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A newsletter for Oakland University colleagues

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Scholarship program lauded for producing diverse graduates



Lisa Marie Westfall

Oakland alumna Lisa Marie Westfall CAS '99 says a program of Oakland's Office of Equity was the best thing that could have happened to her. As a self-supporting student since she was 18, the OU Trustee Academic Success Scholarship Program helped her by paying for much of her tuition. The program helped her in many other ways, too:

"The people running the program would do anything for me," Westfall says, "from helping me develop test-taking skills to helping me learn how to manage my time."

And that was important to Westfall, because she was holding two jobs.

Westfall also found value in one of the program's major goals — preparing students to succeed in a diverse society. Before entering the program, Westfall, who is Hispanic, said she didn't know much about other cultures. But she says the program really opened her eyes. "They really do prepare you for the differences among people," she says.

Westfall, who majored in Spanish, is now an instructor

in English as a second language. After serving the Office of Equity as a student advising intern, she decided to pursue a master's degree in counseling. She plans to work as high school Spanish teacher and counselor after she earns her degree.

Westfall and 15 others for the 1999-2000 year make up the program's largest graduating class. The program is becoming a national model for retaining and graduating a diverse group of high-achieving university students.

"For students to function effectively in a global economy and society, they must develop cross-cultural understanding and communication skills as an integral part of their education," says Glenn McIntosh, director, Advising Resource Center and Office of Equity.

Students of all backgrounds are admitted to the program according to academic performance and financial need. Scholarships are awarded for one year; they are renewable for three additional years, and are limited to \$3,000 per year per student.

The program works so well, McIntosh says, because it provides financial assistance,

psychological, academic and social support, and career exploration. This frequent interaction connects students with helpful resources.

Students meet biweekly with their counselor during their first year and throughout their academic career. They also meet weekly with an upperclassman who helps them make the transition to university life.

The program started in 1994 and has graduated 33 students. So far, it has been effective: The proportion of participants who serve in campus leadership positions has increased annually. And the average grade-point of 3.07 was higher for participants than the 2.98 for all part-time and full-time OU undergraduates in winter 2000.

In 1999, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators recognized the Trustee Academic Success project as a noteworthy program. Earlier this year, McIntosh and Gloria Sosa, assistant director, Office of Equity, made a presentation on the program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Dawn Aubry

Aubry wins AP award

Dawn Aubry, director, Office of New Student Programs, was honored with the 2000 Outstanding Administrative-Professional (AP) Award on June 20. The award is given to an AP who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his or her professional role. Aubry's nominators commended her hard work and commitment as she assumed the position of acting director, Office of New Student Programs, after Director Marilyn Broderick died in July 1999.

"Dawn is described as a person who gives 110 percent no matter the situation," her nominators said. "She has earned the respect and admiration of her peers, student leaders, academic advisers and faculty."

Aubry says the award is a great honor.

She started at OU in March 1998 as assistant director, New Student Programs, and served in that role until July 1999, when she was named acting director. In March, she was named director.

Aubry earned her BA in Political Science at Oakland in 1992. She also holds a master's degree in higher education administration from Kent State University.

"Dawn's dedication and resilience is an inspiration to us all," says Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students, Dean of Students Office, and chair, AP award selection committee.

Submit ideas for Inside Oakland

Inside Oakland will be distributed next in September. Feel free to submit information by August 10 about your professional news (grants, papers presented, awards received, for example), fall events, classroom happenings, personal news (off-campus honors, degrees, milestones), campus activities, feature stories and colleague profiles to Jennifer Charney, acting editor, *Inside Oakland*, at JenCharney@aol.com or fax information to 3182.

Getting along swimmingly

Aquatics program creates tide of community services, student opportunities, exposure for OU

OU can count on the Aquatics program of the Department of Campus Recreation (DCR) to make a splash. Besides enriching life for OU faculty, staff and students, Aquatics programs show off the university and provide many services for the greater community. The program is based in OU's Aquatics Center, which features the

Recreation Center's new pool. Aquatics helps produce some of the biggest events on campus, including these:

- Girls' and boys' high school class A state championships, which last year drew 2,400 spectators and 500-600 competitors, coaches and officials over two days
 - The National Independent Conference Collegiate Championship swim meets
 - The Mid-Continent Conference Championship swimming and diving meets
- "These events introduce many people to campus," says Terri Eudy, assistant director, Aquatics. "They also give potential students a chance to see Oakland."

