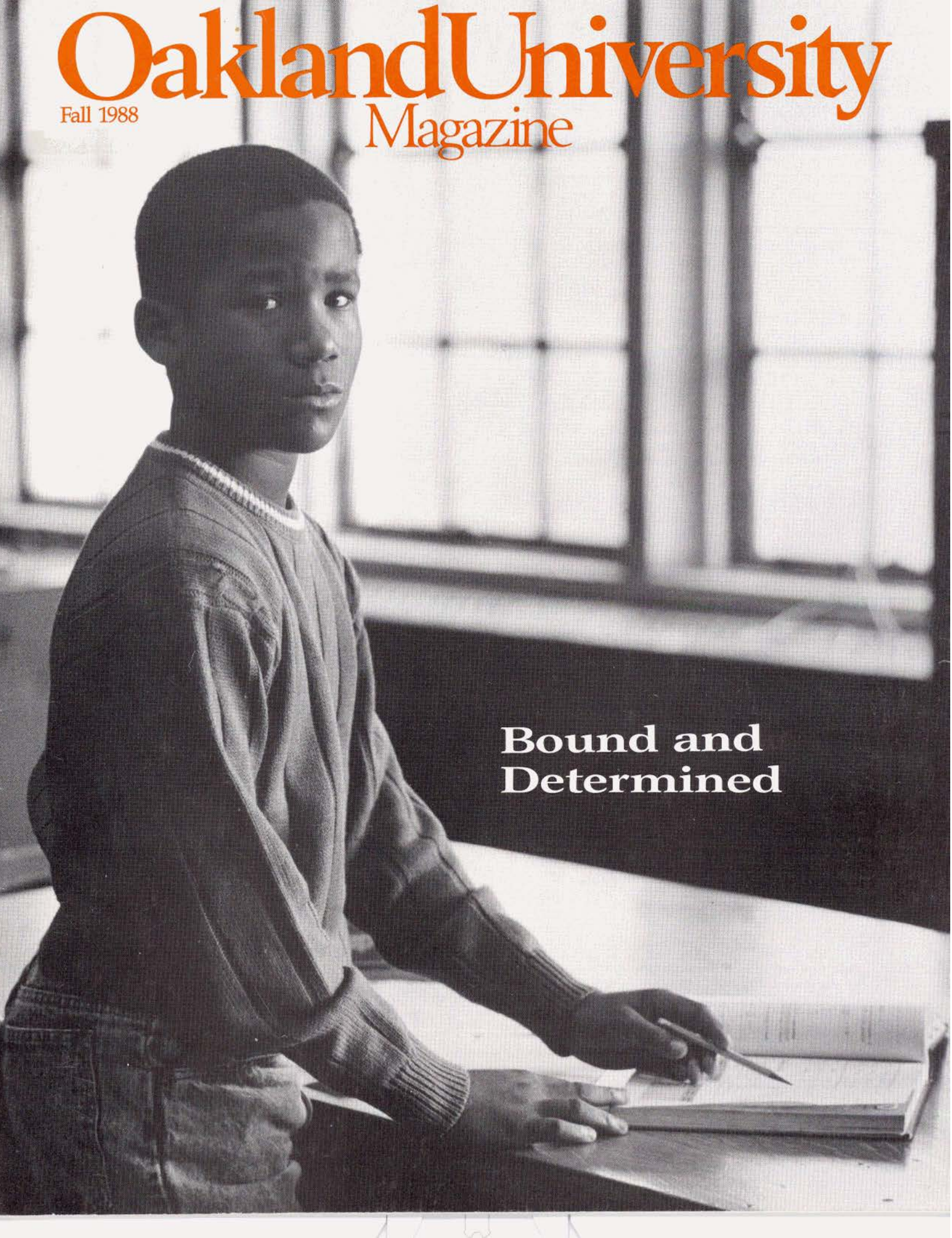


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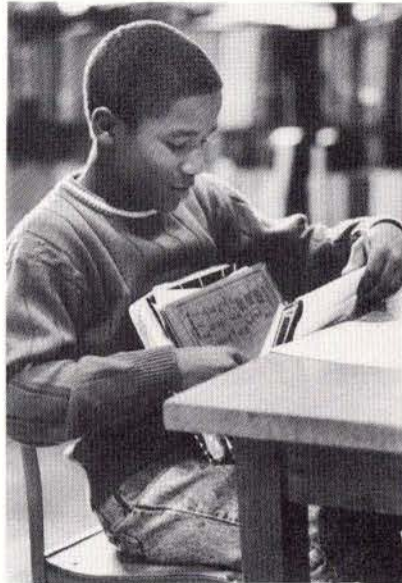


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Our readers write

Societal drop-out or downwardly mobile?

When I attended Oakland University in 1971, one of my very fine sociology professors—Jesse Pitts—delighted in referring to OU as “the Oberlin of the Midwest.” Years later, I had the privilege of living outside Cleveland and seeing Oberlin College firsthand. It was then that I truly understood Professor Pitts’ sarcasm.

Your article extolling the virtues of societal drop-out Max Rice (Summer 1988) reminded me of Pitts’ label. In the early ’70s, most of us were inclined to question the system. I think, however, that your magazine does little to raise the image of an otherwise fine university when it promotes a drop-out lifestyle in 1988. (Ironically, the article appeared in the same issue that reported the School of Business Administration receiving nationally prized accreditation.)

Perhaps my judgmental attitude toward Rice is too harsh. He may be a high quality father, husband and friend. He is not, however, the kind of role model that today’s young people generally accept. The societal cost of supporting a generation of drop-outs is contributing to the bankruptcy of this country. It’s time that OU shed its “Oberlin of the Midwest” image and focus attention on preparing today’s youth for tomorrow’s challenges.

Steve Wagg ('72)
Birmingham, Michigan

Many thanks for the article on me and my family in the latest OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE. I appreciate the sensitive and sympathetic manner in which it was done. Of course I am not objective, but I think articles like that broaden the interest range of the magazine, and I hope you do more on “downwardly mobile” alumni.

Maxim K. Rice ('64)
Comer, Georgia



Photos of poet reinforce negative

I recently received the summer 1988 issue of OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE and I feel that it is necessary to relate my surprise at the cigarette conspicuously displayed on the front cover.

It appears that Oakland University is condoning and advertising cigarette smoking. Of three pictures of Mr. Lynch inside the issue, another prominently displays a cigarette as he sits at his typewriter. Certainly the effect of either of these pictures would not have been lost without the cigarette.

If Mr. Lynch smokes, that is his right; but in this time of controversy over the dangers of secondary smoke, active legislation to prohibit smoking in various public areas (including classrooms and teachers’ lounges) and individual company efforts to develop smoking policies in the workplace, the OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE cover prominently displaying a man—or any man or woman—smoking a cigarette appears to make a statement that all this is of no consequence to the intellectual community.

I know, at least I think I do, that Oakland University, as a respected center of higher learning, published this overlooking the prominently displayed cigarette. It is a lot to ask, but schools have always been required to strive to be “one cut above.” Youth patterns its behavior after society’s role models. We should not include what society has defined as an undesirable habit as a part of what is viewed as chic—or worse yet as intellectual.

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Composer Harris

Making way for maestro

Baton in hand, William Harris faced the musicians and launched into a stirring performance of his composition, "Waking in Winter," based on three poems by Sylvia Plath.

For the Houston, Texas, sophomore, conducting the Pontiac-Oakland Symphony Orchestra last March in the first full-orchestra performance of his own composition was a thrill.

But Stanley Hollingsworth, Oakland's composer-in-residence, predicts Harris will encounter many such moments in the years to come. "We knew when we saw Bill's work that he had great potential," Hollingsworth said. "Many young composers show a wonderful flair for imitation. Bill has his own direction and is finding his own voice."

Harris' composition also was performed at fall commencement (by Hollingsworth), where he received the university's Distinguished Achievement Award for outstanding scholarly work by an undergraduate.

Harris came to Oakland upon the recommendation of former Oakland student Paul Kirby, now a conductor at Iowa State University. Harris gained extensive experience as a conductor—including work with music professors at Rice University—even before his high school graduation.

Rochester ('87) and doctoral candidate Dorrie Housel of Clarkston.

Coon also has collaborated with Barbara Cramer ('85) on the first three editions of the Heath "English" series, originally published by the American Book Company in 1972.

—James D. Llewellyn, News Service

Witt named dean of engineering

Howard Witt, an Oakland engineering professor since 1967, has been named dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science. The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved his appointment July 25.

Witt had served as interim dean since the resignation of Robert M. Desmond, who recently returned to the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Provost Keith R. Kleckner said Witt's strengths include his solid academic credentials and extensive administrative experience. "He has served the university well in a variety of roles over the years," Kleckner said. "He will make a fine dean."

Witt holds a doctorate from Cornell University, a master's degree from Princeton University and a baccalaureate from the University of Toronto. He has served as a consultant to Westinghouse Electric and other corporations, and is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Tau Beta Pi and the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Bingham to help award annual Newbery Medal

An Oakland education professor will have a voice in selecting the most distinguished book for children published in the United States during 1988.

Jane M. Bingham has been named a member of the Newbery Award Committee, which selects a work to receive the annual Newbery Medal.

In 1981, Bingham served on the Caldecott Medal Committee, which annually chooses the best picture book for children. The Newbery and Caldecott medals are among the highest honors for children's literature; winners include enduring classics and are usually guaranteed shelf space in schools and libraries throughout the country.

Selection to either committee is an honor given only to those who have distinguished themselves in children's literature. It is unusual for an individual to be chosen to serve on both committees.

Classic reading, spelling texts have Oakland touch

They are best-selling authors, but you won't find them on the autograph circuit or on the television talk shows. The target market for Oakland University education professors W. Dorsey Hammond, Ronald L. Cramer and George E. Coon is the K-12 population from coast to coast.

While other authors spin out mysteries or romantic fare for adults, these professors concentrate on textbooks that help youngsters learn how to spell, compose and read. To date, their sales run into the millions of copies.

"It's gratifying to find that national publishing houses are willing to risk millions of dollars to publish programs we have developed," said Coon, chair of the Depart-

ment of Reading and Language Arts. "Every day from coast to coast, elementary school teachers and children are using textbooks that reflect the efforts and philosophy of Oakland faculty and alumni."

Cramer and Hammond first produced the Scott Foresman Spelling Series for grades 1-8 in 1976. The series is now in its third printing with more than 25 million sold. Cramer then went on to become senior author of Foresman's American Heritage reading series, while Hammond has added to his credits the title of senior author of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich's reading series. Contributors to that series include Coon, also a series consultant, and Geraldine Palmer, coordinator of school services.

