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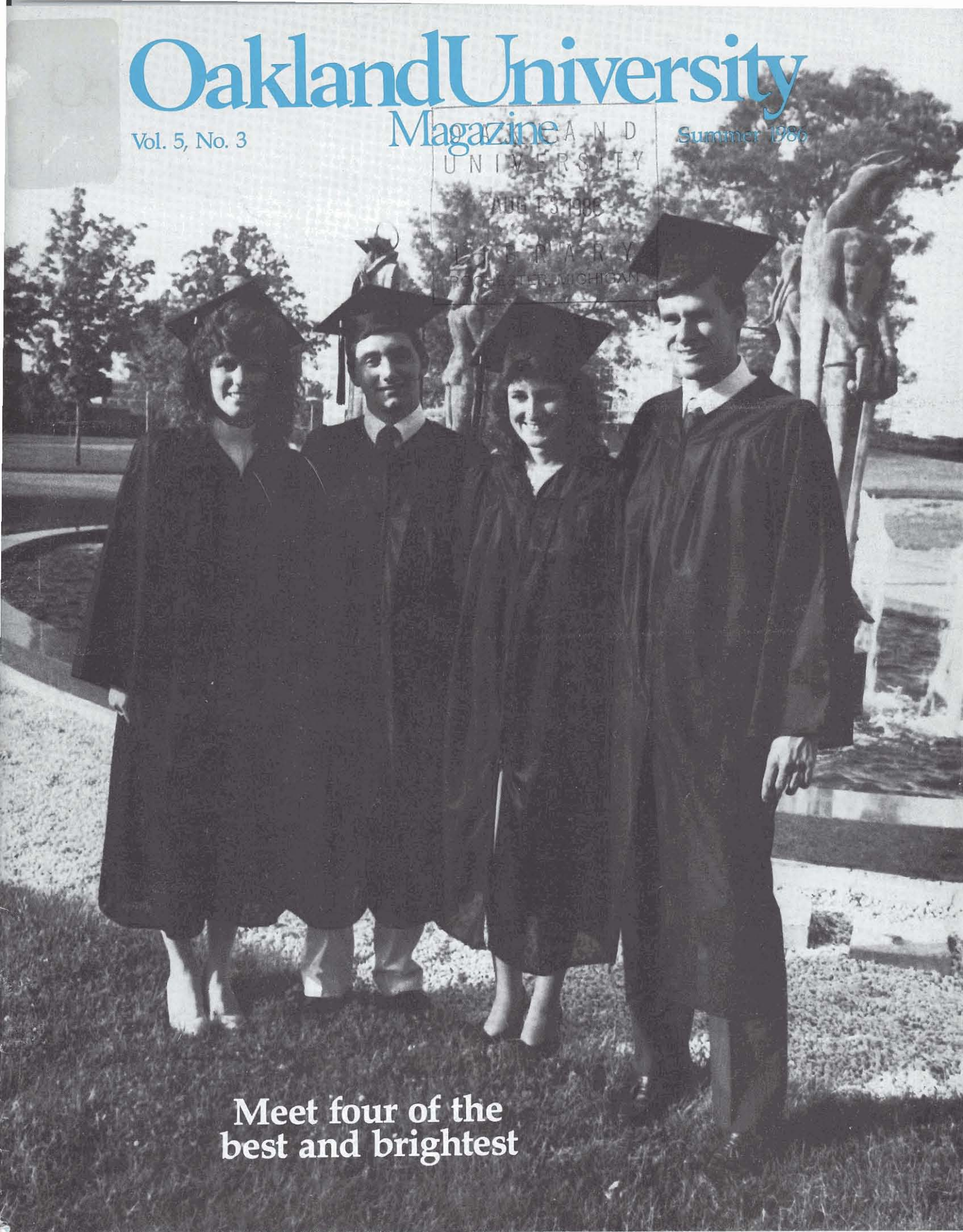
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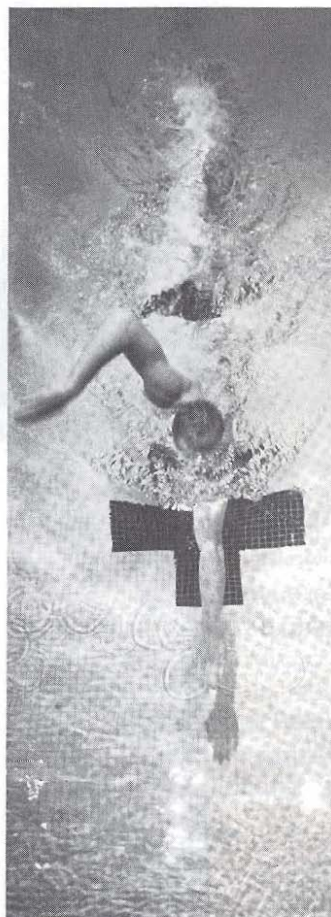
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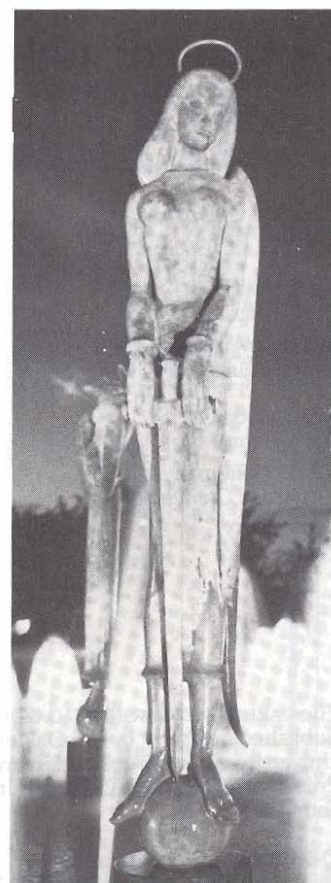
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Editor's Choice

