

Thank You, Everyone...

The university Board of Trustees has commended the Oakland community for its quick response to the fire in Dodge Hall.

Board members adopted the following resolution, which was signed by President Sandra Packard, on April 7:

"WHEREAS, fire broke out in Dodge Hall of Engineering during the late evening hours of Monday, March 14 and the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 15; and

"WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety evacuated the building, coordinated emergency response teams, and facilitated communication between the fire departments and university administrators; and

"WHEREAS, Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management supported fire fighters with information on hazardous materials components and worked with the insurance adjusters; and

"WHEREAS, Plant Engineering, Plant Maintenance and Heating Plant located utility shutoffs while the building was on fire, cleaned the building for the reopening and shut down and restarted utilities through the Central Heating Plant; and

"WHEREAS, the AFSCME Union rallied all members from many units within the union to assist with the clean up and worked throughout the night to clean the building for reopening; and

"WHEREAS, Laboratory Managers acted as resource people for the emergency response team and supplied information on the contents of the labs; and

"WHEREAS, faculty called in the alarm, held classes elsewhere and worked together to assess damage to research projects; and

"WHEREAS, the Deans and their staff of the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering and Computer Science coordinated communication to students and faculty about dislocations associated with the fire; and

"WHEREAS, the registrar relocated classes while the building was closed, clerical support staff normally assigned to Dodge Hall worked in alternate locations and notified staff and students of the building closing, and the telephone department relocated the switchboard; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, that Oakland University is grateful for the efforts of all individuals who participated in responding to the fire and resuming operations after the fire; and, be it further

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees and President Sandra Packard extend their sincere appreciation to all involved members of the university community for their professionalism, dedication and the commitment of many hours in response to this emergency situation; and, be it further

"RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be published in the *Oakland University News* to convey the appreciation of the Board of Trustees and the President to the university community."

Oakland Adds Donor Societies

Donor recognition societies have been expanded and standardized to offer more opportunities for individuals to support Oakland University academic and cultural programs.

The changes clarify and order the myriad names used on campus for gift recognition programs.

The new recognition policy, approved by the Board of Trustees on April 7, incorporates eight giving organizations into what are collectively known as the donor recognition societies. Membership may consist of individuals and families, corporations, foundations and other organizations that contribute to the university. Gifts include cash, noncash, matching gifts from employers, active pledge balances (on any five-year pledges) and irrevocable planned gifts.

The donor recognition societies are:

- **Founders Society** — A grouping for recognition purposes of donors with amounts to the university of \$1 million or higher.
- **Charter Society** — For donors whose contributions are at least \$500,000 but less than \$1 million.
- **Meadow Brook Society** — For donors whose contributions are at least \$250,000 but less than \$500,000.
- **Presidents' Council** — Recognition for donors whose contributions are at least \$100,000 but less than \$250,000.
- **Matilda R. Wilson Society** — For donors whose contributions range from \$50,000 to less than \$100,000.
- **Alfred G. Wilson Society** — For donors whose contributions range from \$25,000 to less than \$50,000.

• **President's Club** — Consists of individual donors who have made cumulative cash gifts to the university that total a minimum of \$15,000.

• **Heritage Society** — Recognition for individual donors who have created bequests, other revocable forms of gifts, and gifts of life insurance to the university.

Of these recognition groups, the Founders Society, Charter Society, Meadow Brook Society and Heritage Society are new categories.

In annual fund giving, inclusion in the following categories is based on renewable gifts. Recognition is not based on cumulative totals that carry over from year to year.

Annual fund giving categories are:

- **University Club**, for contributions of \$10,000 or more to \$24,999.
- **Oakland Club**, for contributions of \$5,000 to \$9,999.
- **Pioneers Club**, for donations of \$2,500 to \$4,999.
- **Ambassadors**, for gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499.

Donor recognition levels are managed by the Division of University Relations.

In addition, the board adopted a policy which clarifies a person's involvement (through "finder's fees") in securing gifts for the university. A finder's fee is defined as a payment to an individual who has motivated a donor to make a gift to Oakland University.

The policy states, "The university believes that finder's fees paid to attorneys, CPAs, or other paid advisers of a donor are an inherent conflict of interest. Payment from the univer-

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Top Soccer Teams Train on Campus

June promises to be an unusually busy month on campus, with worldwide attention directed at some special visitors.

