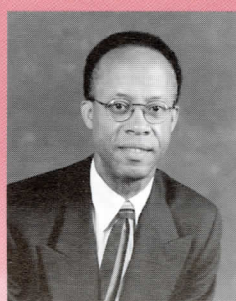


# inside OAKLAND

A newsletter for Oakland University colleagues

## Cooper: A trailblazer

OU alumnus to keynote King awards banquet



Robert Cooper

Robert Cooper, CAS '73, OU trustee and president of Ameritech of Michigan, will be the keynote speaker at Oakland University's Eighth Annual

Keeper of the Dream Awards Banquet February 23.

The highly successful fundraising event, titled *A Proud Past, A Dynamic Future*, honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and supports Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards for OU students. Students receive the award for demonstrating strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and promoting interracial understanding. OU President Gary D. Russi hosts the event, which is

sponsored by the Office of Equity. It draws about 800 business and community leaders, and OU faculty, staff and students.

"The Keeper of the Dream banquet shows that Oakland and its supporters are committed to Dr. King's vision," says Glenn McIntosh, director, Office of Equity and Advising Resource Center and director of the event. "It is a vision in which people of all backgrounds work to understand and value each other and unite to build a better nation."

The banquet culminates OU's observation of African-American Celebration Month. Kevin Early, associate professor, Sociology, and founder of the event, will again serve as master of ceremonies. The program also calls for Merrideth Perry Moore, retention coordinator, Office of Equity, to sing *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*. Russi and



McIntosh will give the awards to nine students. David Doyle, chair, Board of Trustees, will introduce Cooper.

Cooper started out at Michigan Bell as a telephone installer in 1973 and, within a year, he was promoted to management. He has held many positions in the network and distribution services organizations. In 1993, he moved to Chicago to become the vice president of human resources for Ameritech Cellular. Cooper was named to his current position in April 1996. As a role model, he strives to be a trailblazer. He urges others

not to accept the myth that they cannot achieve excellence. Cooper also serves as a director on the boards of several prominent Detroit organizations.

**Doors open at 6 p.m. for the Keeper of the Dream Awards Banquet at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion on OU's campus. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75. Call 4909 for more information.**

## Oakland University's African-American Celebration Month

Oakland University marks African-American Celebration Month through February 23, exploring the richness of other cultures with educational and social activities open to the public. The committee of the celebration, *Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas*, includes co-chairs Ivy Horn and Arden Sargeant; Catarina Barajas, Felecia Bumpus, Chanda George, Carol Halsted, Karen Lloyd, Jean Ann Miller, Merrideth Perry Moore, Brian Murphy, Chaunda Scott, Geri Thomas and Deborah Wicks.



## Celebrating the African Influence in the Americas

**Christy S. Matthews, president & CEO of Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, will speak on February 21.**

**February 10**  
A Comparison of Reactions to the Charge of Racism

Noon-1 p.m.  
Gold Rooms A & B, OC

**February 11**  
Friday Night Live: Comedians Michael, Jr. and Retta

7 p.m.  
Vandenberg Dining Center

Ms. Excel Pageant

8-11 p.m.  
Gold Rooms, OC

**February 14**  
Male/Female Conference

6-8 p.m.  
Rooms 126-127, OC

The Dating & Mating Game 2000: Interracial Dating

8 p.m.  
Hamlin Lounge, Hamlin Hall

**February 15**  
Commemorating Our Heritage: History Game Show

8 p.m.  
Gold Rooms B & C, OC

**February 16**  
Art of the Harlem Renaissance In the 1920s

4-5 p.m.  
Room 124, Wilson Hall

Celebrating the African Influence on Drum, Dance, and Greek Step Movements: A Historical Perspective

7-10 p.m.  
Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall

**February 21**  
AACM KEYNOTE SPEAKER Christy Matthews, president and executive director of The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

2 p.m.  
Meadow Brook Theatre

**February 22**  
Tuesday Comedy at 7:38 Comedienne Leighann Lord

7:38 p.m.  
Pioneer Court, OC

**February 23**  
Keeper of the Dream Banquet

6:30-9 p.m.  
Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion

**March 9**  
Speaker: Cornell West Reception and book signing

4 p.m., Varner Recital Hall 5-6 p.m.