Coming of Age

Observant readers of OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE will note the addition of a new column with this issue, beginning on page 4. Letters to the editor, labeled "Readers' Voice," will run whenever we have enough letters to fill the space.

While a few letters have come in since the magazine expanded a year and a half ago, the subject matter was generally a 'thank you' or a clarification of a minor nature. That appears to be changing.

The last issue prompted some serious comments from our readers. We welcomed them and wanted to afford the letter writers the opportunity to share their thoughts with a wider audience. Hence, the new column.

What this tells us is the magazine is coming of age. From time to time we will be running articles that encourage divergent points of view — even controversy. Why? Because free exchange of thought is at the very root of learning, particularly in a higher education setting. As university provost Keith Kleckner stated during the recent Accuracy in Academia debate (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, Spring 1986), "Our academic community must remain one in which anyone may discuss any issue from any point of view."

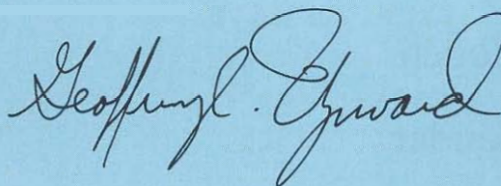
'Coming of age' seems to be at the very root of this issue also. Oakland University sports, which were not part of the original university mission, are now nationally recognized in NCAA Division II competition. A story about recent triumphs of the men's swimming team begins on page 10.

The President's Club, conceived as a surrogate alumni support group, turns 20 this year (see page 13). And those 20 years have been filled with weighty contributions to the university.

The alumni body itself is now nearly 25 years old — and the graduates just seem to be getting better and better. The stories of four Wilson Award candidates, beginning on page 16, underscore that point. As more and more accomplished alums find places in the work place, the institute's reputation grows accordingly.