Oakland University has been selected as a training site for the soccer teams from Sweden and the United States that will compete

in the World Cup Championship. Their games will be played at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Additional details about the university's role in the World Cup events will be announced.▼



Stepping Aside

The University Senate honored Jane Eberwein, professor of English, with a surprise gift as she stepped down from the secretarial duties. Except for two years while on sabbatical, Eberwein has recorded the Senate business faithfully since 1980. She plans to stay in the Senate.

President Elected to National ACE Executive Committee

President Sandra Packard has been elected to a three-year term on the American Council on Education-Council of Fellows Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee provides annual programs for the ongoing professional development of both current and former ACE fellows. Other activities include general support for the ACE agenda, assistance in the recruitment of prospective fellows, and provision of monetary support for the fellows program derived from an annual fund campaign.

The Executive Committee consists of 34 appointed members and three *ex-officio* members from across the United States.▼

Allen Named Outstanding AP

The respect of colleagues from across the campus has earned Virginia Allen the title of Outstanding Administrative-Professional for this year.

Allen, assistant vice president for academic affairs, and director of academic services and general studies, will receive the award at a 2:30 p.m. April 27 reception in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. The university community is invited.

The award recipient has been with Oakland University since 1989. She has been instrumental in providing guidance to the staffs of such programs as the Academic Opportunity Program, Academic Services and General Studies, community college relations and student success.

Her work has also included support of expanded advising programs for evening and commuter students, increasing access to student services offices for evening students, and involvement in the Black Faculty and Staff Advocacy Support Network, the Advising Steering Committee, the Operation Graduation committee and the Women's Task Force. She has also been involved in the campus chapter of ACE-NIP, which supports the advancement of women in their chosen careers, and the Women of Oakland University.

Through her many endeavors, Allen has earned praise for not only participating in campus activities, but taking on leadership roles. As one nominee wrote, "This type of involvement demonstrates that she is genuinely concerned about the operations within those groups. In addition to all of this, she also serves as a mentor for two students."

SBA Obtains Reaccreditation; Panel Adds Accounting

Undergraduate and graduate programs in the School of Business Administration have been reaccredited by the prestigious American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

In addition, the AACSB granted the business school's accounting program its initial accreditation. Both actions were approved by the AACSB at its annual meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The meeting was attended by more than 800 business school deans, faculty members and others from colleges and universities around the world, plus corporate representatives.

Oakland's business program is one of six in Michigan and one of 303 schools nationally to receive AACSB professional accreditation. Dean George Stevens said the program in accounting is now one of only three in Michigan accredited by the AACSB and one of only 112 nationally.

Approximately 1,200 colleges and universities in the United States offer undergraduate business programs, but only 284 are accredited by AACSB. Of the more than 600 master's programs, 282 are AACSB accredited.

President Sandra Packard said the AACSB decisions place the SBA "in very exclusive company, and the accreditation of the business programs speaks highly of the quality of the business school."

To achieve accreditation, a business school must meet quality standards related to curriculum, faculty resources, admissions, degree requirements, library and computer facilities, financial resources and intellectual climate.

During the accreditation process, business school deans, accounting educators and corporate representatives with detailed knowledge of management education visited Oakland.

"To achieve and maintain such accreditation reflects positively upon our central administration as well, because accreditation cannot be obtained without the administration's full support and comment," Stevens added.

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Others who nominated Allen offered such supporting comments as:

• "Extraordinary" is truly a fitting description for Virginia Allen in describing her efforts and accomplishments in support of our institutional mission."

• "Virginia is consistently exhibiting her prowess in a number of areas: her work with professional advisers; the admissions staff; and with virtually all areas of academic affairs."

• "Her biggest fault is that she doesn't know the word 'no.'"

Allen credits the support of her family in her success. Her husband Chris is executive vice president of Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. The couple's daughter, Ayanna, will graduate this winter from the University of

Michigan with a degree in English, and their son Christopher will graduate this year from the University of Detroit High School.

Before coming to Oakland, Allen worked at what was then known as Mercy College of Detroit, and previous to that was an administrator in the Detroit schools.

Allen holds a bachelor's degree in English from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, a master's in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University, and a doctorate from WSU in higher education administration.▼



Allen

Scott Barns: Making His Mark in the Outside Community

Scott Barns knows politics from the inside out.

