Doeren Mayhew Information Technology in Troy, Mich.

Nanette Dadich CAS '96 passed the Michigan Bar Exam and is working as a contract employee at Ford Motor Company on the Firestone case.

Catherine E. Hodgson SBA '96 is an analyst in clinical system services at Provider HealthNet Services, Inc.

Rose (Detroyer) Mrosewske SON '96 has completed all the requirements needed and passed the annual examination to become an international board certified lactation consultant.

Michelle (Bauman) Olinger SEHS '96 has been a kindergarten teacher in Hemlock, Mich., for the past five years.

Jinho D. Park SHS '96 is human resource manager at Midsize Electric Motor Company in Chicago, Ill.

Cynthia M. Stephens CAS '96 is employed as a fine arts photographer.

Carrie Weber SEHS '96 completed her master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College in August 2002.

1990s continue

Rachel (Yank) Simpson CAS '92 received her Master of Humanities degree with an emphasis on historical preservation. She restores old buildings with the Colorado Historical Society's State Historical Fund.

Cheryl M. Sparks CAS '92 is the marketing manager for The Rouse Company's Towson Town Center in Towson, Maryland.

Lisa Woods SBA '92 is director of IT for BVT Systems, Inc.

Scott Berry CAS '93 is a filmmaker, activist, and teacher. In January 2000, he received a Master of Arts degree in media studies from The New School For Social Research in New York. He resides in Toronto where he is the Installations Coordinator at the Images Festival of Independent Film and Video.

Gino Palazzolo SECS '93 spent four months working at Ford Motor Company's new plant in Brazil.

Mark Skibowski SBA '93 is vice president of operations for Cadillac Coffee Company Headquarters in Madison Heights, Mich.

Ellen R. Zehnder CAS '93 earned her master's degree in Civil War Studies from American Military University in Manassas, Va.

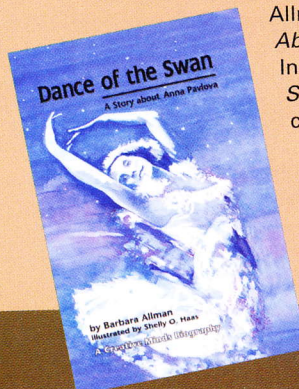
Jeff Kingzett MPA '94 was recently appointed to the position of Village Manager/Downtown Development Authority Director for the Village of Birch Run. He previously served as a consultant to businesses, non-profit organizations and government.

Ellen Rogowski MAT '94 earned national board certification as an early adolescence generalist from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She is an eighth-grade teacher at Madison Middle School in Pontiac, Mich.

Kristen Cacciapalle CAS '95 is owner of Treat Yourself Too, a gift basket company in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Dance of the Swan

As a young piano student, **Barbara Allman SEHS '72, MAT '78** became fascinated with the life stories of the composers whose beautiful music she learned to play. She read every composer's biography available but discovered none about women. Several years, two degrees and two careers later, Allman is filling that void.



Allman's latest work, *Dance of the Swan: A Story About Anna Pavlova*, targets middle-school readers. In 1996, she authored Clara Schumann: *Her Piano Sang*, a biography about the concert pianist and composer. Carolrhoda Books published both.

A free-lance writer specializing in educational materials and nonfiction for children, Allman has written more than 60 teacher resource books, student activity books and supplemental materials.



Brad W. Wood, L.C.S.W., SEHS '96 is employed at Valley Child Guidance Clinic as an intake supervisor and is responsible for emotionally disturbed children. He also is involved in opening a new clinic in Lancaster, Calif.

Karly Bialkowski SBA '97 is the human resource manager for Pepsi Bottling Group in western Pennsylvania and western New York.

Martha A. Cervenak CAS '97 is completing her third year of medical school at Tulane University. She plans to specialize in family practice.

Michael French CAS '97 has been promoted to account executive at Dearborn-based Exhibit Enterprises, Inc., a leading exhibit builder and event marketing company.

Charles J. Hitt II SBA '97 has relocated back to Michigan from San Francisco and is a senior staff manager in national owner relations for DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

Neil Maguire MBA '97 was named vice president of automotive operations for ProductFactory, the leading Web-based product development and program management software solution provider.

Julie Parks CAS '97 is working at Volkswagen of America in the customs department as a customs specialist.

Holly (Osterholm) Swanson CAS '97 has joined the Detroit office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., as an associate in the bankruptcy and workout practice group.

Susan Bowyer, PhD, CAS '98 has been promoted to senior bioscientific research investigator at Henry Ford Hospital. She also is an adjunct professor in the Oakland University Department of Physics.

Norene Cashen CAS '98 is a free-lance writer for Detroit's *Metro Times*. She also has had poetry published in *Dispatch Detroit* and the anthology, *Abandon Automobile: Detroit City Poetry 2001*, Wayne State University Press.

Kenneth Ehlen CAS '98 received the Extended Care Sales Representative of the Year Award for his work in the Extended Care Division of Tissue Management at HEALTHPOINT, Ltd. in 2001. Ehlen manages the accounts of seven long-term care pharmacies and

200 nursing home facilities where products are marketed directly to long-term care doctors, nurses and administration.

Kenny Olinge SHS '98 is safety director of J. Ranck Electric, Inc. in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Matthew Patterson CAS '98 earned a Master of Arts degree in history from Wayne State University in December 2001. He plans to begin law school in 2002.

Janell Richards CAS '98 earned a Master of Social Work degree from Wayne State University in June 2000. She is employed as a clinical therapist at a residential treatment facility.