And, as a final note on aging, Oakland researchers are coming up with a number of clues that explain why we grow old. Now, if they could only discover how to stop the process — or better yet for some of us, reverse it.

We hope you enjoy the issue. If you do — or if you don't — send us your comments.



SUNSET TERRACE REVISITED

Historic Interpretation by ASID

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IT'S NOW or NEVER

Make plans to see **Sunset Terrace Revisited**, the historic restoration offering a first and last opportunity for public touring of the unusual hilltop house overlooking Meadow Brook Hall and the Music Festival grounds.

Planned and executed by the Historic Preservation Committee (Michigan Chapter) of the **American Society of Interior Designers**, this one-time-only event presents a 1950s interpretation of the retirement home built for Oakland University benefactors Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson.

Sunset Terrace was designed by William Kapp of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, who also designed Meadow Brook Hall, the Wilsons' principal residence. The house is primarily curvilinear and features a large round living room. Like

Frank Lloyd Wright prairie homes admired during that period, Sunset Terrace captures the outside view and brings the environment inside by its extensive use of glass. All furnishings and appointments provided by ASID are exemplary designs compatible with that period of architecture.

A unique experience for visitors, **Sunset Terrace Revisited** provides revenue for continuing operation and preservation of Sunset Terrace. After **Sunset Terrace Revisited** closes August 24, the home will be used as a small conference center annex to Meadow Brook Hall, as will the newly renovated Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, which now accommodates programs requiring large exhibition areas or seating capacity up to 1,000.

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AIA's course monitoring may help preserve academic freedom

I am writing to express my utter revulsion with Oakland University's attitude toward Accuracy in Academia, as expressed in the Spring '86 OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.

All AIA has ever done, or will ever have the authority to do, is challenge professors to a public debate. If a professor is not willing to debate a subject in public, that is certainly his or her right, but for that professor to divert attention from his own spinelessness by accusing AIA of attempting to restrict academic freedom is absolutely hypocritical.

If I were a humanities professor, I would be delighted to have my class "monitored" and even more delighted to debate my views in public. These professors who get so nervous about having their lectures escape from the classroom are a very curious breed.

Has it occurred to you folks that if college class proceedings become top-secret outside of the classroom that a professor may downgrade a student at will just for not having the right views? I guess that's "academic freedom," eh? Just like the Soviet government has "academic freedom" — problem is, they're just a small minority with the power structure at hand to impose their will on the less fortunate.

If you people would just wake up you'd see what is going on. Many university professors, either intentionally or through sheer ignorance, present biased viewpoints. But that is not even the problem. The problem is that some of them assign reading which supports their views, while *suppressing* opposing literature. Many professors, for example, give readings opposing nuclear power, never giving their students a clue that some very informed people (in fact, 95 percent of scientists in the energy field) strongly advocate rapid development of nuclear power. These are the hypocrites who are so worried about encroachment on their "academic freedom."

Until I see a fair article on AIA in OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, I will be too embarrassed to consider myself a member of the Oakland alumni. I would even be willing to write the article, if necessary.

Russ Paielli ('82)
San Jose, California

Articles on China show the need for more cross-cultural education

I wish to express my dismay with the contents of the article entitled "The Dawn and Dusk of Red China" (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, Spring 1986). The article reflects a naivete beyond belief and smacks of ethnocentrism at its worst.

The opening quote, "It's such a backward province that we were unable to find it on a map," bears analysis. As even the worst fifth-grade geography student knows, there is no correlation between life styles of people of an area and the representation of that area on a map. The fact that the investigator was unable to find a major province of one of the largest countries of the world speaks not to the backward nature of the province, but to something else. Such later statements as, "it's a strange experience to go to China," gives focus to conjecture about what that something else may be.

Ethnocentricity is reflected in the statements above and the one that reports leaving an inner-city teaching position for something "more ambitious" — a college teaching post. No doubt a statement with which thousands of dedicated inner-city teachers, their pupils and the parents of those pupils could easily take umbrage.