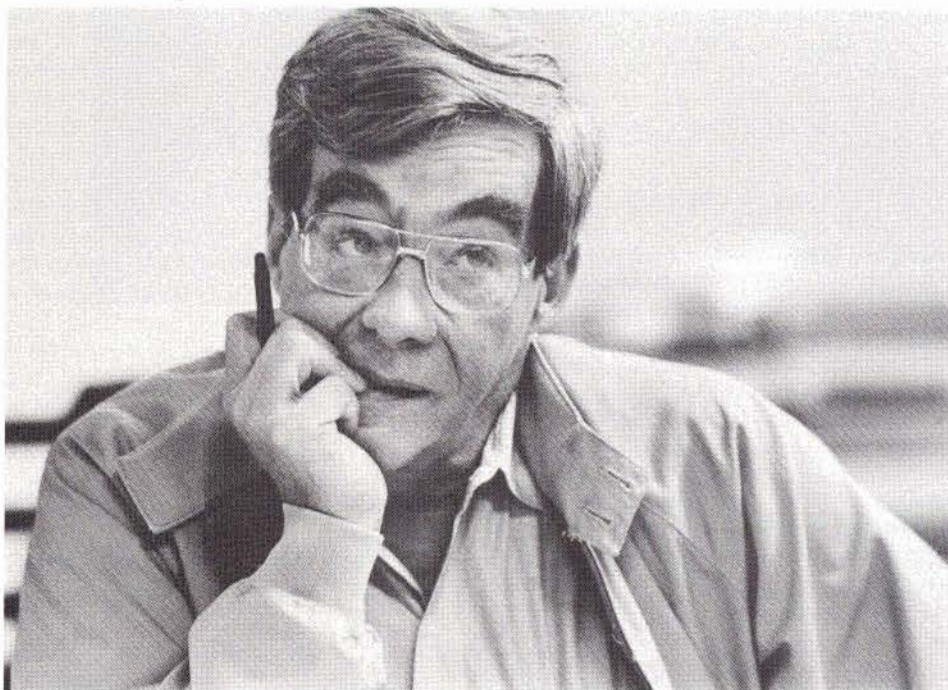
Alumni contributors are Lee Skandalaris of Orchard Lake ('72), Ruth Freeman of Royal Oak ('84), Edna Cucksey of Clarkston ('73), Barbara Dietz of Lake Orion ('77), Cliff Cyplik of Rochester Hills ('78), Nancy Campbell of

Kurt Luedtke starts year as McGregor prof

With two decades of experience in newspapers and another in film-making under his belt, Kurt Luedtke is carving a new niche at Oakland this year. In September, he began a year-long stint as a visiting McGregor Professor in the Arts and Humanities.

Currently, Luedtke is teaching a journalism class on problems in the newsroom. During the winter semester, he will team-teach a film history course with Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College. Luedtke also will join Jane Briggs-Bunting as a faculty adviser to the *Oakland Post* student newspaper. Briggs-Bunting, who chairs the Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism, worked with Luedtke at the *Detroit Free Press*.

Luedtke's journalism career ran the gamut of reporter for the *Grand Rapids Press* and the *Miami Herald* to executive editor of the *Free Press*. He left newspapers in 1977 to begin writing screenplays, notably *Out of Africa*, for which he won an Academy Award, and *Absence of Malice*.



McGregor Professor Luedtke

Sing along with community chorus

A curious mix of priests, designers, lawyers, students, retirees and you-name-it have been meeting at Oakland University since 1963—to harmonize. These moonlighting musicians, better known as the Oakland University Community Chorus, have one thing in common: a love of making music.

Loyal to the chorus they are. After 20 years in the group, even a move to Windsor, Ontario, didn't stop Mary Jardin Bennett from her appointed rounds; she meets her mother, June Jardin of Troy, Michigan, each week during the fall and winter semesters to drive to campus for choir practice.

Says Maureen Keenan ('85), a seventh and eighth grade teacher at St. Bede School in Southfield, Michigan: "I started with the university choir as a freshman in '81 and I've been singing with the Community Chorus ever since. I come home from work exhausted, but going to choir exhilarates me."

What's the motivation for such commitment?

"It's a unique outlet, I think," says John Dovaras, Oakland's associate professor of music and director of the 160-member chorus for the past 23 years. "It helps satisfy their artistic desires and tastes. They are performing with singers from different walks of life.

Many sing in church choirs as well, but do not perform the same music we do here—great and challenging choral works."

It is not, he adds, "tea-and-crumpet music."

Affiliated with the Division of Continuing Education, the chorus marked its silver anniversary this year. It is open to men and women 18 and up. It's also offered for credit to undergrads.

The criteria for joining is an understanding of music history, a love of singing and the ability to read music. Reading the lyrics sometimes proves challenging, as the chorus sings in several languages, including Hebrew, German, French, Italian, Latin and Greek. "In fact, when we perform a score in English, it blows their minds," Dovaras notes with a chuckle.

Young virtuosos take stage at Varner Hall

Maccabees Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Oakland's Center for the Arts are cooperating to broadcast the semi-finals of Maccabees' 1988 "Quest for Excellence" competition from Varner Hall.

Classical performances can be heard on CKLW-AM at 8 p.m. each Tuesday through November 29.

"Live studio audiences contribute to the

enthusiasm of the contestants," said Carl F. Barnes, director of the Center for the Arts. "On behalf of Maccabees and the center, I invite the entire university community to attend these performances and hear some of the most talented young musicians in the United States and Canada."

Tickets and reservations are not needed.

Board elects Hartmann chair; Sharp appointed

Patricia B. Hartmann has been elected chairperson of the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

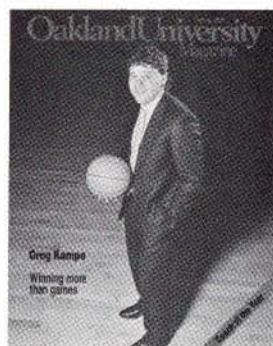
After serving as the board's vice-chairperson for two years, Hartmann in September became the first woman to lead the board. Her term will run two years.

Hartmann replaces Trustee David Handleman, who will continue on the board. Trustee Howard Sims was elected vice-chairperson.

A board member since 1980, Hartmann is affiliated with Ziebart International.

In addition, Governor James J. Blanchard appointed James Sharp, Jr., vice president of City Management Corporation in Detroit, to replace Donald Bemis as a university trustee. Bemis resigned in June to become the state superintendent of education.

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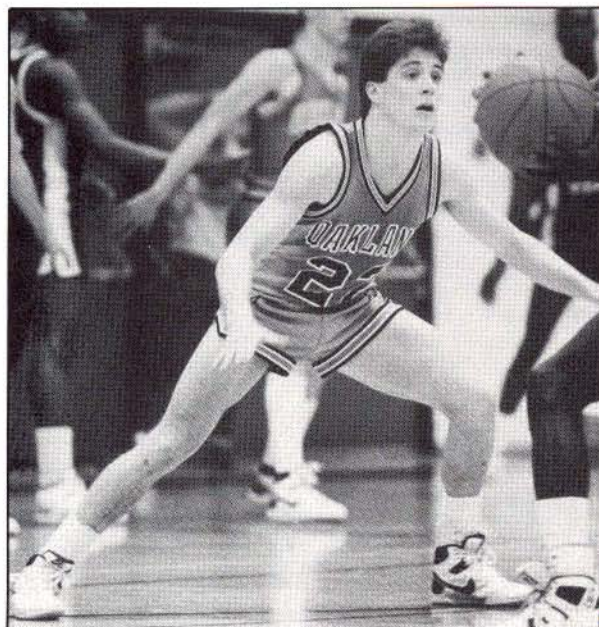
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Excellence awards go to Eberwein, Blankenship

Jane D. Eberwein, professor of English, and Virginia R. Blankenship, associate professor of psychology, were awarded the university's prestigious Research Excellence and Teaching Excellence awards, respectively, at fall commencement.

Eberwein, author of the acclaimed *Dickinson: Strategies of Limitation and Early American Poetry*, was honored for her contributions to the field of literary history, particularly the influence of Puritanism on American writers. Her work has touched on colonial authors and later writers who might be classified as working in the Puritan literary tradition. Eberwein says her scholarly writings emerge, for the most part, from her teaching and the ideas she tests in the classroom.

Blankenship was cited for combining the attributes of rewarding teacher, mentor and friend, and for being a faculty member who demonstrates a commanding knowledge of her field both in and out of the classroom. Students credit Blankenship with challenging them to be their best, provoking deep thought, and teaching them to have faith in their abilities. The coordinator of Women's Studies, Blankenship is the coauthor of a dozen articles for professional publications and numerous book reviews.

Both professors were selected by their peers from nominations submitted by the university community. The awards each carry a stipend of \$1,000, provided by the Oakland University Foundation.

Library gifts speak volumes

The Kappa Upsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity has become the first Greek organization to make a long-term pledge to the Kresge Library renovation project.

Fraternity members pledged \$5,000 over the next five years to fund a seminar room in a new wing of the library. The room will be dedicated in memory of the late Ricky James Taggart ('81), a founding member of the chapter.

The fraternity also presented \$500 to establish a book collection in memory of the late Wade McCree, Jr., a former member of the Kappa fraternity and an early member of the President's Club and the Oakland University Foundation. He later became

solicitor general for the Carter Administration, and also served as a judge and as a law professor at the University of Michigan. McCree's widow, Doris, has identified a number of his favorite books for the collection.

In addition, the Australian government recently donated books on Australian politics and government to Kresge Library. The books were presented by Australian Consul-General Jeremy V.R. Hearder. They had been sought by Thomas W. Casstevens, professor of political science, whose earlier requests have resulted in library contributions from the governments of West Germany and Canada.

NSF taps Oakland's expertise in engineering instruction

Oakland is one of 27 institutions nationally to receive an award from the National Science Foundation to help revitalize the teaching of undergraduate science, mathematics and engineering.

As part of the program, Oakland recently conducted a two-week course on applied optics in engineering for 25 college teachers chosen by the NSF from a national pool. The seminar was taught by Oakland professors

and faculty from the University of Michigan and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

The \$101,000 NSF grant was awarded to engineering professors Joseph Der Hovanesian and Michael Hung.

Gosh, we're good

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE has once again engendered the respect and admiration of the sages of publications excellence. The International Association of Business Communicators has bestowed its Award of Merit on the OU Magazine in the Silver Quill Competition (Michigan, Ohio and Indiana). Earlier this year, staff writer Karen Hill won an Award of Excellence from the IABC Detroit chapter for her article on alum farmer Abbey Roy ("The Fruits of Her Labor," Summer 1987). The magazine also was awarded a bronze medal for periodical resource management by the national Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The university's Publications Department, which creates the magazine, won 11 awards in 1988, in categories ranging from slide shows to three-dimensional displays to publications. Photographer Rick Smith won two national gold medals from CASE, one for his photo essay in the 1987 President's Report. The same report won an Award of Excellence from the IABC Detroit Chapter for best external annual report.

New sculpture installed near South Foundation

The sculpture *Motherswell* by Birmingham, Michigan, artist Joseph Wesner was recently installed on the lawn west of South Foundation Hall.

The 1,200-pound painted steel sculpture addresses "the continuation and celebration of the values and history of the family unit and its central figure...expression of the idea of maternity," Wesner said.

Motherswell is a gift of Kempf Hogan of Birmingham, Dr. and Mrs. T. Jacob of Huntington Woods, Dr. and Mrs. Willis Stephens, Jr., of Bloomfield Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Bank of Birmingham. The Hill Gallery in Birmingham provided transportation and installation services.

Wesner, a former assistant to Meadow Brook Art Gallery Curator Kiichi Usui, is a graduate of Georgetown University and Cranbrook Institute.



Artist Joseph Wesner directs the installation of *Motherswell*.

We're Number 9

Will America—currently the ninth wealthiest nation—recover its position as the world's greatest economic power? Possibly, says economist Lester Thurow, but not likely.

Economist Lester Thurow, speaking at the Third Annual School of Business Administration Business Forum on October 5, addressed the politics, realities and problems of America's economic system.

The controversial Thurow, dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management, advocates abolishing corporate income tax, instituting a \$1-a-gallon gasoline tax increase and creating a federal agency to help American businesses become more productive. Thurow served as staff economist for former President Lyndon Johnson and contributes to such publications as the New York Times and the Wall

Street Journal. He has been featured on "60 Minutes" and "PBS Nightly Business Report" and in Fortune and Business Week magazines.

His visit was coordinated by the SBA Student Board, the

SBA and the Student Life Lecture Board, and co-sponsored by Ameritech Publishing, Inc.

Following is an excerpt from his speech.