It's not in his capacity within the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs that he has learned the ropes — well, maybe a few — but from his outside interests in the Democratic Party. He has served as campaign manager for his mother Justine, who is a six-term representative in the state House from Westland. He spends much of his personal time on helping political strategies come to life by advising candidates. Barns is also involved in party politics as a precinct delegate in Rochester and as a state delegate to the state convention.

"I enjoy politics, but I don't want to be the candidate myself," he says. "You can have a lot of influence by working behind the scenes and get your foot in the door."

At Oakland, Barns holds an administrative position. He monitors faculty hiring for various reports, sees that individuals fall within correct salary ranges when hired or promoted, and maintains the data on the student-faculty ratio.

He trained for his current position at Eastern Michigan University where he worked for two years in personnel. He has a bachelor's degree in urban development from Michigan State, and a master's in public administration from Oakland.



Barns

"I'm really impressed with the faculty at Oakland," Barns says. "They are really dedicated people, and that makes me feel good about working at Oakland."

Barns is also active in the community through his work chairing the Personnel Committee of HAVEN, a shelter for abused women and children. The seven-member committee also includes fellow Oakland employees Catherine Rush, director of equal opportunity, and Pam Marin, director of continuing education.

"It's a great experience. I have interaction with people from many areas, and I can hear

how they're doing things that also affect my job at Oakland."

The work with HAVEN comes naturally. While growing up in Westland, his parents started a crisis-intervention center for children, and then later his mother founded the First Step shelter.

In the past, Barns has also served the university community through appointments to AP Association and Assembly committees, and he held elective AP office.

Why get involved in so many community activities? "I think it's important for people to get involved," he says.

(This is the first in a regular series of 'Out of the Ordinary' people on campus. We'll introduce you to new faculty and staff members, as well as to those who you might not know as well as you thought. Call 370-4344 with your suggestions.)

Of Distinction ...

Items about professional activities or honors from anyone within the university community may be sent to the Publications Department, 109 NFH. Items run as space permits. Persons with E-mail capabilities are encouraged to send their items to: jacksonj@vela.acs.oakland.edu

At a conference on *After Coleman Young: Detroit in Transition*, Karl Gregory, business administration, presented a paper on a strategy for Detroit to promote small businesses. The conference was held at Michigan State University. In attendance were Mayor Dennis Archer and about 40 persons in his top cabinet positions. Gregory was also a guest of Governor John Engler at a breakfast at the Renaissance Center for foreign economic and financial ministers who gathered in Detroit for the G-7 economic summit meetings attended by President Clinton.

Norman Tepley, physics, chaired the annual meeting of the North American Biomagnetism Action Group. The event was sponsored by the Department of Physics and the Henry Ford Health Sciences Center Neuromagnetism Laboratory. The conference was held at the Atheneum Hotel in Detroit.

Margaret Pigott, rhetoric, communications and journalism, presented *Finding Shakespeare in 'Much Ado About Nothing,' 'As You Like It,' 'The Merchant of Venice' and 'Macbeth'* for the Enigma of Genius lecture series that is held in cooperation with Continuing Education and the Birmingham Community Center. She also presented a paper, *Why Madison Avenue Moved to Mayfair*, for the communications division of the Michigan Academy in Lansing. The occasion was the 100th anniversary celebration of the academy. Pigott participated in a work-

shop on current research in composition and presented a paper, *Perspectivism: Using Burke's 'Grammar of Motives' as Course Design* at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Nashville, Tennessee. She was a panelist and chair for a session, *Lessons from the Past: Women and Composition*, at the same conference. At Western Michigan University, she chaired a session, *Chaucer II*, for the International Congress on Medieval Studies.

James Dow, sociology and anthropology, has been selected to serve on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Latin American Anthropology*.

Thaddeus Grudzien, biological sciences, was featured in the April 11 *Discovery* section of *The Detroit News*. The article focused on a research project to determine the evolutionary relationships of the recently discovered, underwater calling leopard frog, *Rana subaquavocalis* (Platz, 1993). This research project is supported by an Oakland University Faculty Research Fellowship.

Cathleen Breidenbach, rhetoric, communications and journalism, received a fellowship to attend the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Nashville, Tennessee. HarperCollins Publishers selects fellowship winners on the basis of essays.

Ron Rapin and Joanne Wagerson, modern languages and literatures, received a grant from the University Teaching and Learning Committee to purchase *Zarabanda*, an interactive series of video disks to teach Spanish. The program consists of a plot line that helps students learn Spanish as they interact with characters in the story.