OU students benefit from these events, too. Student employees of the DCR gain

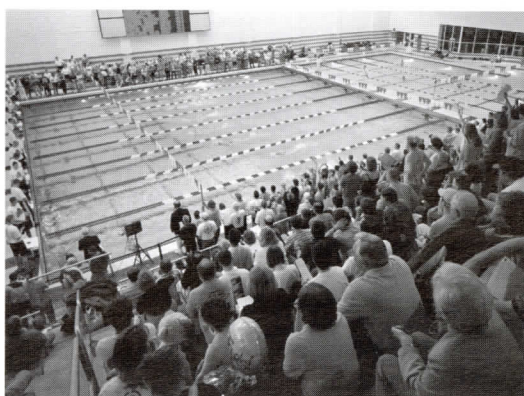
valuable work experience by helping run these large events, Eudy says. There's so much they learn to do: run sound equipment, manage crowds, work with the press, keep score and serve as announcers, for example.

Community Service

Aquatics is also planning a community service project in which physically and emotionally impaired athletes of the Special Olympics will visit the center. The athletes will use the center for open recreation a few times each semester.

"This project will broaden the horizons of the athletes, the staff and the student employees who participate in the events," Eudy says.

Aquatics also runs the Learn to Swim program, serv-



The high school state championships in 1999 drew thousands of spectators to OU, providing good exposure for the university.

ing more than 60 kids. The program's other community projects include the following:

- Tentative plans for the fall call for a swim program for individuals interested in competition or technical instruction. The United States Master's Swim

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OU applauds outstanding faculty

Oakland University honored its outstanding faculty members at its Fifth Annual Faculty Recognition luncheon in April. This event serves as public recognition of some of the many talents and contributions of Oakland's faculty for their teaching excellence, scholarly productivity, creative achievements and community service.



OU President Gary Russi congratulates Keyu Li, associate professor, Mechanical Engineering, at the Fifth Annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon. Li was recognized because she and her two Ph.D. students have developed OU's Interferometric Applications Lab, Residual Stress Management Lab and Material Testing System Lab.

The 2000 honorees:

College of Arts and Sciences

Jerrold W. Grossman, professor, Mathematics and Statistics, has served in many roles for the department, including chief undergraduate adviser, undergraduate coordinator, chair of the Undergraduate Committee, writing the advising newsletter, and maintaining the department's list of course equivalencies.

Susan E. Hawkins, associate professor, English, is the chief adviser in the department. Her achievements include developing and teaching an innovative course on the romance of the West in American literature; and serving as a respondent on a panel on writing, labor and leisure.

Sharon L. Howell, professor, Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, was recognized for teaching the first ITV class between Rochester and Traverse City and continues to teach in this format every term. Outside of the OU community, she is a founder/co-director of the Detroit Summer Project to reclaim Detroit communities.

The most recent book of **John S. Klemanski**, professor, Political Science, was published in November 1999, establishing him as a key figure in the new subfield of comparative urban development. He has introduced three popular courses dealing with elections and campaigns.

Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, assistant professor, Art and Art History, was the curator for the Meadow Brook Art Gallery exhibition, *Nesterova, Sherstiuk, Shulzhenko: New Russian Realism*.

Karen A.J. Miller, associate professor, History, was recognized for her book, *Populist Nationalism: Republican Insurgency and American Foreign Policy Making, 1918-1925*. In 1999, she received an OU Summer Research Fellowship.

Seigo Nakao, associate professor, Modern Languages and Literatures, has built the Japanese program into a very active and visible section in the department.

Bradley J. Roth, associate professor, Physics, was recognized for his internationally known research program on the theoretical and computational studies of the heart's electromagnetic properties.