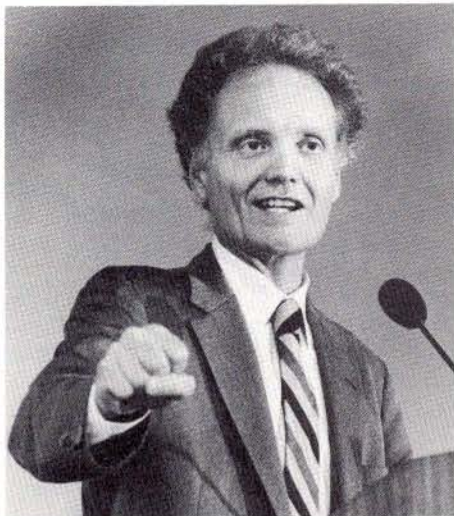
IN SOME SENSE, you and I for the last 30 years have lived in a world surrounded by the Great Chinese Wall economically. It was a wall built out of several factors. We were wealthy and they were poor; therefore, we could afford to do things they couldn't afford to do, buy machinery they couldn't pay for, et cetera. The wall was built out of superior technology. We knew how to build things that they didn't know how to build. We had the largest market in the world. That was the key ingredient in our wall. And in the 1950s and '60s we had the best-educated workers in the world. We had mass public education first, we had mass higher education first, and so we had superior capital, superior workers, superior technology, and the biggest market in the world by a factor of eight.

The problem is that wall has dissolved. It doesn't exist anymore. All of those factors that the wall was built out of are gone. Today, not counting sheikdoms, the United States is the ninth wealthiest country in the industrial world. We have been passed by Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, West Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Japan.

Now, you can argue maybe in terms of private domestic purchasing power, we haven't been passed by all those countries, but in terms of international purchasing power, we have been passed by all those countries. Anything we can afford, they can afford, and because their savings rates are higher than our savings rates, they can afford some things we can't afford. We invest half what the Japanese do in plant equipment and two-thirds what the Germans do in plant equipment. It doesn't take a genius to know you can't get by with that.

On the deficit:

"I think the problem is, you know, the famous Pogo: We have met the enemy and he is us. U.S. of A. Because we don't want to face the problem. If you want to balance the federal budget, there are only two ways to do it. You raise taxes or you cut spending. There ain't any other way, and there isn't a political majority for either way or any combination of the above."



Superior capital is gone. Technology, also gone, because when they're as wealthy as you are, their technology, on average, is equal to yours. Some places American industry is ahead, some places American industry is behind, but on average American industry is average when it comes to technology, as opposed to being superior.

World's largest market? In 1992 America becomes AAA ball. The European Common Market will be 320 million people with a per capita GNP approximately equal to the United States and the world's largest market is Europe, not the United States.

Superior work force? They have taken public education and squared it. Seventy-two percent of our kids graduate from high school; 92 percent of the Germans graduate from high school. Americans go to high school 180 days a year; Japanese go to high school 240 days a year. No question about it, the product coming out of a Japanese or a German high school is both more numerous and better educated than the product coming out of an American high school.

Higher education? They once had elitist higher education; they now have mass higher education and in both Germany and Japan they're producing twice as many engineers per capita as we are. So a German or a Japanese firm is going to have twice as much engineering talent as the average American firm because they've got twice as many people in their society, which means Genghis Khan is at the wall, and the wall isn't there anymore, so you've got this competitive world out there which Americans are going to have to face.

Now, it's a competitive world in a sense that Americans have never had a competitive world. Let's think of it this way. Suppose I'm a Frenchman. I have always known that the

French are superior. It's in the genes. But, damn it, I could never ignore those Germans and Englishmen who were always on my borders, always challenging me, militarily, economically and culturally and every other way.

The United States has never had a powerful counterculture before. To the east and west are empty oceans. To the north is an empty country, and to the south is a poor country. And we haven't paid any attention,

but what the modern world economy has done and modern telecommunication and transportation have done is they have put a counterculture on our border called Japan,

which is just as real as the Germans on the French border, challenging us in all of those ways.

And we can't become Japanese, and we don't want to become Japanese. But suppose the Japanese build high quality products because their children are meticulous in the

first grade, and they are meticulous in the first grade. Our kids are never going to be meticulous in the first grade. But we still have to build the same high quality products. There has to be a way that is consistent with American history and American culture and American tradition that gets you to the same bottom line. You don't follow their route, but you've got to get the same end result.

And, I think the job of the next president of the United States is to say, "The walls are down, the counterculture is here."

Then the question is, how do we re-examine ourselves and figure out ways that are consistent with American history and tradition and culture to allow us to be competitive in world markets, as opposed to circle the wagons, pretend that the rest of the world isn't there and retreat into being a second-class economy, because of course it can happen.

Let me remind you of some history. In 1900, four countries, according to economic historians, were equally wealthy on a per capita basis. Those four countries were the United States, Great Britain, Australia and Argentina. In 88 years Argentina has become an underdeveloped country. Great Britain and Australia now have per capita GNPs about 60 percent that of the leading nations of the world, and the only country left among the leaders is the United States, because, see, we don't live in a John Wayne movie.

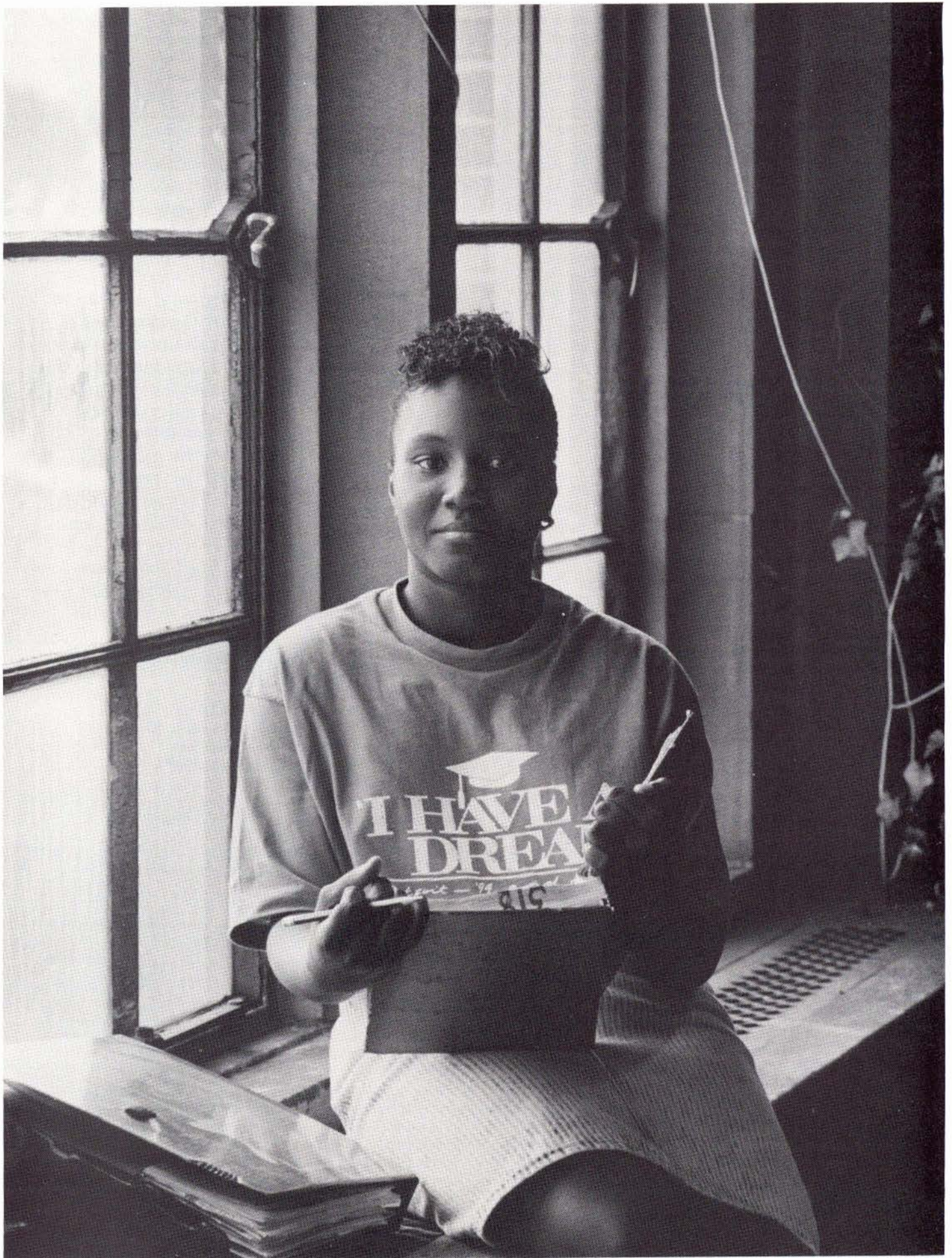
In a John Wayne movie, Americans always win at the end. The problem with *this* movie is we may lose at the end, because human beings like to say something about themselves that isn't true. They like to say, 'we love to change.' But human beings hate to change. And, what the rest of the world tells us is, you have been successful in the past, you are successful at the moment, but you must change. ■

On MBA education:

"We have educated a generation of business leadership who, for a whole variety of reasons, are not on top of process technologies. If you look at where the Germans and Japanese spend their money on R & D as opposed to where we spend ours, they put a lot more money into process technologies. Because what they've learned is, in a competitive world, no matter what you invent, the other side can reverse engineer it in six months. And if they can produce it cheaper than you can produce it, you're in trouble."

On national health care:

"This is a collective problem that isn't either government or private. The basic problem is that we are spending almost 12 percent of the GNP on health care. We spend about 40 percent of all the money we spend on health care on people in the six months before they die. And the rest of the world doesn't do that. The big problem is deciding when have we spent all of the money we can intelligently spend."



Bound and Determined

by Cathie Breidenbach

IT'S A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT. Michelle Bonds' job is to shepherd the entire 1987 fifth-grade graduating class of Roosevelt Elementary School through adolescence in a rough Detroit neighborhood and send them to colleges or vocational schools in 1994.

"These students have a lot of obstacles to overcome," Bonds ('83) says of the 78 mostly minority students to whom she plays activities coordinator, tutor and sometime confessor. "They come from a basically low-income neighborhood—mostly two-family flats, many single-parent households and a lot of drugs in the area."

The odds are against very many of them making it to college, but philanthropists Margot and Warren Coville, the retired founder of Guardian Industries, pledged their active involvement and \$336,000 to change those odds. When he gave the keynote speech at the graduation assembly for Roosevelt Elementary School, his old alma mater on Linwood and Calvert in Detroit, Coville promised all 78 students, "If you make it through high school and want to go to college or vocational school, I will pay for it."

To make his promise come true, the Covilles created Detroit's I Have a Dream Foundation. They and members of the foundation, many of whom are volunteers, hired Michelle Bonds as the foundation's single paid employee, its project coordinator.

"It's not a nine-to-five job," says Bonds, a management graduate who is working toward a master's in social work at Wayne State University. "It's very demanding. I need to know all about my students. I need to know their parents, their brothers and sisters, and their teachers. When they move, I need to know where they went. I have to be aware of all different situations—which students come from families with a mother and four kids scraping by on ADC, and which come from two-income families that are doing fine. With 78 kids, it's not easy to track them all."

Nonetheless, Bonds is up to the challenge, says Brent Triest, president of the I Have a Dream Foundation.

"Michelle is our front-line representative—the woman in the trenches who has daily contact with the students. It is a pretty overwhelming job, but she's a bright woman and she's doing very well."

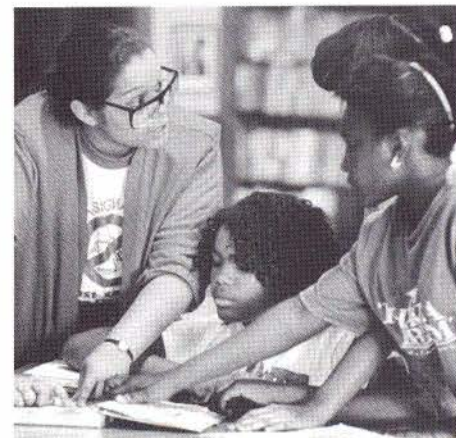
Tutor, program planner, chaperone, social worker, chauffeur, mentor, public relations specialist, trouble-shooter for families in crisis—Michelle Bonds' responsibilities run the gamut.