**March 21**  
Speaker: Darlene Clark Hine

noon-1:30 p.m.  
Oakland Room, OC



# Car trouble?

## New patrol truck can help

If you're on campus and you've got a problem with your vehicle, OU has a new truck that can come to your rescue quicker than towing services. And the price is right — service from the EMVAT, or Emergency Motor

Vehicle Assistance Truck, is free. The OU Police Department (OUPD) recently acquired a 1999 GMC four-wheel-drive pickup truck to meet the need on campus for jump starts, help changing flat tires and a little gas for empty tanks. Cadets drive the golden Grizzmobile, as it's nicknamed, around campus to deter crime and to help students, faculty, staff and visitors.

"The EMVAT is part of our continuing effort to make the campus safe and provide more services to the OU community," says OUPD director Dick Leonard. "The extra patrol vehicle reassures the OU community members so that they feel safer." Cadets patrolling in the truck are also available to escort students or staff to their cars in the evening. "We recommend that people on campus walk with somebody in the evening, but if nobody else is available, the cadets are glad to help," says OUPD

Lieutenant Mel Gilroy. EMVAT service is for anyone on campus; users do not have to show campus identification. The truck also saves steps for cadets and provides them practical experience as they pursue careers in law enforcement. About eight cadets work in paid positions for the OUPD each semester, acting as extra eyes and ears. Sergeant Allen Steele Jr. and Officer Early Alexander supervise the cadets.

For EMVAT help daily, noon-midnight, September through April, call 3331 or get the attention of the cadets on patrol.



Cadet Tom Innes, left, and officer Early Alexander with the EMVAT.

### CRIME PREVENTION TIP

A common parking lot crime is stealing items from vehicles' front or back seats. Custom stereos, cellular phones, radar detectors and sports equipment are usual targets. Remember to conceal your possessions by putting them in your trunk before you get to campus.



## employee of the MONTH

JANUARY 2000

EMPLOYEE: Deshan Chang DEPARTMENT: Office of Training and User Support  
TITLE: PC Maintenance Coordinator LENGTH OF SERVICE: 10 Years

### COMMENTS:

"Dr. Chang successfully graduated with his doctorate from the School of Engineering and Computer Science and has continued on with OU ever since. He is a very competent, knowledgeable and a most considerate technician — always helpful and willing to accommodate anyone anytime without a second thought. Dr. Chang is known for his friendliness and loyalty to the department and to the university. He goes above and beyond his work requirements and is very deserving of this award."

# State gives OU green light for new education building

Oakland will proceed with plans to construct a \$31.5-million building for its School of Education and Human Services with funds from the capital outlay budget recently approved by the Michigan Legislature and governor. There is no timetable yet for the project, says Rochelle Black, director, OU's Office of Government Relations. "The legislature and the

governor developed a system for fiscal year 2000-2001 to fund building projects for state universities and colleges," Black says. "We appreciate their commitment to providing the funds necessary for us to accommodate our growth and support our School of Education and Human Services with this new building."

## campus REGISTRY of distinction

**Sheldon Gordon**, Biological Sciences, presented an invited talk entitled *Cytoskeletal Regulation of Corneal Endothelial Cell Migration and Growth on the Natural Basement Membrane*, at the Fourth World Congress on Advances in Oncology and Second International Symposium on Molecular Medicine in Athens, Greece. His paper was cited as one of the best at the meeting and earned an award for outstanding achievement. **Frances Jackson**, School of Nursing, and colleague Stephanie Schim will have an article published in the May 2000 issue of *Journal of Nursing Administration*. It is about the first phase of the hospice research they conducted. **James Javorsky**, Human

Development and Child Studies, and his colleagues announce the publication of the following articles: *Comparison of Students Classified as LD Who Petitioned for or Fulfilled the College Foreign Language Requirement*, *Students Classified as LD and the College Foreign Language Requirement*, and *A Quantitative Analysis, Journal of Learning Disabilities*, 1999. Javorsky also wrote several other articles accepted for publication in publications such as the *Journal of Special Education Leadership* and *The Modern Language Journal*. **Donald Morse**, professor emeritus, English and Rhetoric, received an honorary doctorate from Kossuth University in Hungary, where he was a Fulbright Professor of American Studies. By securing several grants and donations, Morse greatly increased the size of the American Studies library. He also chaired the Kossuth Department of English and initiated Irish Studies there.

**Dale Nesbary**, Political Science, made two presentations last November at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of criminology (ASC). He presented his paper *Criminal Justice Administration and Research: The Impact of the World Wide Web*, and discussed a listserv he developed for the ASC Division on People of Color and Crime. **Philip Singer**, School of Health Sciences, has had three of his video documentaries accepted for presentation at the conference "History, Culture and Society in the African Diaspora" to be held in Cuba in July. The conference is sponsored by the Association of Black Anthropologists. The three documentaries are: *The African Diaspora in Detroit*, *The Haitians, the Healers, and the Anthropologist* and *Santeria*. **Jeff Vande Zande**, Academic Skills Center, had two poems nominated for the 1999 Pushcart Prize.