School of Business Administration

Miron Stano, professor, Economics and Management, specializes in health economics and the financing of health care. His research has made significant and noteworthy contributions to the teaching of health economics, academic literature and formation of public policy.

Kenneth M. York, associate professor, Management, uses many innovative methods to get his students involved, including competency-based grading, team testing and a class web page.

School of Education and Human Services

Robert S. Fink, associate professor, Education Counseling, has an extensive history of contributions in the areas of race relations and mental health professional issues.

Jacqueline I. Lougheed, professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership, has undertaken a lifelong

study of women in leadership.

Anne E. Porter, associate professor, Reading and Language Arts, successfully coordinated the development of an interdisciplinary grant to the U.S. Department of Education that enhances instructional use of information technology.

School of Engineering and Computer Science

Richard E. Haskell, professor, Engineering, was recognized for his 15th book, *Design of Embedded Systems Using 68HC12/11 Microcontrollers*.

Keyu Li, associate professor, Mechanical Engineering, received a Faculty Early Career Development award from the National Science Foundation for her research accomplishments. She is developing optical methods for more accurate measurement of stresses on materials.

Barry S. Winkler, professor, Biomedical Sciences, has contributed to the field of retinal research including developing new techniques for the simple isolation of the intact retina from the eye.

School of Nursing

Sarah E. Newton, assistant professor, Nursing, has published more than 10 articles and given 10 presentations on her research in transplant nursing for persons undergoing hepatic, pancreatic and renal procedures.

University Library

Kristine S. Condic, associate professor, Library, has helped in the development of the electronic presence of Kresge Library and teaching Oakland students and faculty the ways of the new library.

Women's Studies honors faculty

The Women's Studies publication party celebrated works published in the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 academic years written, co-written or edited by the following OU faculty:

Diane Ariza, Sociology and Anthropology
 Amber Ault, Women's Studies
 Linda Benson, History
 Judith K. Brown, Sociology and Anthropology
 Christine and Ranald Hansen, Psychology
 Barbara Mabee, Modern Languages and Literatures
 Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Art and Art History
 Karen Miller, History
 Lynetta Mosby and Albert J. Meehan, Sociology and Anthropology
 Terri L. Orbuch, Sociology and Anthropology
 Kathleen Pfeiffer, English
 Phillis Rooney, Philosophy
 Suzanne Rumph, Women's Studies
 Janice Schimmelman, Art and Art History
 Gary Shepherd, Sociology and Anthropology
 Dyanne M. Tracy, Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership
 Margaret Willard-Traub, Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism
 Susan E. Wood, Art and Art History
 Martha T. Zingo, Political Science

Women's Studies (WS) honored the scholarly work of women's studies faculty and other women scholars at OU with a publication party in April. The event featured lectures on women and publishing by Women's Studies faculty members Susan Wood, professor, Art and Art History, and Kathleen Pfeiffer, assistant professor, English, two of the women whose recent books were included in the exhibit for the occasion.

Amber Ault, assistant professor, Sociology and Anthropology, and director-designee of Women's Studies,

organized the event.

"We hoped to draw attention to the many publications of OU Women's Studies faculty and other women scholars, recognizing that women still face greater material challenges than men in the contexts in which their work is produced and in opportunities to publish it," Ault says. "OU can be proud of the scholarly work accomplished

by women faculty across the disciplines and by women and men whose work addresses issues of gender."

Now the university offers students a concentration in Women's Studies; under current consideration by the Board of Trustees is a proposal from Women's Studies for the institutionalization of a major and minor that would replace the concentration.

Kathleen Pfeiffer, assistant professor, English, speaks at the Women's Studies publication party.



bits and PIECES

Get help with smoking cessation at Graham

OU's Graham Health Center and the American Lung Association will sponsor a Freedom From Smoking Clinic in the fall. For further information, call 2341.

Have a heart, be a captain

Oakland's committee for the American Heart Association Heart Walk 2000 still needs team captains. If you're interested, contact David Disend at 4382. The second OU heart walk, the largest in the nation, is set for October 7. The event is dedicated to the memory of Shirley Cobb, former senior secretary, OU's Office of the President. Proceeds go toward the prevention of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Last year, more than 10,000 participants raised \$900,000; 200 OU walkers raised \$10,000. This year, the goal is for 300 OU walkers to raise \$15,000. A raffle is planned in August.