She calls her students "Dreamers," an idealistic word that belies the down-to-earth skills required for all these youngsters to make it through the minefield of adolescence.

During the school year, Bonds runs after-school homework sessions four days a week. She admits during its first year the students taught her the realities of how to run the program. "At the beginning, we averaged 70 students at homework sessions with only two adult supervisors." Outbreaks of pencil wars and noisy sixth-grade shenanigans cut into the work accomplished. "We made changes, cracked down and separated cliques. By the end of the year, about 30 kids were coming regularly and homework was definitely getting done."

On Saturday mornings, volunteer tutors help students wrestle with subjects that give them trouble in school. A Delta Sigma Theta sorority sister and a friend form the nucleus of the regular tutoring squad, but Bonds marshals

A college education.
A brighter future.
These are the goals
78 Detroit seventh-
graders have set their
sights on. And
alumna Michelle
Bonds is helping
them bring their
dreams within reach.



Bonds: "I see a lot of potential."



Coville and friends at Roosevelt Elementary

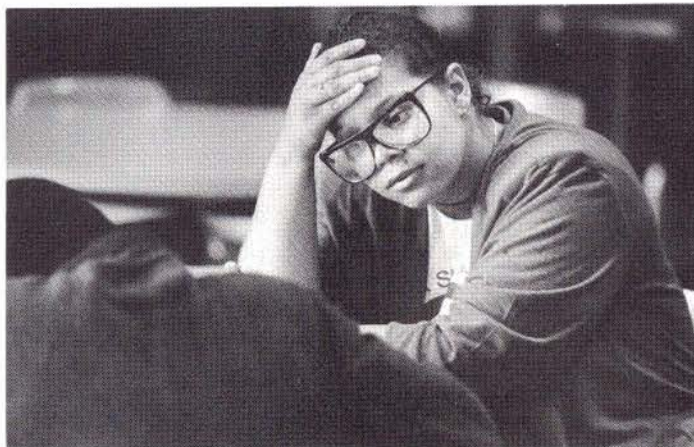
Foundation of a dream

In 1981, wealthy New York businessman Eugene Lang promised a class of sixth-graders at a Harlem elementary school that if they made it through high school, he would pay their way to college or a vocational school. Today, many of those youngsters are college students.

When *60 Minutes* featured Eugene Lang's story on national TV in 1985, the idea began to spread nationwide. There are now some 125 I Have a Dream Foundations active in 24 cities—all, like the first, named for the late Martin Luther King, Jr.'s moving 1963 speech.

Warren Coville, the retired founder of Guardian Industries, saw the show and was inspired to create a dream for students in the Detroit neighborhood where he grew up. So, in 1987, he shared his idea with the fifth-grade graduating class of Roosevelt Elementary School and launched Detroit's first I Have a Dream Foundation.

Determined her charges will beat the odds.



volunteers wherever she can find them. Last year, many found her as the result of a WDIV-TV 4 news segment and newspaper ads. The volunteers help tutor, chaperone field trips, chauffeur kids, do clerical work and relate one-on-one as mentors for students.

Now that the Dreamers are in seventh grade—attending 17 different schools—Bonds works harder than ever to stay in touch with them and their teachers. The majority go to Durfee Middle School, where she has an office and where everybody knows her by name when she walks down the hall. To help motivate students, Bonds uses visible rewards. Those who attended 16 consecutive homework sessions last year earned free tickets to a Detroit Pistons game (supplied by Coville, who is part owner of the team). She takes those who earn all A's and B's on their report cards out to lunch. Call her rewards positive reinforcements, call them incentives or call them outright bribes—tangible rewards keep students moving toward goals.

School drop-out rates are dismally high among inner city students, and Bonds is determined her charges will beat the odds. "Keeping them in school involves so many things," she says. "It's not just academics. It's the environment and all the factors in it. My Dreamers are street wise. But it's one thing to know the streets and let them take over your life; it's another to know the streets and run your own life."

Bonds also has a small office at the Dexter-Elmhurst Community Center. It is decorated with charts tracking students' participation in the activities she coordinates. At a nearby desk one fall afternoon, a Dreamer gnaws a pencil and calculates answers on a diagnostic math test, one of four exams the foundation administers to pinpoint students' strengths and weaknesses in order to help them excel in school.

After finishing the test, the youngster tells Bonds she needs a ride home; her mother doesn't like her to walk alone on Dexter Avenue. Bonds drives her sporty

white car 10 blocks to the student's home. In the space of a few blocks, streets change from forboding stretches of ramshackle houses to friendly, well-kept neighborhoods. On one tidy block, pink and salmon geraniums cascade from front porch planters; just a few streets away, yellowing, foot-high grass and crumbling steps speak of neglect, poverty and despair.

Back at the Dexter-Elmhurst center, two Dreamers drift in for a planning meeting. A student advisory committee and a parent advisory committee meet frequently to help Bonds schedule field trips, outings, social events and speakers the Dreamers will enjoy and benefit from. Last summer, they visited Oakland University and Cranbrook, toured Detroit's Afro-American Museum, whooped it up on a trip to Cedar Point and swam at the Northwest Activities Center. Other tours included the *Detroit Free Press* plant, a Detroit law office, Bob-Lo and Impressions 5, a hands-on science museum in Lansing. This fall they're scheduled to visit Michigan State University. Once a month, she plans a major get-together, often including Dreamers' families. Sometimes it's a pizza party or a potluck supper with a speaker.

The activities are designed not only to be informative, fun and enlightening, but to forge positive group dynamics.

"Not only do students feel pressure from the foundation to achieve, they feel pressure from other kids not to put their best foot forward," Bonds explains.

"I'm trying to build group togetherness and put peer pressure to work for us. Many of these kids will be friends for life. If one decides to stray, the others will pull him back—at least that's my plan."

But she knows some students chafe under the pressure of being Dreamers. "They didn't ask for this. They just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Somebody came into their lives and said 'I'm going to do this for you.' Some are grateful; some think it's a hand-out; some don't care much, and some are very excited.

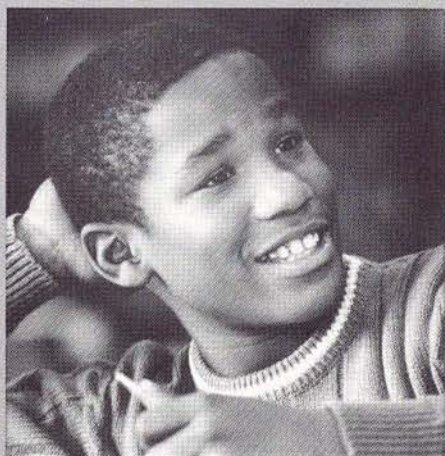
"Each child has to decide," she says, "and people do it at different points in their lives. I see a lot of potential in all of them. Between 1988 and 1994, who knows which students will make a total turnaround?"

"The I Have a Dream Foundation wants to give every one of them something positive against all the negatives they have in their lives. We want to show them that if they have a dream, the dream can be fulfilled." ■

Cathie Breidenbach ('88) of West Bloomfield, Michigan, is a freelance writer and part-time rhetoric instructor at Oakland. She received her master's degree in English in September.

A long way to go

Two Dreamers reveal their hopes for the future



Stanley Booker: "Be what I want"

The I Have a Dream Foundation makes a difference to him, Stanley Booker says, because, "I get to be what I want to be."

At age 12, what he wants to be changes from month to month. In October, careers as a professional football player or a brain surgeon were vying for top spot on his list.

In his spare time, Stanley plays tackle and running back for the City Football League and likes to strum country and rock tunes on an acoustic guitar. He's a sociable fellow who likes dances and "getting to dance with all the girls." On Saturdays, Stanley enjoys running math practice programs and video games on an Apple IIe computer during special sessions for the Dreamers.

His mother, Jacqueline Booker, who manages support services for United American Health Care, says she often thinks how lucky Stanley is to be part of the I Have a Dream Foundation's programs, and she wishes more youngsters had the opportunity.

"When I first heard about it, I remember thinking how blessed Stanley was," she says.

But she worries about peer pressure from "kids who don't care whether they learn." And she knows a lot can change in the years between seventh and twelfth grades.

"I think about how many will graduate," she says. "We have a long way yet to go."

Tameka Bennett: "Less pressure"

"I almost couldn't believe it," says Tameka Bennett about the day she learned she was to be a Dreamer, "I never thought someone would come to my school and spend all that money on kids."

Now a seventh-grader who agonizes over math homework, Tameka says she "really likes" the after-school homework sessions run for the Dreamers, especially because her math teacher is there to help her with her toughest subject. Her mother suspects the real lure is being with friends and not having to do it alone.

About her future, Tameka vacillates between wanting to be a lawyer and yearning to become a ballet dancer. For the present, she loves swimming every other Friday with the Dreamers at Detroit's Northwest Activities Center, talking to her best friend, Kimberly, on the phone, listening to rap songs, and playing a little backyard basketball when she visits her grandma in Southfield.

Tameka and her sister live with their father, a bus driver for the City of Detroit,

and mother, who used to work for a janitorial service but stays home now to care for an invalid aunt.

With two daughters on the brink of adolescence, the Bennetts are concerned about influences in the neighborhood that could undermine their careful teaching. "Drugs are always a worry," says Mamie Bennett. "I know they are young and get impressed by people driving fine cars, showing off big rolls of money and wearing all kinds of gold around their necks. The kids want these things. Right on Livernois and Dexter, the neighborhood is surrounded by drugs. You can't hide it from them. You've got to tell them about it. If you teach them all that glitters is not gold, they've got a better chance."

Tameka's involvement in the I Have a Dream Foundation helps the whole family, her mother adds. "It takes some of the pressure off. At least we know we've got some help for one of them. It gives you peace of mind."



UNTIL 1988, WHEN the Detroit Pistons came within a game of winning the National Basketball Association championship, few basketball fans outside of Detroit had heard of Joe Dumars.

Partly because his skills and contributions were less visible than others', Dumars attracted less attention than a number of his more celebrated teammates. Yet Dumars has been an outstanding all-around player for years: perhaps the best defensive player on the team. Those who know basketball know that Dumars has been a key contributor to the Pistons' success both in 1988 and in years past.

Joe Dumars and Oakland University have a lot in common.

For more than a year now, we have been studying Oakland University's performance as part of a self-study to be submitted for our 10-year accreditation review by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.

In March, a team of eight distinguished consultant-evaluators from other universities will spend several days on campus reviewing every aspect of Oakland's operation and performance. In preparation for their arrival, a number of committees — involving close to 100 faculty, administrators, students and alumni — have gathered

THE SECRETS OF OUR SUCCESS

by Sheldon Appleton

With little fanfare, Oakland has established a consistently impressive record of achievement. Now, in preparation for the university's accreditation review, the word is out.

information on the purposes, organization, performance and plans of every unit of the university. Large-scale surveys of students, alumni, faculty and administrators have been carried out. Data on faculty publications, alumni achievements and student performance on standardized tests have been assembled. In each case, comparative data was searched out whenever possible.

What emerges from this study of Oakland's performance is an institution that goes far toward fulfilling its very ambitious goal of joining fine instruction, excellent scholarship and noteworthy public service. We know that instruction at Oakland is better than that at most public universities and comparable to that at many private colleges; scholarship is comparable to that at many doctoral granting and research institutions; and service to the community—ranging from the cultural programs of the Meadow Brooks to the economic development activities of the Oakland Technology Park—is near unique.