### new faces

- Frances Ring, Design Engineer, SECS
- Ann Ruppenthal, Media Relations Assistant, Communications & Marketing
- Michele St. Denis, Assistant Manager, Student Accounts
- Daniel Schmidlin, Design Engineer, SECS
- Bradley Semp, Design Engineer, SECS
- Shirley Spruill, Coordinator, GEAR UP, Learning Resources
- Michelle Stiles, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, Athletics
- Barbara Street, Office Assistant II, Development Services
- Annie Williams, Clerk Receptionist II, SECS
- Taeko Yokoyama, Social Science Research Assistant, Office of Institutional Research



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### DEADLINES

Submit items for publication no later than the 10th of the month before publication



# The 2000 OU Update:

'The future could not be brighter'

OU's future looks as full of growth as its recent past. In his annual Oakland University Update January

Read President Russi's address at <http://www.oakland.edu/russi.htm>

13, President Gary Russi presented the university's efforts toward achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan, highlighting the successes of 1995-1999. He also mentioned many likely projects, including these:

- Expansion of Honors College programs, including a residence hall
- Initiation of a study of ways to change and improve the General Education curriculum and incorporate ongoing assessments
- Construction of a hotel and conference center, on-campus apartments and a living and administrative center for international students
- Development of more internships in Oakland County to capitalize more effectively on its resources
- Expansion of technology-related courses
- Incorporation of a redesigned Master of Business Administration program and the establishment of business administration programs in China.

Russi also said that beginning next fall, the School of Engineering and Computer Science will launch new engineering degree programs at the Macomb University



President Russi at the annual Oakland University update praised the OU community for its hard work.

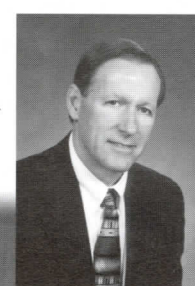
Center. Oakland will be the sole provider of engineering programs at this site. Here are excerpts from Russi's address:

- "The future could not be brighter as we look ahead to continued student and campus growth, academic program enhancements, technology advances, new partnerships with business and industry and sound fiscal times.
- "Oakland has kept pace with its record-setting

enrollment growth by investing in capital improvements — new buildings, laboratories, common areas and office space — to meet the needs of its growing population and programs."

- "As you know, our Strategic Plan was adopted in 1995. Since that

class than ever before — a testament to our outstanding faculty, strong academic support services, and inspiring and challenging course selection."



Gary Russi

- "We will continue our commitment to diversity both in terms of our student body and our workforce. In 1998, the number of women we

employ increased to more than 54 percent, and minority employees increased to more than 20 percent. Oakland will strive to improve on this in the years to come."

- "In the next year, you will see a move to redefine research at Oakland University — specifically, what it means to conduct research; and support, promote and enrich it."
- "Since 1995,

Oakland has introduced more than 25 academic degree programs and specializations and added 114 full-time faculty in our classrooms. The entering grade-point average and average ACT scores for first-year students rose slightly over the past five years during a period of 11-percent growth in enrollment. OU continues to maintain a student-to-faculty ratio of 19-to-1."

## bits and PIECES



Priscilla Fan  
Art Director



### C & M publications win awards

The Department of Communications and Marketing has won two awards for design in the IABC (International Association of Business Communicators) District 7 Silver Quill competition. The two winning

pieces, which both received awards of merit, are *Matilda Wilson's Personal Guidebook to Meadow Brook Hall*, the first publication of the OU Press, and the 1999 Admissions Recruiting Package, which

includes a viewbook, application, campus visit brochure and other material. Graphic Designer Dawn Stewart and Art Director Priscilla Fan designed the publications. Other contributors are Campus

Photographer Dennis Collins; Sheila Carpenter, office assistant III; former employees Debbie Patrick and Ted Coutilish; and several Admissions and Meadow Brook Hall staff members. The D-7 Silver Quill Award competition is open to business communicators in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.



Dawn Stewart  
Graphic Designer



### Dance team places eighth in national competition

The Oakland University dance team, Images, placed eighth in the Universal Dance Association/Universal Cheer



Images rehearses before leaving for the national competition.