Seán Farrell Moran, history, has published

a book, *Patrick Pearse and the Politics of Redemption: The Mind of the Easter Rising, 1916*. The publisher is Catholic University of America Press.

Donald Morse, English, chaired the 15th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts that is held each year in Florida. He also presented a paper, *Some Unique Characteristics of Irish Fantasy*, introduced guest scholar James Flannery, director of the Abbey Theatre, and participated in the semiannual IAFA Board of Directors meeting. He was elected to the IAFA Roundtable. Morse's scholarly essay, *The Meaning of Time in Auden's 'For the Time Being'*, was published in Hungary in translation.

Morse and Csilla Bertha, scholar-in-residence in Oakland's Department of English, and Istvan Palffy, professor of English at the University of Miskolc, Hungary, edited *A Small Nation's Contribution to the World: Essays on Anglo-Irish Literature and Language*. It consists of selected papers from the first conference on Irish studies held behind the former Iron Curtain. Morse gave the conference keynote address, *Starting from the Earth, Starting from the Stars: The Fantastic in Samuel Beckett's Plays and James Joyce's 'Ulysses.'* Bertha contributed *The Harmony of Reality and Fantasy: The Fantastic in Irish Drama*. Together they wrote the introduction. The work is published by Lajos Kossuth University Press in Hungary, and Colin Smythe in Great Britain. The volume is one of the first joint publishing efforts between Hungarian and Western academic presses.

Barbara Hamilton, rhetoric, communications and journalism, created a roundtable discussion for the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Nashville, Tennessee. The discussion focused on *The Part-Time Pipeline in the Metro Detroit Area*.

Can Writing Program Administrators/Chairs Facilitate Change? The roundtable involved writing program directors from universities in Southeastern Michigan. She spoke on *The WPA as Facilitator of Change*. Jeanie Robertson of the department chaired this session. Hamilton will be a featured speaker at the Business Advisory Services Conference at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy in May. She will speak on *Breaking Down the Barriers to Good Writing*.

Kevin Murphy, economics, published *Estimating Reservation Wages of Employed Workers Using a Stochastic Frontier* in the April issue of *Southern Economic Journal*. He also presented *What Effect Does Uncertainty Have on the Length of Labor Contracts?* at the annual meeting of the Midwest Economics Association in Chicago.

Ronald Sudol, rhetoric, communications and journalism, has been appointed a consultant on writing assessment by the Michigan Department of Education. He will serve as a liaison between the department and school districts and the test contractor, American College Testing. Sudol conducted training sessions on writing assessment at L'Anse Creuse High School, Genesee Intermediate School District, Bedford Junior High School and Allen Park High School. He traveled to the University of Kansas where he conducted, under auspices of the College Board, a training session for teachers of advanced placement courses in English.

Alice Horning, rhetoric, communications and journalism, chaired a discussion session at the American Association for Applied Linguistics, held in Baltimore.

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Scholarships

Roy Johnson Scholarship Program

The Michigan Commission for the Blind seeks applicants for the 17th annual Roy Johnson Scholarship Program, which provides funds to blind students pursuing a graduate degree.

Scholarships typically range from \$250 to \$1,000. Details are available in the Office of Graduate Study and from the Michigan Commission for the Blind at (517) 373-2062. Applications must be submitted by June 25.

Nominations

Harry S Truman Scholarship

Students planning a career in government service are eligible for the Harry S Truman Scholarship Program, which awards up to a maximum of \$30,000.

These scholarships are awarded to college seniors to pay for the final undergraduate year and graduate school work. Faculty members in history, political science and modern languages in particular should note promising sophomores for nomination. The university may nominate up to three students. For details, call Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College, at 370-4450.

Distinguished Alumni Service Award

Nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumni Service Award are being accepted until May 13.

Nominees must be alumni who have contributed exceptional service to the university, or who have taken on a special project that has advanced the university.

The Alumni Association is also looking for nominees for three new alumni awards: the

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, the Spirit Award and the Odyssey Award. All awards will be presented at a special Alumni Awards Banquet at this year's homecoming on October 1.

To nominate, send a brief statement outlining the person's activities to the Alumni Relations Office, John Dodge House. For details, call 370-2158.

OAAA Board of Directors

If you know of someone who would like to serve on the Oakland University Alumni Association Board of Directors, forward the person's name to the alumni office by May 13.