These are impressive accomplishments by any measure. The long process of information gathering undertaken for the accreditation review clearly points up Oakland University's versatility and excellence. Like Joe Dumars, Oakland consistently has turned in an all-around performance of exceptionally high caliber. And, like Dumars', it's a performance that can't be overlooked.

Following are highlights of some of the findings pertaining to instruction, scholarship and student development.

Instruction

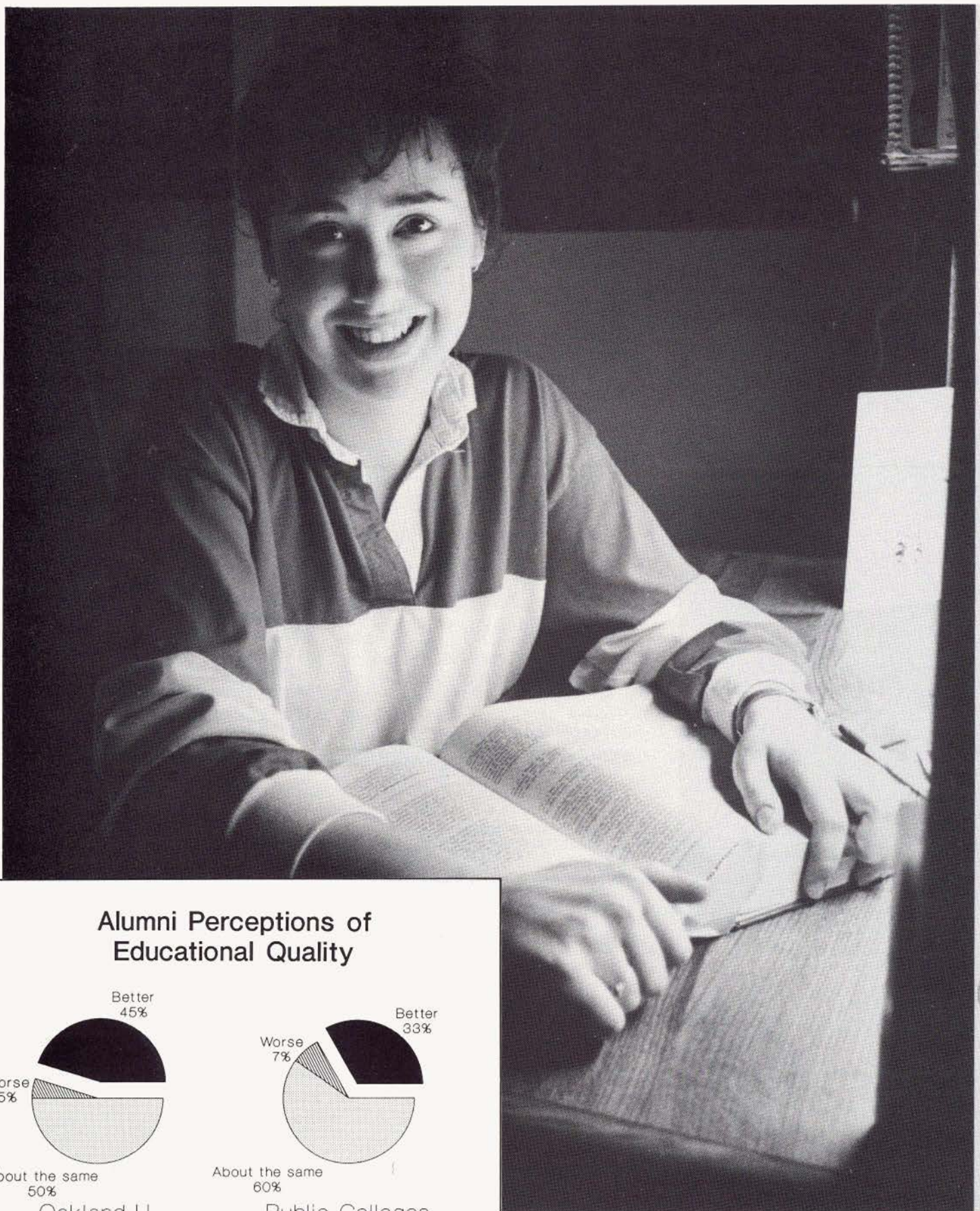
Surveys reveal Oakland near the head of the pack

A multiplicity of survey results, tests and measures show that instruction at Oakland is more positively evaluated by students and alumni than by those at most four-year institutions.

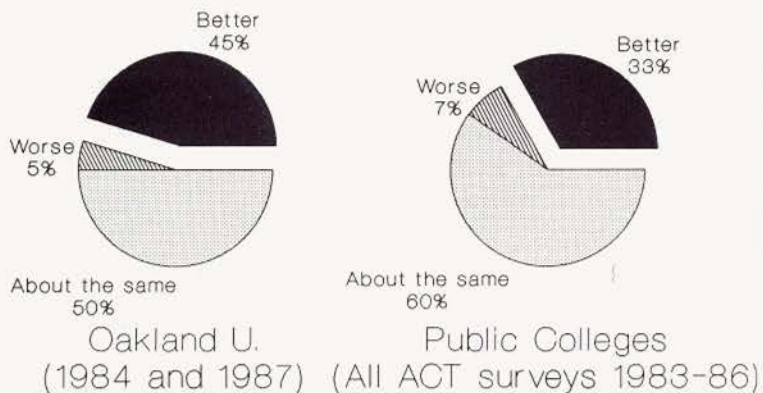
For example, Oakland undergraduates are more likely than their peers nationally:

- ▶ To be satisfied with the teaching they've received;
- ▶ To think faculty are well-prepared for the courses they teach;
- ▶ To believe that the best faculty teach general education courses;
- ▶ To want to take additional courses from their professors;
- ▶ To feel that their classes have given them a more positive attitude toward the field studies;
- ▶ To believe they have made more progress toward the learning objectives chosen by the instructor.

On all these items, Oakland student responses were more positive than those of students attending any type of four-year institution except, in some cases, those attending small private liberal arts colleges, which normally rank the highest on national surveys. Oakland graduate students responded even more positively than undergraduates.



Alumni Perceptions of Educational Quality



Source- OU and ACT/ESS alumni surveys

Oakland students (81 percent) are more likely than their peers nationally (71 percent) to be satisfied with the teaching they've received. Similarly, Oakland alumni are more likely than alums of public institutions nationally to believe they received a better education at their college (see chart, left).

Other findings show:

Happy alums

Oakland alumni proved more likely than their peers from an ACT sample of public universities to believe that the quality of education they received at Oakland was better than at other colleges.

High scorers

Oakland students were far more likely than students elsewhere to be first generation in college, and parental education is a good predictor of performance on such standardized tests as the Graduate Record Exam, usually taken to gain admission to

Author, author

In addition to the 100-plus Oakland biology and chemistry students who published their research in scholarly journals, several also presented their research at professional meetings last year. Among them:

► Susan Mosier of Bay City, "Specific Progesterone Binding in Clinical Isolates of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*," at the 1988 International Congress of Biochemistry in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

► Kenneth Jenrow of Royal Oak, "Spectral Analysis of Sleep EEG for Different Geomagnetic Orientations," at the 1988 Bioelectromagnetics Society Meeting in Stamford, Connecticut.

► Michele Tulak of Madison Heights, "Differentiation of Capillary Lectin Binding in Skeletal Muscles of *Xenopus laevis*," at the 1988 International Association for Dental Research Meeting in Montreal, Canada.

► Jason Goltz of Taylor, "Calcium Mediated Control of Flagellar Curvature and Motility in Rat Sperm" and "Evidence that Ca(2+) Can Act Via a Ca(2+)-Dependent Phosphatase and Phosphodiesterase to Suppress Activation of Rat Sperm," at the 1988 meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology.

► Carol Staley of Clarkston, "Evidence of Microtubule-based Motility in Corneal Endothelium," at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology and the American Society for Cell Biology meetings.

► Laura Watson of Metamora and Michele Tulak of Madison Heights, "Postnatal Development of Alkaline Phosphatase Activity in Microcirculatory Beds of Skeletal and Cardiac Muscle," at the American Association of Anatomists.

► Alan Kaiser of Richmond, "Antimicrobial Susceptibility and Distribution of Plasmids in *Escherichia coli* Isolated from Drinking Water Supply," at the 1987 annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.



Oakland graduates are more likely than graduates of Michigan's regional universities (Central, Eastern, Northern and Western) to earn doctoral degrees. This is a remarkable achievement since an unusually high proportion of Oakland graduates are older, first generation in college or female—all of whom are statistically less likely to pursue doctoral study.

"At Oakland I was taught by professors experienced in their fields. I felt not only that I was getting my money's worth, but that their priority was in the classroom."

—Mary Beth Tierney ('87), is a graduate student in nutrition at Cornell University.

graduate school. Yet Oakland students' scores on the GRE general exams were above average, and nursing graduates' performance on the state R.N. licensing exams was well above the national average and close to the best in the state.

Undergrad marvels

Well over 100 articles co-authored by Oakland undergraduate majors in biology and chemistry have appeared in scientific journals.

It's a science

Of the 25 persons who have won or been finalists for the state-wide Michigan Science Teacher of the Year Award, no fewer than eight attended Oakland. Three held Oakland baccalaureates and one of these three, plus one more, held graduate degrees from Oakland.

Doctor, doctor

The achievements of Oakland's graduates in their careers and in graduate programs have been extremely impressive. Many have attended the most

prestigious universities in the United States. A departmental survey of political science alumni, for example, showed that more than a fourth of those responding held law degrees and nearly half held some graduate degree.

Baccalaureate degree holders from Oakland go on to earn doctorates at a rate comparable to that of graduates of highly selective Michigan Technological University and higher than that of any other Michigan public university except the 'Big Three' (Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Wayne State University).

Student Development Forging a sense of community

It is difficult to draw a sharp boundary between instruction and student development. Many of the alumni in whose achievements we take pride were active participants in Oakland's student life programs. These experiences may well have helped as much—or more—to prepare them for their subsequent success as the instruction they received in the classroom.

Community and public service involving students is rendered by virtually every unit of the university. Pre-physical therapy students, for example, contribute 18,000 hours of work each year to area hospitals, nursing homes and school systems. Accounting students assist poor or elderly citizens with tax returns.

In the residence halls, in cultural affairs programming, athletics and student clubs, student leaders and student affairs staff make a great effort to make available programs that help students develop skills and attitudes that will assist them after they have completed their schooling.

Oakland is limited in its ability to achieve student development goals both by resource constraints and by the nature of our student body. A majority of students commute and more than 40 percent of undergraduates are transfer students. About a fourth are 25 or older and more than 40 percent work 20 hours or more a week. Thus, many students are unable to participate in campus activities in the way resident students can. Nor are big-time sports or major "Greek" activities available as rallying points.

In these circumstances, it is a tribute to the effectiveness of our student affairs staff and student leaders that Oakland undergraduates were as likely as those at much more residential comprehensive universities nationally to agree with the survey item: "I feel a sense of community at this institution."

Scholarship

Oakland's research ranks near the top

The results of our recent surveys and studies reveal a remarkable level of scholarly achievement by Oakland's faculty.

Though research support at Oakland—in the form of graduate assistants, post-doctoral fellows and internal research grants—is lower than at comparable universities, Oakland faculty members, especially in the sciences and engineering, have been able to compensate by competing successfully for grants from external sources.

Of particular interest:

The \$6-million team

In 1986-87, Oakland was awarded \$6.1 million in external grants, more than any Michigan public institution except the Big Three research universities and Michigan Tech. The largest share of this was accounted for by the Eye Research Institute.

Engineering breaks into Big Three

Oakland's School of Engineering and Computer Science ranked third among all engineering faculties in the state in securing external grants over 1985-88—achiev-

"What consistently amazes me is how sometimes under great adversity students will continue to come to class, try to learn. I wish they could put all their energy into studying and thinking instead of working so much."