OTUS moving to BIT; Rowe supervises Help Desk

Terrie Rowe, director, Information Systems, Information and Instructional Technology (IIT), is now managing the Help Desk for users of desktop computers and information system technologies. "We are investigating how we can best support the university as we move to 24-7 operations, especially in the area of web services and distance learning," Rowe says. "We are very fortunate that the Help Desk has a strong foundation in providing desktop support, and we need to expand that support for the future." Rowe welcomes suggestions for the Help Desk at Rowe@oakland.edu. The Help Desk phone number, 370-HELP, and e-mail, help-desk@oakland.edu, will not change.

The Help Desk was supervised by Ken Eagle, who accepted a position outside the university. Eagle reported to Vicki Larabell, manager, Office of Training and User Support (OTUS). She and her training staff this summer will move into the Information Technology Institute (ITI) in the new Business and Information Technology (BIT) building; room 232 Dodge Hall will be closed in preparation for the move. For description of OTUS services that will be offered in the meantime, visit <http://www2.oakland.edu/it/trainservices/>. The Help Desk will remain in 220D Dodge Hall. Meanwhile, work is on schedule

for the BIT building to be occupied by the start of the fall term, says Janet Hepburn, construction manager, Capital Planning and Design.

OU's new Lansing office opens

Oakland University's Office of Government Relations now has a permanent office in Lansing to respond quickly to the legislative issues that affect the university. Kimberly Bennett, Government Relations assistant, works in the office full time; Rochelle Black, director, Government Relations, is in the Lansing office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays when the legislature is in session. Black will continue to maintain her office on campus. Bennett welcomes inquiries about OU's efforts in Lansing. The office also maintains a website at <http://www2.oakland.edu/gvt>. Bennett may be reached at (517) 267-0777 or kbennett@oakland.edu. The office is at 1223 Turner St., Lansing, MI 48906.

Recreation and Athletics Center wins award

Oakland's Recreation and Athletics Center recently won the prestigious Outstanding Sports Facility Award from the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), the organization for recreational sports programs on campuses throughout the country. Only facilities built after 1995 were eligible for the award, which recognizes building design. Twelve winners were selected and awards were given at the April 2000 Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. The NIRSA award follows the center's Athletic Business Facility of Merit award, which also recognized the building's design last year.

MBH unveils sculpture

Meadow Brook Hall recently added a sculpture to its outdoor collection: *The Golden Fleece*, created in 1940, is a gilt bronze work by Avar T. Fairbanks. It highlights the MBH fountain garden. The 5-foot 4-inch sculpture depicts a Greek myth in which two children ride a ram through the clouds. It was inspired by Fairbanks' Dodge Ram hood ornament of 1932, one of the most enduring corporate symbols in American history.

Dr. Grant R. Fairbanks, the sculptor's son, recently donated the work to Meadow Brook Hall. Installation of the sculpture was made possible by the Dodge division of DaimlerChrysler Corporation. Avar Fairbanks also created the 1947 Colt Pegasus, also in the MBH fountain garden.



From left, Beau Puffer, director, Marketing, and James Julow, vice president, both of DaimlerChrysler Corporation's Dodge division; Lisa Baylis Ashby, executive director, Meadow Brook Hall; and Betsy Hunter, garden editor, *House Beautiful* magazine, at the dedication and permanent installation of *The Golden Fleece* sculpture.

AmeriCorps wins funding

AmeriCorps Oakland has been approved by the Michigan Community Service Commission and the Corporation for National Service for 2000-2003 competitive funding. The new program will focus on education and public safety.

"We will tutor children in grades 1-8 in reading, math and science as well as teach conflict resolution and anger management," says Carol Anne Ketelsen, AmeriCorps program manager.

AmeriCorps Oakland is a federally funded program that utilizes 40 Oakland University students to meet the educational and human needs of youth in the Pontiac community.