Association College National Championships in Orlando, Florida, in January. The eighth place finish came in the first-ever Division I dance and cheer competition in which Oakland has competed.

Teri Bossi, Oakland's dance team coach, said it is unusual for a team competing in its first national competition to finish in the top 10.

### Editors introduce new journal

A new publication featuring articles, reviews and literary productions by members of the Oakland University community will be introduced to the campus February 18, 3-5 p.m., in Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge. The *Oakland Journal* will provide

intellectually stimulating reading and will help build community spirit, says editor Geoff Brieger, professor, Department of Chemistry. Brian Murphy, Honors College director, and

Sherman Folland, associate professor, Economics, are associate editors. The journal, distributed free to faculty and staff, is published twice a year, in spring and summer. Students may also have a free copy by requesting one from Brieger. Check out

the journal at <http://www.sba.oakland.edu/oaklandjournal/>.

Contact Brieger at 2325 or [gbrieger@oakland.edu](mailto:gbrieger@oakland.edu) for further information.

### Barnes exhibit opens at MBAG

Meadow Brook Art Gallery now offers a peek at a major enhancement of the university's art collection. Carl and Anna Barnes are donating 259 fine prints and 314 related research volumes to OU. Seventy-two of those prints make up the MBAG exhibit, *Personal Favorites: Fine Prints from the Collection of Carl F. Barnes Jr. and Anna M. Barnes*, which runs through April 2. Carl has been a professor of art history and archeology in the

College of Arts and Sciences since 1971. He is beginning a phased retirement. Anna, Carl's wife, was a special instructor in Spanish and Italian at Oakland for 20 years. Their donation includes works created between 1512 and 1997 by artists such as Jacques Callot, Albrecht Durer and William Hogarth.

The Barneses' latest gift follows their establishment of a \$250,000 endowment made in memory of Carl's brother, Ward V. Barnes, to provide



Carl and Anna Barnes and President Russi with prints from the collection.

scholarships to Oakland art history majors. "The Barneses' generosity shows how dedicated faculty can enrich the lives of students and the Oakland community long after they leave the university," says OU President Gary D. Russi. "We are grateful for their support."



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WAY OF LIFE

Want to live to be 100?

What's your New Year's resolution this year? To stick to a better diet? Quit smoking? Sure, they sound like good ideas, but maybe you'll have better success sticking to these goals if you know what it means in the long run.

How does a 100th birthday sound?

"Life expectancy in the last century, from the year 1900 to 2000, increased dramatically from 47 years to 76 years," says Fred Stransky, director, OU's Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute. "And half of all the people who have ever lived to the age of 65 are alive today."

The reason? For the most

part, it's due to medical breakthroughs in eliminating infectious diseases, such as pneumonia and tuberculosis. But moving American

society even further, perhaps even toward a life expectancy of 100 years, will depend

more on lifestyle choices. Resolving to quit tobacco products is a good start. The next step is to minimize the amount of caffeine and alcohol you consume. While evidence suggests an occasional glass of wine can help your heart, the institute recommends that you steer clear most of the time.

Aerobic exercise is vital to your vitality. Not only will it help the effort for longevity, it keeps your weight down and makes you feel great.

Cholesterol levels are difficult to monitor, but with the right nutritional choices, you should be able to keep yours around 170 or maintain a cholesterol/HDL ratio no higher than 3.4.

Another strategy? Watch for diets claiming to lower

cholesterol. Make no mistake, fad diets can jeopardize your health. Evidence clearly states that maintaining a low-fat diet and limiting your intake of animal products will help keep you healthy.

Finally, stress management is crucial. Stress can affect your health by inducing behavior that actually creates disease. Join an educational or stress management program and just watch the impact on your general health.

That's the plan. No tobacco, less caffeine and alcohol, more exercise, a low cholesterol level and better stress management. These are the simple keys to better health and maybe even a birthday cake with 100 candles.

For more information, call the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute at (248) 370-3198.

calendar of  
EVENTS

February

8-13  
Comic Opera: *The Gondoliers* VAR Recital Hall

9-March 5  
Play, *All My Sons* MBT

12  
Casino Night Gold Rooms, OC  
8 p.m.

Psychic and Hypnotist Night Heritage Room, OC  
8 p.m.