—W. Dorsey Hammond,
professor of reading and
language arts.

ing a level of external funding per faculty member more than twice as high as that attained by such research institutions as Wayne State and Michigan Tech.

Quality and quantity

A review of recent prizes, honors and awards received by Oakland scholars attests to the fact that scholarship at Oakland is distinguished by its quality as well as by its quantity. From the Fulbright—awarded to four Oakland professors in 1987-88—to Eye Research Institute Director Venkat Reddy's survey of Indian research institutions, sponsored by the United Nations.

Room at the top

Oakland and national survey responses show that a higher percentage of Oakland

faculty members published books and articles in professional journals than did faculty members at any type of institution nationally except major research universities. More than 90 percent of Oakland's faculty members have published articles, half have published books and more than three-quarters have published within the past two years. Within Michigan, Oakland's faculty members publish at a level comparable to that achieved by their colleagues at Michigan Tech and at least one of the Big Three research institutions. ■

Sheldon Appleton, associate provost and professor of political science, is coordinating the North Central accreditation self-study.

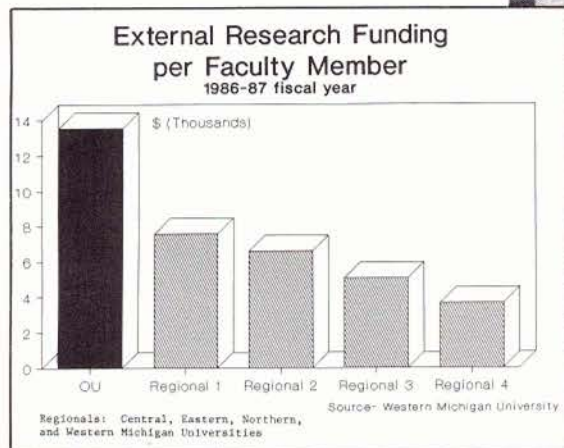
The following categories were established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for comparative purposes:

Research universities give high priority to research, award at least 50 Ph.D. degrees each year and receive at least \$12.5 million annually in federal support.

Doctoral universities award at least 20 Ph.D.s a year in one discipline or at least 10 in three disciplines.

Comprehensive universities—including Oakland—award baccalaureate and some graduate degrees and enroll 1,500 or more students.

Liberal arts colleges, almost always private, award at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences and are either highly selective or enroll fewer than 1,500 students.



Oakland faculty attract substantially more external grant funds per faculty member than their colleagues at the Michigan regional universities.

All in the Family

The university's family tree is branching out with familiar names and faces. Meet three families who have made the Oakland experience a tradition.

The Mills

John Mills '72;

B.A., English

Partner, O'Neill, Shannon & Mills,
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Kathy Calice Mills '76 (John's wife);

M.A.T. in English

Training Specialist, EDS-Chevrolet,
Warren, Michigan

Rick Mills '74;

B.A., English

General Sales Manager, KTVF-TV,
Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas

Mary Madigan Mills '71 (Rick's wife);

B.A., English and psychology
Homemaker, Dallas, Texas

Patricia Mills '77;

B.A., English

Public Relations Consultant,
Franklin, Michigan

Mary Jo Mills Mercier '84;

B.A., communications

Account Executive, WJBK-TV Channel 2,
Detroit, Michigan

Gwen Mills '84;

B.A., English

Vice President, Oakland Utilities Co.,
Royal Oak, Michigan

Top left: John,
Kathy;
Bottom left:
Mary Jo, Gwen,
Patricia.

Whether it was a decision made around the dinner table or genetically pre-determined, visions of the Bard and colloquial expressions danced in their heads. At least, in the heads of six of the seven Mills who received their degrees in English.

Jacqueline Mills, their mother:
"When Gwen graduated, President Champagne asked if we had any more we were going to bring over. I said, 'Well, yes, maybe the grandchildren.' I have seven lovely grandchildren. And I hope we live to see them educated at Oakland University. I would be very proud to see them follow in the footsteps of their parents. I don't think they could go wrong."

Ask siblings Camille and Warren Turski about unusual anecdotes from their Oakland days and, inevitably, mother Ann creeps into the conversation. They regard Ann Turski as the patron saint of education.

Camille Turski White, alumna:
"My mother used to spend a lot of time filling out all of our financial applications. She would spend hours at the table writing out the forms. But I can remember one time, in particular, when she came up to Oakland from our home in Wyandotte to type Warren's thesis. She stayed with me in Anibal House. And was up until 3 or 4 a.m., typing away."

The Turskis

Connie Turski Jain '67;
 B.A., elementary education
 Homemaker, Hamilton, Ontario

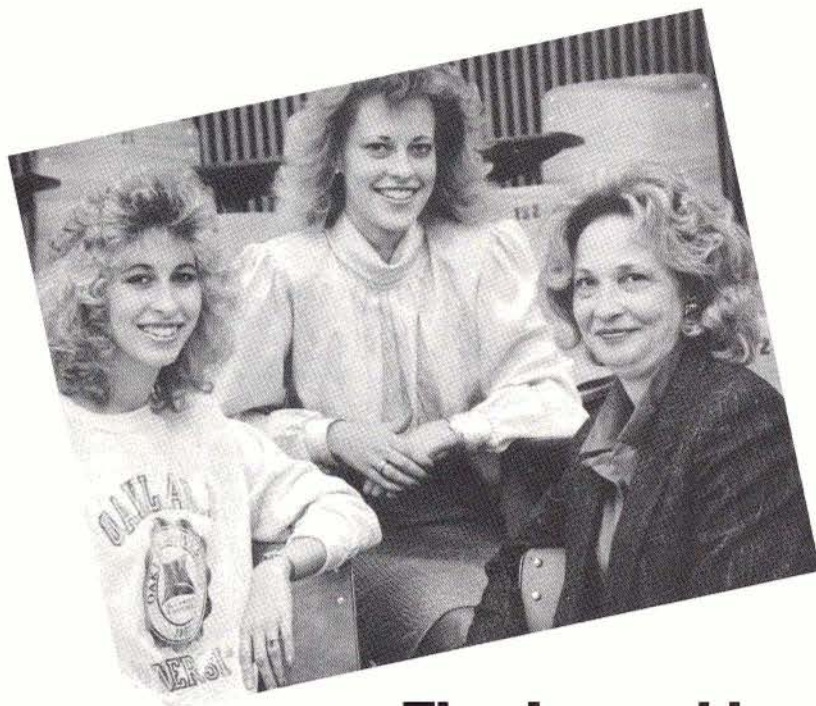
Warren Turski '68 and '71;
 B.S., mathematics/M.S., engineering
 Manager, Program Readiness,
 Flint Automotive Division of the
 GM-BOC Group,
 Flint, Michigan

Camille Turski White '71;
 B.S., engineering
 Specialist-Body Electrical,
 Chrysler Corporation,
 Detroit, Michigan

Claudia Turski Jordan '75;
 B.S., management
 Account Executive,
 Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.,
 Sante Fe, New Mexico



Warren and
 Camille.



From left:
 Cheryl, Sue,
 Darlene.

The Jezewskis

Sue Jezewski '88;
 B.A., psychology
 Clerk, Backoff & Zamler law firm,
 Southfield, Michigan.
 Slated to begin law school in
 the fall of 1989.

Darlene Jezewski;
 senior, psychology
 Accounts Payable Supervisor,
 GMF Robotics,
 Rochester Hills, Michigan

Cheryl Jezewski;
 freshman, pre-elementary education

In 1984, after raising two daughters and earning an associate's degree in business at a community college, Darlene Jezewski officially enrolled at Oakland University—along with her eldest daughter, Sue.

Darlene Jezewski, senior: *"I think we've bypassed problems other folks have had to deal with because we're all in the same boat. The girls know they can't shove work off on Mom, because she's just as busy. And I know some things have to be set aside during finals."*

"We've always been close, but perhaps we see each other more as individuals than the average mother and daughter. I really understand the effort it takes to achieve a grade. And it's so exciting to watch their minds grow."

InTouch

Gerald Alt named distinguished alum

Lauded for his outstanding service to the university, Gerald B. Alt ('76) received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award at September commencement. The honor was presented by university President Joseph E. Champagne.

Champagne cited the high standard Alt had set for alumni service, and commended him for his role in the Alumni Campaign for Kresge Library. Alt, then president of the Oakland University Alumni Association, served on the library campaign's steering committee. His leadership, the president said, was instrumental in helping the campaign surpass its goal of \$1 million.

In addition to serving two years as president of the OUAA, Alt served two terms as vice president of the alumni board and was a key member of numerous committees, including the OUAA Bylaws Revision Committee, the Alumni Allocations Committee and the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Committee. He also chaired the annual alumni golf outing at Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

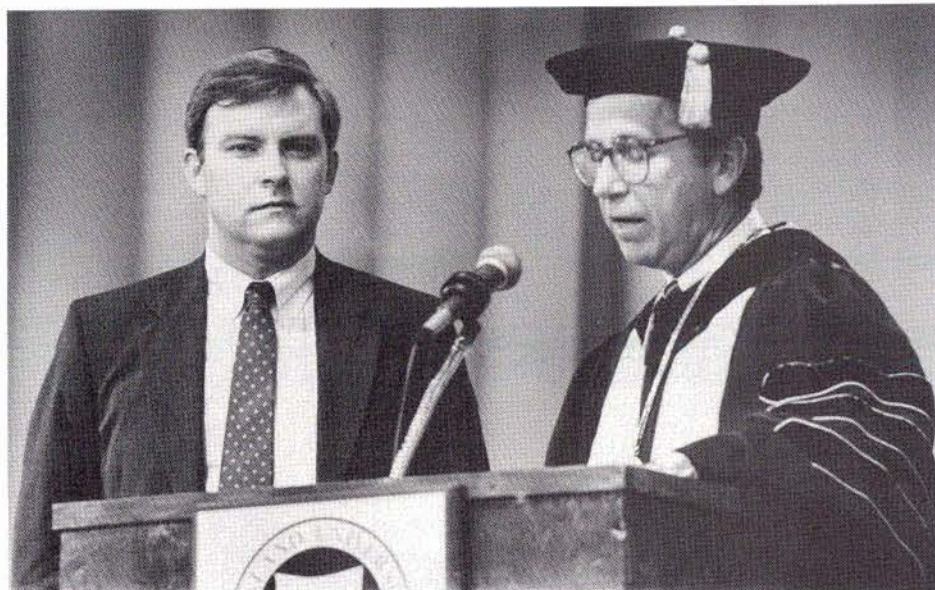
Alt, who holds a law degree from Wayne State University, is an attorney with Barrows & Alt in Rochester.

Dunphy joins Alumni Relations staff

Jill Dunphy, Oakland University's former coordinator of special projects, has become assistant director of Alumni Relations, replacing Patricia A. Pancioli, who relocated to Philadelphia.

Dunphy, of Birmingham, Michigan, will direct the alumni affiliate program, working with alumni in support of five school and college alumni associations. She will also provide professional support for the Black Alumni Affiliate and the Student Alumni Affiliate, and will coordinate special events for the Oakland University Alumni Association.

"Ms. Dunphy is uniquely qualified to undertake this new assignment," said Marguerite Rigby, director of Alumni Relations and assistant director of development. "Her substantial experience in the areas of special events and marketing will strengthen the alumni program."



Gerald B. Alt receives the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from university President Joseph E. Champagne at September commencement.

OUAA awards \$90,000 to university programs

The Oakland University Alumni Association recommended allocations of nearly \$90,000 in unrestricted Alumni Annual Fund gifts to a variety of university programs for 1988-89. University President Joseph E. Champagne approved all recommendations as submitted.