Somehow, my dismay does not lie with the interviewee in the article. There are ample instances of shoot-oneself-in-the-foot statements to allow readers to hypothesize about the participant of the "adventure." Rather, my concern is with the credence given the interviewee's perceptions in OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE. Few editorial statements are included in the article. Mary Berger's observations are reported factually. I am in no way suggesting censorship. I do believe that Berger's right to state her perceptions are inviolate. But, this is one article which definitely should have carried disclaimers separating the university from the views of the interviewee. There are too many instances in which Berger is claimed as one of Oakland's own.

Finally, I am compelled to ask how an individual whose evaluation of her academic life at a sister institution was "just truly boring" found a home at Oakland University, and became a spokesperson for the institution.

George E. Coon
Professor of Education

I was pleased to see the Spring 1986 edition of your fine magazine.

Your introduction of the four Chinese professors of English ("Chinese scholars break barriers during Oakland stay") was insightful, interesting and rewarding. I should point out, however, that they are not really the first Chinese research scholars at Oakland, as they were preceded by visiting scholars in engineering, physics and education. Perhaps, the English professors' outgoing nature and eagerness to learn about American language and culture drew favorable attention to them, making them seem to many like the first visiting scholars.

However, your article, "The Dawn and Dusk of

Red China," dealing with Oakland alumna Mary Berger's experiences teaching English in China, caused a certain amount of frustration and embarrassment for some of us with an interest in China.

The article points out the need for a liberal arts education, a broadening of our horizons and the understanding of other peoples and cultures different from our own.

I regret that Berger's "Introduction to China" area studies class was not more helpful to her. Quotes in your article present her as naive, ill-prepared, rigid in her perceptions and unrelenting in her opinions. This attitude unfortunately is too often the case for Americans who go abroad.

Many of the problems Berger mentions were of her own making. Her lack of understanding probably reflects her lack of homework concerning what to expect halfway around the world in a developing nation. When conditions in China did not match up to Berger's suburban standard of living, she refers to them as "backward," "going back to the beginning of civilization" and "strange." The article mentions her fears, frustrations and fascinations, but these resulted from her lack of understanding of what she was getting into, demonstrating again the great need for cross-cultural education.

Berger's novella is a great fantasy, a nice mixture of misunderstandings, anachronisms and bits of information pulled out of context, scrambled with a vivid imagination and put forth out of context. Considering that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, Berger apparently wore tinted sunglasses as she viewed her Chinese surroundings. China has bureaucratic hangups; it lacks some creature comforts to which we are accustomed; and when we don't understand the language and the culture, misunderstandings are bound to occur — but these conditions are to be expected in a developing nation.

Berger's comments exemplify the need for greater understanding of other cultures in the world around us, thus providing us, as educators, with the challenge to work even harder to prevent such misunderstandings in the future.

Her experience offers us a sweet and sour vision of China. I hope that future visitors will leave with a more palatable impression of Chinese culture.

Richard B. Stamps
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Coordinator of East Asian Studies,
Center for International Programs



I found the spring issue of OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE somewhat troublesome. The interview of Mary Berger and her writing seemed overburdened with negative aspects of her experiences in China. Given the great emotion associated with her experiences, it seems likely that a distorted view of events is the result, a classic case of "culture shock." I'm certain the visiting Chinese scholars were embarrassed by the interpretations Berger gave in the interview and in her "fictional" piece; how unfortunate for these Chinese scholars, in what we hope is a long line of exchange, to have their visit associated with such negative affect.

Perhaps you could clarify the situation by interviewing the two teachers who followed Berger to the same Chinese institution (Professor Scherer's daughter and son-in-law). It is my understanding that they experienced none of the difficulties described by Berger and their descriptions of teaching in China might give balance to what has already been written.

Hal Cafone
Professor of Education

Alumni input is needed

Focus has become a trendy term among the members of the Oakland University Alumni Association board of directors during the past year.