Survey shows faculty like new grade submission system

Most OU faculty members like using the new Banner Web system to record student grades, according to a recent survey. Fall 1999 was the second term that faculty used Banner to submit student grades. Before the use of Banner, faculty used pencils to complete bubble sheets, which were then scanned by computer. The Office of the Registrar sent the survey to the 740 faculty who taught in the Fall 1999 term. Of the 740 surveys mailed, 297 surveys were completed and returned. This response rate of 40 percent was fairly consistent among OU's college and schools, says Registrar Steve Shablin. Two-hundred sixty-five or 89 percent of those surveyed said the Banner Web instructions were clearly written and easy to understand; 274 or 92 percent said the grade entry process was easy or satisfactory. Entering grades through Banner Web is faster than using paper and pencil, Shablin says, and the system is available anytime and anywhere faculty have access to the Internet.

New campus maps available

Updated OU campus maps are now available from the print shop. To order, specify OU Parking Map S002070 on the OU Forms Requisition. For further information, call 2282.

New recycling procedure starts

It is no longer necessary to separate white paper and mixed paper for recycling. One bin will be for both types of paper and it will be labeled as "mixed paper." If you have any questions, please contact Recycling Coordinator Herb Lucre at 2168.

Wawro on History Channel again

Geoff Wawro, associate professor, History, appeared again on the History Channel June 29, this time as an authority on 18th century warfare, in *The Patriot: History or Hollywood?* The segment was filmed in South Carolina near the site of the battles of Cowpens and King's Mountain. *The Patriot*, a Sony Pictures release that opened on June 30, stars Mel Gibson as a southern farmer swept into the American Revolution. Wawro appeared on the History Channel in April as an expert on naval warfare.



Richard Ulrich with the fine art mural *Equation*.

A beautiful Equation

Many equations stem from OU's Department of Mathematics and Statistics, but the newest one is unique: Anyone can touch it and draw inspiration and history lesson from it. The department on June 13 dedicated *Equation*, a 4-foot by 20-foot fine art mural that hangs outside the Mathematics and Statistics office, 368 Science and Engineering Building. *Equation*, by Richard Ulrich, a Rochester artist and former OU student, is the product of more than four years of research and production. Its theme is the relationship between the universe, mathematics and humanity. More than 1,000 hand-formed ceramic tiles explain the development of math from the beginning of time.

Equation became a reality after Jerrold Grossman, professor, Mathematics and Statistics, suggested that artwork with a math theme would be appropriate for department's new home in the SEB. Monetary donations from Mathematics and Statistics faculty and external departmental donors paid for the mural's materials; Ulrich donated his labor.

"*Equation* shows, eloquently, that mathematics pervades life, human thought, and human achievement," says Marc Lipman, professor and chair, Mathematics and Statistics. "Many of the tiles contain mathematical beauty, a simplicity and finality of presentation of profound mathematical ideas. Add the physical and emotional beauty of the art, the geometry and color of the tiles, and the combination is magnificent."



Hole 12 at OU's new R & S Sharf Golf Course.

New golf course complete

Construction of the R & S Sharf Golf Course on the east side of campus was completed two months ahead of schedule and well within the budget, says Bill Rogers, golf course director.

Now the rest is up to the weather. Depending on how fast the grass grows, the 18-hole championship course could be open by mid-September, he says.

new faces and positions

- Kay Brzak, Design Engineer, SECS
- Ramona Gale, Accounting Clerk II, Police Department
- Megan Gilroy, Clerk/Receptionist II, Academic Skills Center
- Donna Gruber, Secretary I, Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism
- Karen Kent, Clerk III, Kresge Library
- Dona LeFevre, Design Engineer, SECS
- Jill Materna, Secretary I, Meadow Brook Theatre
- Brandi Monroe, Secretary II, Reading and Language Arts
- Rebekah Nowiski, Custodian I, CF&O
- Paul Trumbull, Adviser, Admissions

employee of the MONTH



MAY 2000

EMPLOYEE: Vicki McNiff

TITLE: Placement Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: Placement and Career Services

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 1 1/2 years

COMMENTS:

“Vicki has worked diligently to improve the placement of all her students, especially the teacher candidates for whom she is responsible. She organized the largest Education Recruiters Day in OU’s history and assisted the Teacher Education department to adopt Career Connections for their student teachers. She did all of that and more with a positive team attitude that is beneficial to the entire department. This productivity has reflected well on the university and helps other departments as well.”