Directors of the OUAA recommended awards for student research, scholarships, athletics, forensics, alumni affiliates and expenses of the annual fund campaign. In addition, \$40,000 went toward meeting the Alumni Campaign for Kresge Library pledge.

The board also made the first allocations from the University Enrichment Fund, established two years ago to provide "seed money" for innovative projects.

"We solicited funding proposals from the campus community and were able to fund six projects this year, totalling more than \$19,000," said Barbara J. Hartline ('84), who chaired the allocations committee.

Enrichment fund projects include:

- \$8,000 toward renovation of 156 North Foundation Hall into a multi-media presentation facility
- \$4,200 in scholarships for students studying abroad
- \$3,000 to the School of Human and Educational Services for educational grants to alumni who are teachers

- \$2,500 to extend the university's visibility outreach program
- \$1,000 to decorate the lobby of Varner Studio Theatre
- \$600 to the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance to create a theatre history slide collection.

The board has budgeted \$10,000 for next year's enrichment fund awards.

Association expands membership benefits

The Oakland University Alumni Association is seeking new benefits to offer members before next spring's annual membership drive.

One proposal under study by the Membership Committee would provide alumni members with discounts from two national car rental agencies. "We're also exploring the possibility of adding a group term life insurance option for members," said Marguerite Rigby, director of alumni relations. She adds that the Membership Committee would like to hear from alumni who may be interested in offering this type of benefit to alumni or who have expertise in this area.

"We want to make membership in the OUAA as attractive as possible and provide our members with services they need and want," Rigby said. "OUAA membership stands at about 2,600 right now. We want to increase those numbers dramatically in the next year."

ALUMNI

1963

Tom Werth was honored as citizen of the year by the Greater Rochester (Michigan) Chamber of Commerce. Werth, a city council member since 1973, is a referee for Macomb County Juvenile Court. He also is a planning commissioner and president of the Michigan Municipal League.

1964

Jonathon S. Rakich, has been named the University of Akron's outstanding teacher for the 1987-88 academic year by the Alumni Council. Rakich, a faculty member since 1972, holds an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from St. Louis University. He is a professor of management and health care administration in the College of Business Administration.

1965

Jerry Kelley is principal of Scarlett Middle School in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was previously principal at Capac (Michigan) Middle School. Kelley received his master's and educational specialist degrees from Michigan State University and is completing doctoral work. He and his wife, Diane, have three children.

David C. Stinson is manager of human resources consulting at Plante & Moran in Southfield, Michigan. Stinson holds an M.B.A. from Wayne State University.

1966

Louisa Aragona was honored as a top sales leader at the Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company's national sales conference in Acapulco, Mexico. Aragona is an associate of the Matrix Group in Traverse City, Michigan, and a registered representative with MTL Equity Products, Inc.

1967

Susan (Thygersen) Aktary is completing her doctoral dissertation and teaching in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Oakland University. She was previously a consultant for foreign language, bilingual education and English as a second language in the Oakland Intermediate School District. Aktary has an 11-year-old son.

Susan A. Stussy is library director at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin.

1969

Dale A. Chatfield is associate professor of chemistry at San Diego State University.

Susanne Gatchell is a concept vehicle chief engineer at Pontiac Motor Division—General Motors. Gatchell was a 1988 alumna-in-residence at the University of Michigan, where she earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in industrial engineering.

Michael Honey of Washington, D.C., has received a doctoral degree in history from Northern Illinois University. Honey is professor of history at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Ronald McPherson has earned a Ph.D. in systems engineering from the University of Virginia. He is assistant professor in the Information and Decision Sciences Department at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He lives in Albemarle County, Virginia.

1970

Greg Bien is a mathematics and science teacher at Avondale (Michigan) Middle School and president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. He and his wife, Penny, are the parents of Christopher and the late Nicole. Bien is a founding member of MADD.

1971

Charles Caloia is an employee development specialist for the Department of the Army. He and his wife, Marleen, live in Laurel, Maryland.

1973

Stephen Bonczek is city manager of Largo, Florida. Previously, Bonczek was city manager of East Detroit.

Michelle Fuerch has won the Severy Award for excellence in teaching and advising at Ripon (Wisconsin) College, where she is assistant professor and chair of Romance languages.

Anne McCarter is coordinator of Mature Minglers, an organization that provides leisure activities and services to senior citizens in Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, and Orchard Lake, Michigan.

1974

Dennis Au is assistant director of the Monroe County (Michigan) Historical Museum. A published authority on the early French communities of lower Michigan, Au holds a

master's degree from New York State University and is a field worker and presenter for the Smithsonian Museum's Office of Folklife Programs.

Paul Ballard is president of the new independent Portage (Michigan) Commerce Bank. He is one of the bank's organizers, with 12 years experience at Old Kent Bank of Kalamazoo.

Tom Bills, an artist affiliated with the Zabriski Gallery in New York, recently had an exhibition of his sculptures at the Feigenson Preston Gallery in Birmingham, Michigan. He holds a MFA degree from Yale University.

1975

Jackie Lawrence is assistant principal of Novi (Michigan) Meadows Elementary School. She previously taught English at Novi High School. Lawrence is a doctoral candidate at Madonna University and lives in Northville Township.

Joseph P. Palazzolo is an associate attorney with the firm of John R. Urso & Associates, P.C., in Detroit. Palazzolo was formerly executive director of Project Start, Inc. He lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

1976

Johanna McClear was appointed head of Brookside Elementary School at the Cranbrook Educational Community, after serving as a first-grade teacher and running a reading enrichment program at the school. She became assistant head in 1985.

Michele J. McConner is a chemical engineering analyst for the Tucson (Arizona) Electric Power Company.

1977

David Dustman is a waiter at the Bijou in Southfield, Michigan. Dustman previously taught special education in Waterford, Michigan.

Wendy Harries has been appointed vice president, trust investment department of Comerica Bank-Detroit. Harries lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Andrea Kendrick-Williams has received a master's degree in teaching from Oakland University in language arts and reading.

Lynn Schnabel operates Nitro Green lawn care service in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Marjorie L. Scott was awarded a doctoral degree in psychology by the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities in Cincinnati, Ohio. She lives in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Mark Spinozzi, of Mount Clemens, Michigan, is senior market claim manager for Allstate Insurance Company.

Antoinette "Toni" Stafford is human resources manager at Modern Engineering Corporation in Warren, Michigan. She was recently featured as an entrepreneur in *The Detroit* magazine.

Ann Stone is a first-grade teacher at Clarkston (Michigan) Elementary School. She and her husband, Don, have three children.

1978

Lynn E. Cargill is a patent attorney and has opened her own law office in Birmingham, Michigan, specializing in patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Mini-grants available to teaching alumni

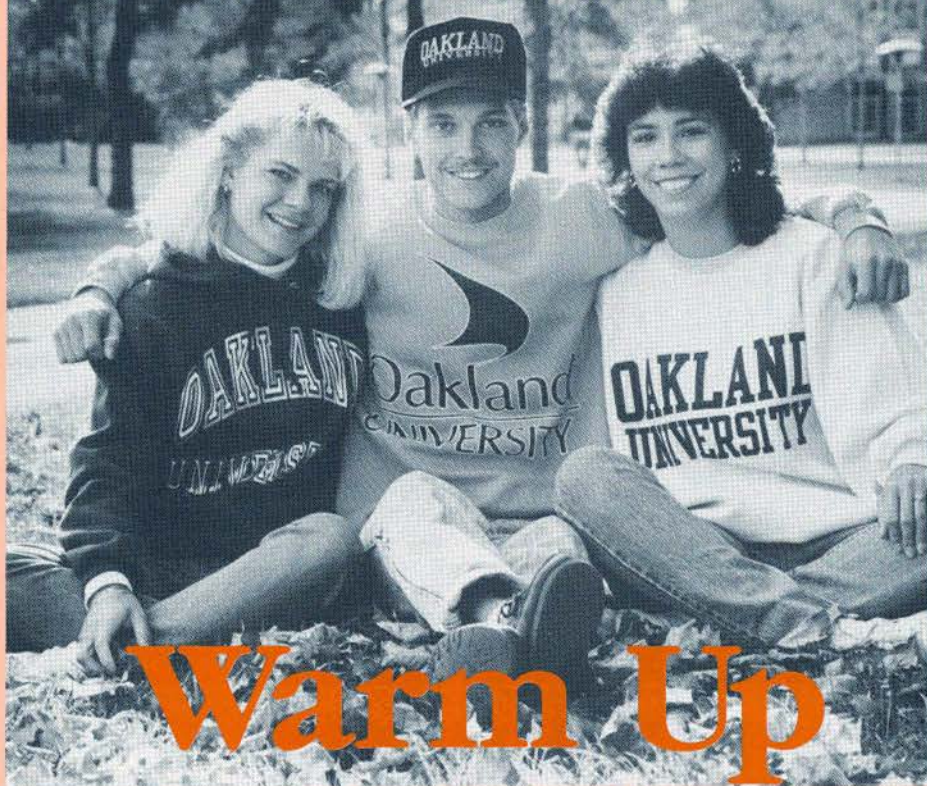
Six \$500 mini-grants are available to teachers who are alumni of Oakland University. The grants are sponsored by the School of Human and Educational Services through the University Enrichment Fund.

Alumni teachers of all grade levels and subject areas are eligible for project funding. Mini-grants may be used to support classroom curriculum, instructional or action research projects.

Applications and information may be obtained by writing to:

Teacher Mini-Grant Program
School of Human and Educational Services
Oakland University
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401

Applications will be reviewed by alumni and faculty representatives of the School of Human and Educational Services.



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Moureen Coulter has earned a doctorate at Indiana University and is assistant professor of history at Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville.

Robert Gordon has received the Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg College. An ordained minister, Gordon will serve as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling, Michigan.

1979

Janice M. Carter is branch officer at the New Center One branch of Manufacturers Bank.

Derrick R. Fries is special services administrator and department head of special education at Birmingham Seaholm High School. The author of three sailing books and numerous articles for sailing magazines, Fries was also Michigan's co-finalist for NASA's Teacher-in Space program.

Marjorie Fuller is program coordinator of education and training for the Detroit chapter of a youth support group she founded for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

Sharon Oliver is an English and journalism teacher at Cody High School in Detroit. Oliver holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University.

Barbara Welbaum was received as a probationary member and ordained as a deacon at the Detroit Annual Conference of Ordained Ministry. Welbaum earned an M.S. from the University of South Carolina and has studied at Duke University Divinity School.

Sheryl Wragg, an attorney for General Dynamics, is stationed in Cairo, Egypt. Wragg was recently promoted to contracts manager.

Audrey J. Templar was named divisional marketing manager for the Kelley Company Door Systems Division, Muskego, Wisconsin. She previously was national accounts manager. She lives in Fox Point, Wisconsin.

1980

Jean Coon teaches French and English at Lapeer (Michigan) West High School.

Sue (Pilath) and Ken Gum live in Ann Arbor, where Ken is completing his residency in ophthalmology after graduating from the University of Michigan Medical School. Sue has worked as a clinical nurse in the thoracic surgical ICU at U of M Medical Center and as a member of the U of M cardiac transplant team. The Gums plan to live in Traverse City, Michigan.

LaVerne Perrollaz received the Hospice Nurse of the Year Award for 1987. She is clinical coordinator for patient services at Hospice of South-eastern Michigan.

Elizabeth Vollbach of San Diego, California, is technical editor with the Electronics Division of General Dynamics Corporation. Vollbach is learning skydiving at the San Diego Air Sports Center.

1981

Sven Anderson has received his Master of Music in composition from the Cleveland Institute of Music. His composition, "String Quartet," recently had its Michigan premiere.

John R. Pradko, D.O., is a member of P.K. McClellan, D.O.P.C. & Associates of Richmond, Michigan. Pradko is a graduate of the University of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, and the University of Alberta, Canada.