Nominees should be alumni with leadership experience of some kind, especially in fund raising, public relations, banking or investments, special events planning, business planning, and marketing or volunteer management. Board members are required to chair a standing committee and serve a two-year renewable term. The full board meets quarterly; committee meetings are held as necessary. Call 370-2158 for details.

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, 370 SFH, provides details about the following external sources of funding. Call 370-3222.

National Endowment for the Arts

The NEA supports efforts to preserve and strengthen folk arts through exhibits, recordings and celebrations. July 1 deadline for letters of intent.

National Science Foundation

The NSF supports research in cultural and

physical anthropology and in archaeology. July 1 deadline.

National Cancer Institute

The institute seeks applications for grants to create new breast cancer education programs for physicians, other health professionals and the lay community. The project period can be up to three years. May 2 deadline for letters of intent and June 16 for applications.

Office of Community Services

Applicants are needed to improve the lives of low-income youngsters through sports skill instruction, counseling in good health practices and antidrug and anti-alcohol abuse. May 9 deadline.

Administration for Children and Families

The ACF will fund research on child abuse, improvement of procedures for dealing with child-abuse cases, and demonstration or service projects for prevention and treatment of child abuse. Priorities include filed-initiated research on causes, prevention, identification and treatment; cultural distinctions of child abuse and neglect; appropriate, effective and culturally sensitive investigative, administrative and judicial procedures to deal with child abuse; and graduate research and medical research fellowships in child abuse and neglect to encourage students to pursue careers involving research on critical issues. May 31 deadline.

Jobs

Information about job openings is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling the Job Hotline at 370-4500.

• Secretary II, C-5, School of Nursing

- Program counselor/coordinator, AP-6, Upward Bound
- Manager, AP-8, Voucher Audit
- Administrative assistant (part-time), AP-3, CIPO
- Senior systems analyst, AP-11, Office of Computer and Information Services
- Director for governmental and public relations, miscellaneous, Office of the Board of Trustees
- Associate vice president for enrollment management (director of admissions and scholarships), miscellaneous, Division of Academic Affairs
- Director, AP-16, Office of Institutional Research and Assessment
- Custodian I, AFSCME, Campus Facilities and Operations
- Admissions recruiter, AP-6, Office of Admissions and Scholarships

Reaching Us

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Quote

"There is no witness so terrible — no accuser so powerful as conscience which dwells within us."

— Sophocles

Bits & Pieces

Research Now Protected

A new Michigan law now in effect aims to protect information shared by private companies with public university researchers. The Confidential Research Information Act protects confidential information, trade secrets and financial data that companies provide. In the past, such information was subject to Freedom of Information requests, since the university is a public institution. Before, Michigan public institutions were at a competitive disadvantage with private institutions and out-of-state institutions seeking research work. For details, call Susan Gerrits, acting general counsel and assistant general counsel II, at 370-3110.

OU Helps Spread the Word

The university has been selected as one of 30 institutions to participate in *Spreading the Word*, a program sponsored by the American Council on Education. The *Spreading the Word Program* is funded by a \$350,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to ACE. The purpose is to improve second-language acquisition programs in higher education. Nathan Longan, modern languages and literatures, is project leader at Oakland. He and Seigo Nakao of the department and David Downing, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, attended the national unveiling of the program in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Learn About Grad Programs

Students interested in learning more about graduate programs are invited to the free Graduate Study Open House from 4-8 p.m. May 18. Faculty and staff members will be on hand to answer questions. Information will be available about the King/Chavez/Parks Scholarship-Fellowship Program. The open house will be in Oakland Center Gold Rooms A-C. Call 370-3168 for details.

Lose Weight with Friends

A new session of the Weight Watchers at Work program begins May 5 and lasts through the spring and summer. Registration is April 26, and the group meets at noon Thursdays in 171 SFH.

Want to See 'Miss Saigon'?

Block tickets are now available for this fall's production of *Miss Saigon* at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Seats are available for the matinees November 6, 13 and 20, and the evening performances November 27 and December 4 and 11. Tickets are \$55 (not discounted) for main floor and \$16 (regularly \$25) for the seventh through ninth rows of the balcony. Tickets are available from Pat Nicosia in the Budget Office, 104 NFH. Send a check payable to him, specifying the number of seats, the date you prefer and the price category. The blocks are due to close on June 6. For additional information, call him at 375-0419 evenings and weekends.