JUNE 2000

EMPLOYEE: Terry Ross

TITLE: Police Officer

DEPARTMENT: OU Police Department

LENGTH OF SERVICE: 11 years

COMMENTS:

“I can’t say enough about Terry’s dedication and loyalty to OU and his interest in doing a fine job no matter what the issue. He has excellent police skills and knowledge, excellent people skills, and is always ready to do what it takes to make us all look good.”

“Terry’s involvement in activities outside of his normal shift, such as self-defense training, benefit the entire university community. I’ve heard comments from those who have taken the courses and they can’t say enough about how great it is.”

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program will be open to the public.

- The Silver Dolphin swim program for people age 50 and older is run with the Michigan Senior Olympics and the Rochester Older Persons Center. Participants may swim laps or work out in the water Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for \$2 per visit. A Recreation Center ID card is required. For further information, call 4533 or 4534.

“The DCR is proud to contribute to the university’s outstanding reputation,” says DCR Director Greg Jordan. “These events and programs are positive, they serve as points of entry to the university and they can help us build national eminence.”

For further information about programs in this story, contact Eudy at 4533 or eudyteet@oakland.edu.

calendar of EVENTS

- August**
- 17 Summer term classes end
 - 18 Exams begin
 - 21 Exams end
 - 30-31 Fall registration
- September**
- 4 Labor Day holiday
 - 5 Classes begin

campus REGISTRY

of distinction

Mukesh Bhargava, SBA, was awarded a research grant from the Marketing Science Institute, Boston, for research on developing an instrument to measure market based assets. This proposal was co-authored by Dr. R. Srivastava, Emory University and Dr. R. Ramaswamy, Iowa State University.

John Bohte, Political Science, presented two papers co-authored with Ken Meier, Texas A&M University, at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention in Chicago, in April. The papers are *Structure and Discretion: Missing Links in Representative Bureaucracy*, and *Not With a Bang, But a Whimper: Studying Organizational Failures*. The pair also announces the publication of another paper, *Goal Displacement: Assessing the Motivation for Organizational Cheating*, in *Public Administration Review* March/April, 2000.

Natalie Cole, English, chaired a panel on *The Eclectic Dickens: New History and Old Narrative*, at the Dickens Conference in Boston, in November 1999. She also chaired a panel entitled, *Physical Pain/Spiritual Health* at the Midwest Victorian Studies Association Conference in Champaign-Urbana in April.

Robert Eberwein, English, presented papers examining masculinity and the World War II combat film at two meetings: the Florida State University Conference on Film and Literature in Tallahassee, and the Society for Cinema studies Conference in Chicago.

George Gamboa, Biological Sciences, was invited in March to be an Allen L. Edwards Lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington. Edwards endowed the lectureship to bring nationally and internationally renowned researchers to campus.

Annette Gilson, English, attended the Northeastern Modern Language Association conference in April. She presented a paper, *British Civilization as Nightmare in Marianne Wiggins’ John Dollar*.

Andrew Goldberg, Eye Research Institute, received his first independent National Institutes of Health grant, a five-year grant for \$1.3 million beginning December 1, 2000: *Peripherin/RDS in Photoreceptor Renewal and Disease*.

Robert Justin Goldstein, Political Science, announces the publication of a book he edited, *The War for the Public Mind, Political Censorship in Nineteenth-Century Europe*, by Greenwood Publishing Group.

Christine and Randy Hansen, Psychology, have contributed a chapter entitled, *Music and Music Videos to Media Entertainment: The Psychology of its Appeal*, an international volume edited by Dolf Zillmann and Peter Vorderer.

Edward Haworth Hoepfner, English, chaired a panel, *Narratives of Influence in Twentieth-Century Poetry*, at the

Twentieth-Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville, in February. He delivered a pedagogy paper, *Narrating by Image*, at the national convention of the Associated Writing Programs in Kansas City, in March.