Gregory Smith was appointed principal at Austin Intermediate School in Galveston, Texas. Smith received a Master of Science degree in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Lt. Kevin P. Takacs of the U.S. Navy is on duty with commander maritime surveillance and reconnaissance forces in Naples, Italy.

1982

Michael W. Lau is vice president, assistant manager and investment executive at Paine Webber in Rochester, Michigan.

Daniel Metzger of Birmingham, Michigan, has received a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Russ Paielli is an aerospace research engineer at NASA Ames Research Center in California. Paielli received a master's degree in aerospace engineering from Stanford University and is studying there for a Ph.D.

Kaye Palmer is an art teacher at Joy Middle School in Detroit and lives in Southfield.

1983

Michael B. Dib of New Baltimore, Michigan, has earned a doctoral degree in education leadership from Western Michigan University.

Carol Korzeniewski has completed her Ph.D. at the University of Utah in analytical chemistry. She is assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan.

Joey Lebovic is a staff engineer at Saturn Corporation and a registered professional engineer in Michigan.

Diane Sass of Union Lake, Michigan, co-owner of the Management Recruiters firm of Brighton, Michigan, has been named a certified rehabilitation counselor and a member of the National Board of Certified Counselors. Sass holds a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Bowling Green State University.

Ann Speck, lyric soprano, participated in a musical dramatization of Thoreau's *Walden* at Grosse Pointe (Michigan) Unitarian Church. Speck has sung professionally in Boston, Cleveland and Detroit. She teaches at Wayne State, Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, and Grosse Pointe South High School.

Ronald Thuringer is a systems and programming analyst for Chrysler Motors. He and his wife, Patricia, have two sons.

1984

Randolph Boileau is assistant vice president, corporate public relations department, of Comerica Incorporated. Previously, Boileau was employed by Bank of America's Latin American-Caribbean Division, Miami, Florida.

James J. Herzog, of Pontiac, has been appointed financial officer, controller department, at Comerica Incorporated.

Gary D. Lichtman, Birmingham, Michigan, has joined the communications department of the

United Foundation as a media relations associate.

Cynthia Mandelbaum produced and directed the initial program of a new cable series called "Profiles," featuring residents and staff of a non-profit housing complex for senior citizens in Southfield. Mandelbaum resides in West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Ensign Gerald Pruitt of the U.S. Navy received the Battle Efficiency Ribbon while serving with Fighter Squadron-114, Naval Air Station Miramar, California. His squadron received the Aviation Safety Award.

Franci (Shanbrom) Silver is an attorney for Bello & Kaufman, P.C. Silver graduated from the Detroit College of Law.

Claudette Wizniuk and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of their son, Paul Andrew, on May 6, 1988.

1985

Mark D'Andreta was promoted to account executive for R. L. Polk & Company's Motor Statistics Division, and is responsible for the Pontiac, Oldsmobile and GMC Truck divisions.

Diane L. Epstein is a tax consultant for Price Waterhouse in Detroit.

Gerald A. Thomas is auditor senior for Price Waterhouse in Detroit.

1986

Jeffrey A. Orvis is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he is studying organometallic chemistry.

Christine Robersshaw is a teacher in the Chipewewa Valley (Michigan) School District and recently was elected to a second term on the Utica School Board.

Denise A. Shene is a portfolio analyst for Limited Credit Services in Columbus, Ohio. Shene also is adviser to the Ohio State University chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity.

David Vogler has left his position as an analyst with Detroit Diesel Allison, a division of General Motors, and is now an account executive with CellularOne of Michigan.

1987

Maria R. Bardy is an account administrator with Ross Roy, Inc., advertising agency in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Bardy is a member of the American Marketing Association.

Scott Bodjack is a mechanical engineer at the Ford Motor Company Research and Engineering Center in Dearborn, Michigan.

Stacy Bohlen was appointed a legislative aide to U.S. Representative Robert Traxler (D-Bay City) and makes her home in Washington, D.C.

Ensign Martin R. Costa of the U.S. Navy is on duty at the Navy Recruiting District in Detroit.

Mary Beth Curell is a second-grade teacher at Beverly Elementary School in Birmingham, Michigan.

Steven DeBolt is a graduate student in theoretical chemistry at the University of California-San Francisco.

Louis Katsaros is an account coordinator in the directory services department of Simons Michelson Zieve, Inc., advertising agency.

Alan Savela is retiring as police captain in Sterling Heights, Michigan, and plans to begin a career as a law enforcement consultant. He is working toward a master's degree in history at Oakland University.

1988

Greg Bolduc works in the day treatment program at the Lapeer County (Michigan) Community Mental Health Center.

IN MEMORIAM

1975

Mary V. Chamboy Jurek, July 13, 1988

1983

Michael Connell, June 8, 1988

1984

David Brian Crawfis, February 11, 1988

FACULTY/STAFF

Naim A. Kheir has been named professor and chairperson of the Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering in the School of Engineering and Computer Science. Formerly a professor at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, Kheir holds a doctorate from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Venkat N. Reddy, director of the Eye Research Institute, has been asked by the United Nations to share his expertise with specific research sites in India. His fall visit is being arranged by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in India and is sponsored by the United Nations.

Norman Tepley, professor of physics, chaired two sessions on biomagnetism at the triennial World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in San Antonio, Texas. Tepley recently began a year-long sabbatical, during which he will be scientific director of the Neuromagnetism Laboratory in the Department of Neurology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

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Katke passes leadership of foundation to Miller

Marvin L. Katke has stepped down as chair of the Oakland University Foundation, passing the reins of leadership to Eugene A. Miller, president of Comerica Incorporated and chairperson of The Campaign for Oakland University.

Katke, the first chairman of the Oakland University Board of Trustees, has been a stalwart of the foundation for more than two decades. He was first elected to chair the foundation in 1984 and has been a foundation trustee since 1965.

Oakland President Joseph E. Champagne commended Katke's service to the university, his tireless work on behalf of Oakland, his significant role as a member of the organizing committee of the university's first capital campaign, and the impressive growth in President's Club membership seen during his tenure.

Champagne also noted Katke's personal generosity to the university, including his key role in the development of Katke-Cousins Golf Course, a gift from Katke and his wife, Maisie, and Harold and Mable Cousins.

"No individual has been more dedicated or worked more tirelessly on behalf of Oakland University than has Marv Katke," Miller said. "Marv's long period of leadership in the Oakland University Foundation has shaped its programs and activities, and I accept it as both an honor and a challenge to succeed him as chairman of its board of directors."

Katke, a retired vice president of Ford Motor Company, will continue his involvement with the foundation as a member of the board of directors.

Directors allocate annual funding

The Board of Directors of the Oakland University Foundation recently allocated \$700,000 for a broad range of university programs. The funding came from unrestricted gifts made by the 1,020-member President's Club.

The major allocation of \$400,000 will go toward upgrading the university's computer facilities.

In addition, the foundation earmarked \$40,000 to fund eight scholarships, \$25,000 for support of intercollegiate athletics and \$140,000 for operation and programs of the



Miller, Katke

foundation and the President's Club. A challenge grant of \$50,000 was budgeted for the Alumni Annual Fund and the All-University (Employee) Fund Drive.

The balance of the funding will go toward faculty-staff excellence awards, recognition activities, library acquisitions and various fund-raising and development expenses.

The allocations were based on university President Joseph E. Champagne's recommendations to the board of directors.

Outstanding freshmen win scholarships

Paul J. Graham of New Lothrop and Deborah Kay Shepard of Rochester Hills have been named Oakland University Foundation scholars for 1988.

The two freshmen will receive scholarships of \$2,500 per year and may renew them for up to four years.

Graham, a graduate of New Lothrop High School, is a 4.00 student and an all-around athlete. He played on his high school's baseball, football, basketball, golf and track teams. In addition, he was a member of his school's ski club, drama club and boxing club. He was vice presi-

dent of his class for three years, is a member of the National Honor Society, placed on the honor roll, has won awards in speaking contests and received academic letters.

Shepard, a graduate of Rochester High School, has demonstrated extensive leadership and academic promise. A 4.00 student, she is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Forensics League; she also received academic honors from her school. She is active in her church youth group and has attended a national church convention. In addition, she has performed in school dramatic productions, was a member of the band and math clubs and ran for the track and cross-country teams. The Oakland University Alumni Association chose Shepard to receive its 1988 Alumni Memorial Scholarship, also a four-year renewable award.

Foundation elects officers, directors

The Oakland University Foundation elected a new slate of officers at its July meeting. Eugene A. Miller, president of Comerica Incorporated, will chair the foundation. He succeeds Marvin L. Katke, who has held the post for the past four and a half years (*see related story*).

Harold G. Warner, a vice president of the foundation was re-elected secretary. Re-elected treasurer was Robert J. McGarry, the university's vice president for finance and administration and a foundation vice president.

Elected to three-year terms as directors are Walter E. Douglas, Ernest L. Grove, Jr., David T. Harrison, Ruth Huebner, A. Randolph Judd and Roy E. Rewold.

Directors continuing their terms are Harold A. Cousins, Andrew G. Creamer, Edwin O. George, Fred D. Houghten, Dorothy Johnson, Semon E. Knudsen, Walton A. Lewis, Paul F. Lorenz, Alex C. Mair, Howard L. McGregor Jr., Norman F. Mealey, John F. Mills, Marian Mitchell, Jody Petersen, Henry D. Price, Stephan Sharf and Phillip G. Williams.

The foundation also has three *ex officio* members: University President Joseph E. Champagne; James L. Howlett, legal counsel; and Robert W. Swanson, executive vice president and the university's vice president for developmental affairs.

Calendar

November

- 3** *The Comedy of Errors*, William Shakespeare's classic, through November 27, Meadow Brook Theatre.
- 18** *Little Shop of Horrors*, through November 20, 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sunday), Varner Studio Theatre. Center for the Arts production.
- Salute to "Doc" Holladay*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Featuring the Afram Jazz Ensemble, the Lafayette String Quartet and jazz legends Richard Davis and Warren Smith. Center for the Arts production.
- Women's basketball home opener: *Oakland Tip-off Classic*, 5:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.
- 22** Men's basketball home opener: *Oakland vs. Manchester College*, 7:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.
- 30** Meadow Brook Hall Christmas Walk: *A Wondrous Christmas*, through December 11.

December

- 1** *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens' immortal tale of Ebenezer Scrooge makes its annual appearance at Meadow Brook Theatre. Through January 1.
- 2** Meadow Brook Estate Holiday Spectacular: *It's a Small World . . . After All*, featuring fantasy and fun with holiday favorites from around the world. Through December 4, 8 p.m. (3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Sunday), Varner Recital Hall. Center for the Arts production.
- 4** President's Club Christmas Reception, 7 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall.
- 9** Fall classes end.
- 11** Lafayette String Quartet. Guest artists: Augustine Quartet. 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Center for the Arts production.
- 15** Concerts-for-Youth: *Babes in Toyland*, through December 17, 10 a.m., Varner Recital Hall. Group discounts are available. Center for the Arts production.

January

- 4** Winter classes begin.
- 5** Neil Simon's *I Ought To Be in Pictures*, through January 29 at Meadow Brook Theatre.
- 20** *Dances for a Jumpin' January*, through January 22, 8 p.m. (3 p.m. Sunday), Varner Recital Hall. Premieres of several dances performed by the Oakland University Dancers and friends. Center for the Arts production.
- 27** *The Fifth of July*, weekends through February 5, 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sundays), Varner Studio Theatre. Center for the Arts production.

Complete schedules and ticket information are available from:

Athletic Department, 370-3190
Alumni Relations Office, 370-2158
Center for the Arts box office, 370-3013
Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 370-3005
Meadow Brook Hall, 370-3140
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