Tracie Andrews CAS '99 is director of business development at Asterand, Inc.

Neena Colbert CAS '99 is the Southeast Michigan instructor for National City Bank.

Kimberly (LeRoy) DeAngelo SEHS '99 is a third-grade teacher in the Hilliard City School District. She also is attending the Ohio State University Graduate School for Education Policy and Leadership.

Elizabeth (Bowser) Francis SEHS '99 is a teacher at Blanche Sims Elementary School in the Lake Orion Community School District. She plans to pursue a master's degree in reading and language arts at Oakland University.

2000s

Lori Ballard CAS '00 is working for both *US Auto Scene* and *Tech Center News*.

Dennis A. Bashu MSME '00 is employed at Ford Motor Company, Automatic Transmission Engineering Operations, as group leader of CAD Dimensional Management.

Danielle (Richardson) Mangiapane SEHS '00 is a recruiter for Edcor in Pontiac, Mich. She was recently married.

Megan Tomczak CAS '00 recently co-authored a paper on nutrition and prostate cancer titled *Prostate Cancer: A Compendium of Information on Nutritional Research for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*. She also is pursuing an acting career and experienced her first speaking role in the independent feature film, *The Prime Time Kid*, directed by Monique Sorgen.



Sam Heikinen CAS '00 is now in his third year of teaching English at Changchun Institute of Technology in China. He is also the debate coach preparing his team for the International Asian English debates to take place in April. Sam is a proud graduate of the AOP program at Oakland and is writing a book about his Chinese experiences. To help with his homesickness, Sam found his favorite college haunt – a Popeye's – in Beijing. (See above).

Nicole Wheeler CAS '00 earned her master's degree in Social Work from Grand Valley State University in April 2002.

Kara Herber SHS '01 is a safety coordinator at ABB, Inc., in Auburn Hills.

Kendrick Sims CAS '01 is working in the field of Internet radio and Web design for ClassicalMusicDetroit.com and ClassicStars.net.

WEDDINGS

Cynthia (Kepler) Decker BSN '89, MSN '97 was married Aug. 24, 2001. She is employed as a nurse practitioner in Cardiovascular Surgery at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Susan (Tollafeld) Olep CAS '91 was married Oct. 13, 2001, and now resides in the Hudsonville area where she is employed at an oil corporation in the customer service department.

Rachel (Yank) Simpson CAS '92 married James Simpson in Aspen on June 30, 2001. The couple took an extended honeymoon to Thailand and Cambodia.

Kimberly (LeRoy) DeAngelo SEHS '99 married Dave DeAngelo on June 29, 2001, in Columbus, Ohio.

Elizabeth (Bowser) Francis SEHS '99 married Christopher Francis Oct. 13, 2001.

Dorothy J. Lutey SBA '99 married Guy Lotowicz Aug. 18, 2001, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Rochester.

Timothy J. Brown SEHS '00 married Kathleen White SEHS '00 March 16, 2002, in Grand Blanc, Mich. They are both employed as teachers in the Flint school district.

Joshua Nast SBA '00 married Lindsay Coats on April 27, 2002.

Kathy L. Nicholas MSN '00 married Brett Bashawaty Feb. 9, 2002, on the island of Turks and Caicos.



Meredith (Dale) Adams CAS '99 married James Michael Adams on Oct. 12, 2002. Their ceremony had a vintage theme, reminiscent of the 1920s and '30s. Meredith works as a documentation specialist at New World Systems in Troy, Mich.



BIRTHS

Kathy (Mihelich) Hendricks, SEHS '90, M.A. '98, and her husband **Tom Hendricks SEHS '90** announce the birth of their son Harrison Thomas Hendricks on June 16, 2002.

Heather (Koehler) Case SBA '93 and her husband Darton announce the birth of their daughter Taryn Koehler Case on May 21, 2002.

Gina Pattison SBA '93 recently celebrated the birth of a son, Hunter.

David Scillion SBA '94 and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of their daughter, Briana Mae, on Dec. 31, 2001. She joins her big brother, Carter.

Elizabeth (Wisley) Baeten CAS '95 and her husband Paul announce the birth of their son, Colin Patrick on April 3, 2001.

Aaron Carpenter SBA '97 and his wife, **Carol (Brown) Carpenter CAS '00**, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Drew Mitchell, on Jan. 28, 2002.

Kristine Einowski SEHS '99 announces the birth of her daughter, Dianna Reese Wilson, on Jan. 23, 2002.

Dennis A. Bashu MSME '00 and his wife Debra recently celebrated the birth of their son, Joshua Paul born Nov. 1, 2001. He joins his older brother, Anthony Alan.

DEATHS

Robert L. Douglas CAS '73 died April 19, 2002.

Catherine (Alexander) Gouvellis MAT '79 died April 29, 2002.

Karen S. Johanning SON '88 died Jan. 26, 2002.

Phyllis M. Meredith SON '83 died Feb. 11, 2002.

Renee Sawson CAS '99 died April 8, 2002.

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Inside a Varner Hall dressing room, acting student Patrick Butcher applies eyeliner before My-Ishia Cason-Brown's Music, Theatre and Dance Department performance as Gold in *Colored Girls*. Butcher and Cason-Brown are among the more than 1,500 OU students taking courses in the performing arts. The department's enrollment has nearly tripled since 1995. Each year, the faculty, students and guest artists present more than 50 performances. For links to more information on OU's Music, Theatre and Dance Department, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu. ♦



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