Celebration of Cultures

The Oakland University International Students Organization is helping organize a Celebration of Cultures program in West Bloomfield on May 15. Call 656-8976 for details.

Offices Make Switch

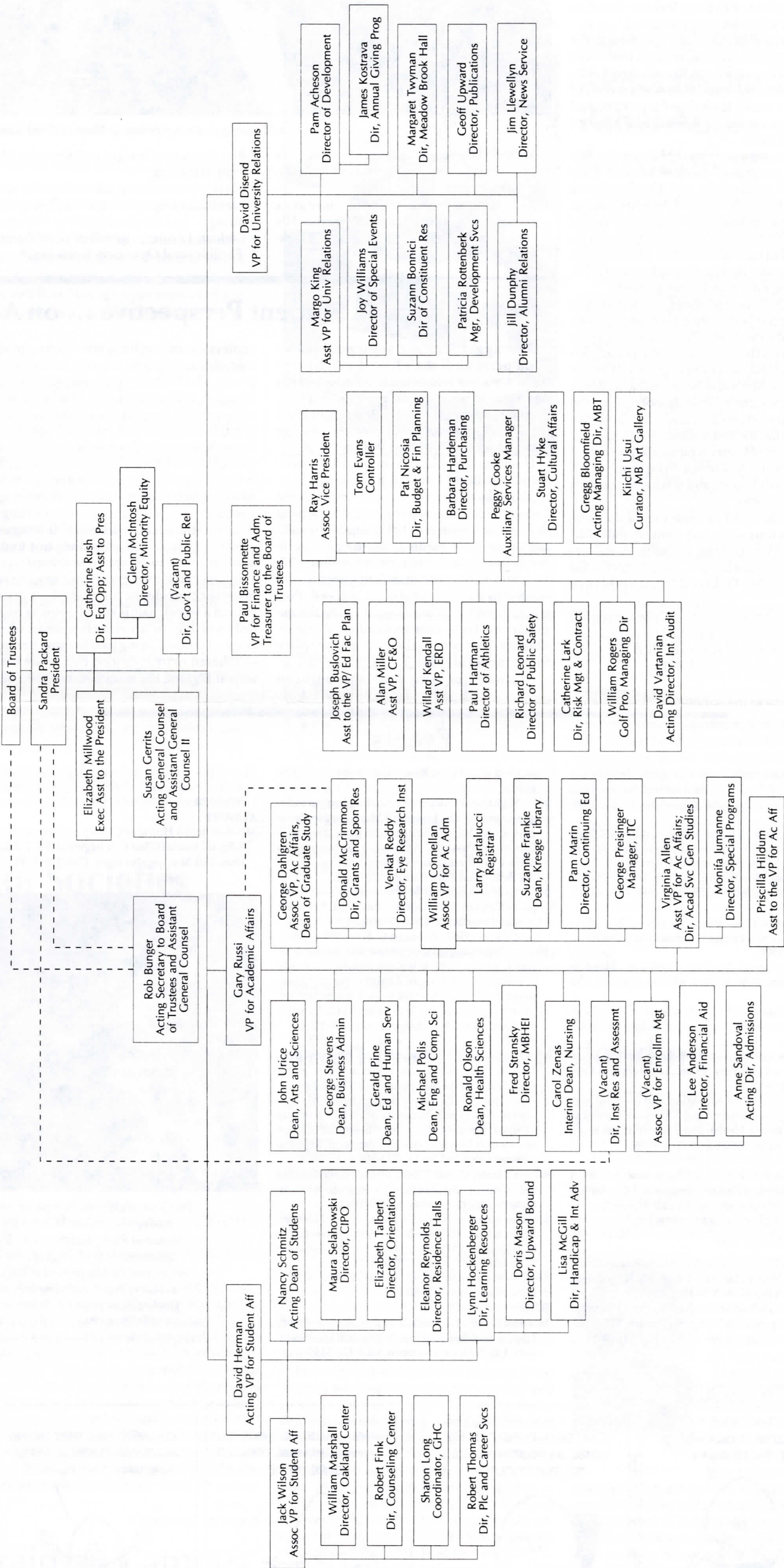
The Office of Financial Aid Accounting and Voucher Audit have swapped offices in North Foundation Hall to provide greater administrative efficiency, due to reporting lines.