17  
Basketball vs. IUPUI SRAC  
Women's 5:15 p.m.  
Men's 7:35 p.m.

19  
Underground Coffeehouse Heritage Room, OC  
8 p.m.

20  
Pontiac Oakland Symphony VAR Recital Hall  
The David Daniels Young Artists Concert 3 p.m.

21  
Presentation: Hormones and Cancer  
Virinder Moudgil 128 OC  
Noon

Lecture: A Walk through the Old City of Jerusalem,  
Bonnie Abiko MBAG, 4 p.m.

Basketball vs. Western Illinois SRAC  
Women's 5:15 p.m.  
Men's 7:35 p.m.

24  
Basketball vs. UMKC SRAC  
Women's 5:15 p.m.  
Men's 7:35 p.m.

26  
Basketball vs. Oral Roberts SRAC  
Women's 4:30 p.m.  
Men's 7 p.m.

March  
Women's History Month

8  
Honors College Life Seminar 112 VBH  
Fiki Shillor, Mathematics noon

14  
Lecture: *Cambodia: A Resurrection* 112 VBH  
Ronald Rapin noon



Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD) presents *Lettie Alston and Friends: A New Era ... Back to the Future on February 19, 8 p.m., in Varner Recital Hall*. This annual Professional Artist Series concert features an eclectic mix of music, with premiere compositions by Professor Emeritus Stanley Hollingsworth and Lettie Beckon Alston (above, front row, third from left), associate professor, MTD. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and OU employees and \$6 for students. Call Varner Box Office at 3013 for reservations.

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Master plan task force seeks opinions

The task force that is developing a campus master plan began meeting in February with campus groups to get feedback on *Master Planning Principles*, the first of many draft documents that will be produced for review. The master plan, for the present through the year 2020, will define the location and scope of proposed developments on campus. Additional opportunities for conveying opinions on the plan will be available as the task force's work continues. *Master Planning Principles* will also be discussed in an open forum, probably in April.

Nominate a woman leader

Do you know a woman leader who has demonstrated commitment to the advancement of women on campus? If so, the OU affiliate of the American Council on Education Network would like your nomination for the Phyllis Law Googasian Award. Please send nominations by February 18 to Elaine Didier, 300A Kresge Library. Forms are available in Didier's office. The winner will be honored at an April 13 luncheon.

University announces closing/emergency procedures

Emergency Closing and Early Release of Employees Procedures

Cancellation of classes means the university has made a decision to cancel classes for a given period of time. However, university offices would normally continue to operate and staff would normally continue to work regular shifts.

Emergency closing means an unanticipated official closing of the university. Scheduled classes are cancelled.

All university offices are closed and university operations cease — although specific exceptions may be authorized as directed by appropriate university officials.

Early release means permission is granted to employees to leave work before their regular quitting time without loss of pay when emergency or hazardous conditions exist.

Early Release of Employees Procedure

The decision to authorize a campuswide early release of employees will be made, after

consultation with the university president, by the vice president for Finance and Administration, who will inform the other vice presidents.

Emergency Closing Policy

When an emergency closing is declared prior to the start of classes for the day, all university offices will be closed unless the president notifies the vice presidents that administrative offices are to be kept open.

During Scheduled Class Periods (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.)

If a weather emergency or some other emergency condition seriously affecting the ability of students to attend classes arises during the class day, the university may cancel classes but keep offices open.

In such a case, employees are to maintain their regular work schedules.

University faculty and staff members may not cancel classes or close offices independently. All decisions are made at the vice presidential level.

Sources of Information for Students and Employees Regarding Cancellation of Classes and/or University Closing

A. Telephone extension 2000

1. A tape-recorded message will be carried on the system. Incoming callers will either receive the taped message or a busy signal. The system can handle 52 calls at one time. Callers who get a busy signal must redial the number to access the message.
2. There will always be a tape-recorded message at this extension. If the message simply provides normal university operating hours, either the university is operating as usual or the Telecommunications Department has not yet been notified about a change.
- B. Listen to radio station WJR, WWJ or WXYT, or view TV channel 2, 4 or 7.
- C. Please do not telephone the Police Department or switchboard. The OU Police Dispatchers are expected to be

available to receive communications of an emergency nature and to stay in communication with patrol vehicles.

Emergency Closing Procedure

Emergency closings generally occur when the university is unable to function because of utility failure, inability to clear campus roadways and parking lots because of excess snowfall, and when a snow emergency is declared by the State Police.

Cancellation of Classes on Saturday

The regular Monday through Friday procedures will be followed as closely as possible when serious adverse conditions require canceling Saturday classes.

Dissemination of Decision to Cancel Classes

OU Police will call the State Police LEIN Network, and OU Telecommunications will add the information to the recorded message on extension 2000.