Alice S. Horning and **Ronald A. Sudol**, Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, announce the publication of a collection of essays they edited. The Literacy Connection was published by Hampton Press.

Sudol has been appointed by The College Board to its Learning Collaborative, which is creating a website to support high school teachers of advanced placement courses in English. Sudol is reviewing submissions for the site.

John S. Klemanski, Political Science, and Alan DiGaetano presented *The Changing Nature of UK and US Local Governments*, at the 50th Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom, at the London School of Economics and Political Science, in April.

Anahid Kulwicki, Nursing, is a member of the Fulbright Senior Specialist Review Committee. She will be evaluating and recommending all Fulbright nursing applications for the year. She wrote a book chapter, *Arab Women in Constructing Gender: Multicultural Perspectives in Working with Women*, published by Brooks/Cole. Kulwicki is also on the National Advisory Committee on People of Color Against Domestic Violence.

Virinder Moudgil, Biological Sciences, announces the publication of his work, *Estrogen-Dependent and Independent Activation of the Promoter of the p53 Gene in Transiently Transfected Breast Cancer Cells*, in *Oncogene*, (V. 18, 1999). The work was performed at OU with **Cliff Hurd, Ph.D.**, postdoctoral research associate; and graduate students **Sumi Dinda** and **Nidhi Khattree**.

Kevin Murphy, Economics, presented *The Impact of State Unemployment Insurance Taxes on Wages*, at the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, in April. He also served as external evaluator of the economics discipline at the University of Michigan-Dearborn in May.

Dale Nesbary, Political Science, announces that his paper, *The Use of Web Directories in the Classroom*, has been accepted for publication by the *British Journal of Educational Technology*. His paper, *The Acquisition of Computer-Aided Dispatch Systems — Administrative and Political Considerations*, will be presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science Computing Association.

Jude V. Nixon, English, attended the Midwest Victorian Studies Association Meeting, March 31-April 2, at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His talk at this conference on Victorian Realities/Victorian Dreams was, *To Feed Upon Myself: The Stress of Self in Newman’s ‘Gerontius’ and Hopkins’s ‘Carrión Comfort.’* From April 6-8, he attended the Carlyles in the New Millennium Conference at St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, where he chaired a session and presented a paper, *The Carlyle-Dickens Traffic: Slavery in the Americas*.


The Oakland Way of Life column, featuring health tips from Fred Stransky, director, Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, will return in September. Meanwhile, tune in to WJR 760 AM radio, Sundays, 10-11 p.m., for Stransky’s show, *The Secrets to Good Health*.

On April 8, in Phoenix, he gave one of the three invited plenary addresses at a conference on Naturalism: Scientific, Religious, and Literary Implications, sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences and Grand Canyon University. His address was entitled, *I Found Him Not in World or Sun: Darwinianism and the Challenge to Natural Theology in Victorian Literature*.

Meir Shillor, Mathematics and Statistics, announces the publication of four of his articles: *A Dynamic Model for a Thermostat*, co-written by J. Jordan and X. Zou, in the *Journal of Engineering Mathematics*; *A Contact Problem for Bingham Fluid with Friction*, co-written by B. Awbi and M. Sofonea, both from the University of Perpignan, France, in *Applicable Analysis; Models and Simulations of Dynamic Frictional Contact*, co-written by K. L. Kuttler, Brigham Young University, and Y. Renard, University of Toulouse, France, in *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*; and *Frictional Wear of a Thermoelastic Beam*, with **Randy Gu**, Computer Science and Engineering, and K. L. Kuttler, in the *Journal of Mathematical Analysis and Applications*.

Mark Simon, SBA, was named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow for the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Team at Oakland University. SIFE encourages students to apply their learning to real-life situations and to better their communities through educational outreach projects. Under Simon’s direction, the OU SIFE team presented its educational outreach projects at the 2000 SIFE Regional Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair held in April in Chicago. The OU team was named second runner-up.

Philip Singer, SHS, announces a major review of his video documentary, *Life and Death of an Alternative Healer*, in the *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine* (V.6, No. 2, 2000).



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