Two Receive Promotions

Lisa McGill, assistant director of administrative services in the Residence Halls, has been promoted to director of the Office of Handicapped and International Advising (formerly Office of Special Programs). Jean Carter, who had been acting director of that office, has been promoted to Associate Director of the Academic Skills Center.

University Reorganization Announced

The chart below reveals the realignment of offices within each division, as announced by President Sandra Packard.



It's Time to Say Farewell to Five

Things were quite a bit different when Jane Mosher came to campus.

Essentially, there were a handful of buildings and the cultural enterprises were still a dream. Now, after selling umpteen thousand Meadow Brook Theatre subscriptions, Mosher is retiring this month from Meadow Brook as its director of community relations.

In the history of Oakland University, the beginning of time is recorded from 1959 when the first classes were held. Equally significant, however, were the mid-1960s when visions of an outdoor music festival and a professional theatre began to take shape. Mosher came on full time in 1964.

"My first assignment was to launch the subscription program," Mosher recalls. That worked out successfully, and Meadow Brook was born. Through the years, Mosher has also worked with the festival to develop its base of support. She estimates her office has been instrumental in raising more than \$5 million for the theatre and festival through group sales, fund raising efforts and other projects.

Through all the endeavors, the bottom line for Mosher has been lasting relationships with donors and subscribers. Programs such as the Luncheon on the Aisle have built a steady following, and this month's program will be the 17th annual. She's also been pivotal in developing the Director's Circle support group, the Spotlight juried arts and crafts fair, and various other theatre and festival programs.

One success Mosher is particularly proud of is the Student Audience Program, which brings school children and teachers to campus to see live theatre.

"I came on board because I knew the community at a time when not many on staff did," she says. Before coming to Oakland, she was active in the Junior League, the Children's Aid Society and the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic.

This summer she plans to advise the festival women's committee, then in the fall start up with new volunteer ventures. "I'd like to do absolutely nothing," she laughs.



Jane Mosher, a career in developing Meadow Brook Theatre

Mosher is not the only one leaving this month. Some other familiar faces will be missing from campus.

- David Bixby is leaving the Bookcenter as its manager after three decades of service. His replacement, Denise McGee, is a 1979 Oakland graduate.

- Ron Maierle of budget and financial planning is retiring.
- Beverly Darrenkamp, administrative secretary in the Department of Psychology is retiring.
- Ludean Looney, custodian II, of Campus Facilities and Operation is retiring.▼

A Student Perspective ... on Acceptance

A young girl. Ridiculed and teased by childhood peers until she's forced to retreat to tears. A teacher intercedes and simply says it is not polite to point out differences, that each person has their own distinguishing characteristics. The girl is left alone, cursing herself, her parents and God for being the way she is.

Hardly noticeable, this young girl is a survivor of cerebral palsy which challenged her health at birth, leaving a speech impediment and slight deafness as its only victory. Defying doctor's predictions of being unable to walk, talk or function hardly at all, the girl has indeed passed a series of tests in her young life thus far. With understanding parents who longed to see their first born succeed, they encouraged her at home — teaching the importance of both academics and social responsibilities. They provided a warm and safe place for this angel to hide.

At school, for many years, she fought an

endless war of laughter, put-downs and ridicule. Becoming cold towards her own peer group, she looked up to the older kids in school as well as instructors who enjoyed her company and treated her quietness with respect. Self-esteem and self-confidence rode beneath the ocean floor as this girl became a young lady. She longed to be mute, to save her from any humiliation at all, and yet she had so much on her mind, so many ideas she longed to express. Why do people act so strangely around differences, disabilities? Is it because they're so unnatural or do they not understand or refuse to accept these things?

It has been my sad experience to witness so many such incidents: for example, a gentleman in a wheelchair is stared down as he has only one leg, or an elderly woman who is laughed at about being bald because her head was shaved to treat cancer. People are cruel, why? If Bigfoot, the mammoths or even dino-

Writers Can Get Professional Tips at CE Seminar

A seminar to help the careers of all aspiring writers is coming to campus on June 4.

The Business of Writing: How to Win Over Agents, Editors and Audiences is sponsored by Continuing Education and Detroit Women Writers. It will be held from 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Stuart Dybek, award-winning author of fiction, nonfiction and poetry, will speak at lunch on *You Don't Have to be in New York to Succeed*. Dybek holds a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Also speaking will be a New York literary agent, Michigan playwright Kitty Dubin, *Detroit Free Press Magazine* editor Brian Dickerson and others. Tuition is \$130. Call 370-3120 for information and to register. The registration deadline is May 26.▼

Events

Persons with disabilities who need special assistance to attend any of the events listed should call the sponsoring unit, or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 370-3496.

APRIL

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. 370-3140.

Through May 15 — Exhibition, *Student Art Exhibition*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Free. Hours vary. 370-3005.

Through May 15 — Play, *Broadway Bound*, at Meadow Brook Theatre. Times vary. Admission. Call 370-3300.

22 — Luncheon on the Aisle, 11:30 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. RSVP by April 12. 370-3316.

23 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Grand Valley State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

24 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Saginaw Valley State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

26 — Just for Women education and exercise program begins Tuesday and Thursday classes at Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, 9:30-11:45 a.m. Admission. 370-3198.

MAY

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

3 — TIAA-CREF retirement counselor, by appointment. Sponsored by Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483.

7 — Saturday Fun for Kids Series with singers Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

7 — Men's baseball doubleheader with Hillsdale College, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

8 — Mother's Day dinner at Meadow Brook Hall,

noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Reservations required. 370-4577.

11 — Nightingale Awards for Nursing banquet with guest speaker Dr. Joycelyn Elders, surgeon general of the United States, 6:30 p.m., Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Admission. Sponsored by School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors and the Beaumont Foundation. 370-4081.

16 — Golf scramble to benefit women's athletics, Katke-Cousins Golf Course. Admission. 370-3190.

18 — Graduate Study Open House, 4-8 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms A-C. Free. 370-3168.

20-22 — International Unmanned Robotics Competition, all day, field at Walton and Adams roads. Sponsored by School of Engineering and Computer Science, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems and the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command. Free to spectators. 370-2212.

JUNE

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

4 — Seminar, *The Business of Writing: How to Win Over Agents, Editors and Audiences*, 8:15-4:15 p.m., on campus. Sponsored by Continuing Education and Detroit Women Writers. Admission. Registration required by May 26. 370-3120.

6-7 — Gehringer Golf Classic, all day, Katke-Cousins Golf Course and Meadow Brook Hall. Reservations required. Admission. 370-3140.

10-12 — Meadow Brook Landscaping and Garden Show, all day, Meadow Brook Hall. Sponsored by MBH and the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association. Admission. 370-3140.

18-19 — Meadow Brook Art Gallery Art Fair. Admission. Hours vary. 370-3005.

JULY

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

11 — 18th annual Alumni Association Golf Outing, Katke-Cousins Golf Course, all day. Admission. 370-2158.

AUGUST

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Poet Joan Murray reads from her works during the annual Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading, which was sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of English. The author of four books came to campus for the lecture series which honors the memory of Professor Maurice Brown, who taught at Oakland from 1961 until his death in 1985.

saur were suddenly found among us upon the Earth, what would we do? Probably capture and eventually kill and dissect these creatures in our fear of abnormal.

The young girl I described above is none other than myself. I have been the subject of many such misunderstandings as well as the recipient of many strange looks and disgusted faces. I say this not for sympathy, but rather in an attempt to simply say that different is not necessarily wrong or even bad. It's exactly that. Different. On the inside, we, as fellow beings, hold the same tissue, same cells, same emotions and same desires. Although people will continue to walk a destructive path, I can only hope that a few, if a mere one, will attempt to understand all people — regardless of race, handicap, religion, sexual preference or other factors which may encourage discrimination.

Although this passage refers to difference in opinion, I would certainly suggest it applies in these situations as well: "If men would consider not so much wherein they differ, as wherein they agree, there would be far less of uncharitableness and angry feeling in the world." — Joseph Addison

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Accreditation

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The AACSB, with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, is a nonprofit organization consisting of more than 800 educational organizations and corporations. Its mission is excellence in management education in colleges and universities. It is the primary accrediting agency and service organization for U.S. business schools.

Stevens pointed out the difference between regional accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and accreditation by the AACSB is that the North Central accreditation is made to the university, and the professional accreditation by the AACSB is made to the business school itself only after intensive examination.

Stevens said employers tend to look favorably upon graduates of AACSB-accredited institutions, and faculty members also benefit from sources of information and grant opportunities that would not be open to nonmembers.

In addition to the work by Stevens and Associate Dean John Tower, a key role in the accreditation process was played by Eileen Peacock of the accounting program.▼

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