Your board is very concerned that the programs we support, the services we provide and the promotion we engage in on behalf of Oakland University are representative of the greatest number of alumni. This probably has been of constant concern to the board in previous years but takes on added significance recently.

The university is now moving into its second quarter century; consequently, its alumni body is maturing as a whole, but becoming much more diverse. Our charter class marked its 23rd anniversary this year, but just as important to us are the new graduates from the class of 1986, who will be invited to join the alumni association following the June and September commencements.

We are fortunate, perhaps, that we have so little tradition at Oakland. It allows all of us the flexibility to form original responses to the immediate concerns facing the board each month.

It is relatively easy to make decisions concerning funding of activities and grants because our predecessors on the board established sound criteria that all new requests must meet. Likewise, our services to the university are easy to handle,

since the need is usually significant and the request from placement, admission, or the like, is specific.

Our challenge is in attempting to forecast which of many services Oakland alumni want us to provide for them. The Alumni Relations Office tries to keep all alumni, whether they are association members or not, in tune with the university. (The OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE is one example.) But the best way to predict needs is to ask our constituents.

You recently received a mailing asking you to renew your alumni association membership, or join for the first time. I encourage you to respond — and to let us know how best to serve you.

Ultimately, you will make the difference in whether the alumni association acts in *your* best interests over the next several years. We welcome criticism as well as praise, and you can be assured that any such feedback is not "lost in the mail."

We always have vacancies on standing committees, which we fill with alumni who are not on the board of directors. Perhaps you have an hour per month you would like to donate to enhance alumni participation in Oakland's future.

We look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you in the near future.

Gerald B. Alt ('76)
President, OUAA

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

All members of the Oakland University community are invited to submit nominations for the annual Distinguished Alumni Service Award to be presented at fall 1986 commencement ceremonies.

The letter of nomination should contain sufficient supporting statements to permit an initial review of the nominee.

The award recognizes individual graduates who have demonstrated one of the following: 1) continued exceptional service to the university and its alumni association over a period of years, 2) achievement of excellence in the planning and implementation of a special project that has singular impact on the development of the university or the alumni association.

Nominations should be submitted by August 1, 1986 to the Alumni Relations Office, 266 South Foundation Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48063.

Nursing honor society becomes Sigma Theta Tau

Oakland University's Nursing Honor Society was chartered as an official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau international honor society of nursing April 25.

Linda Daniel of Ann Arbor, Michigan, past national secretary of Sigma Theta Tau, conducted the installation for more than 150 local nursing leaders.

Oakland nursing instructor Rita Munley Gallagher was named president of the new chapter. The other officers are Terri Ann Voltava of Sylvan Lake, Michigan, vice president; Judy Anderson ('78), secretary; and visiting nursing instructor Patricia Tackitt, treasurer.

Sigma Theta Tau encourages and sponsors research, promotes the development of nursing leadership and supports the development of nursing scholars. It has more than 75,000 members nationally.

Oakland profs, students receive state honors

The Michigan Association of Governing Boards honored two Oakland faculty members and two students at its annual award convocation April 9 in East Lansing.

Oakland honorees were Charles W. Akers, professor of history; Gilbert L. Wedekind, professor of engineering; Kim McDowell, a junior bio-chemistry major from Kalamazoo and Dennis Washington, a junior English major from Detroit. The association also presented engineering professor Joseph Hovanessian with a certificate of recognition.

Akers and Wedekind also were cited for excellence by the university last fall. Akers received the Research Excellence Award and Wedekind the Teaching Excellence Award.

Akers is a widely recognized scholar on 18th-century America and is the author of three current books on Abigail Adams, Samuel Cooper and Jonathon Mayhew.

Wedekind has been credited with being "the ideal engineering instructor," active, committed and with an international reputation as a practicing engineer.

Kim McDowell, one of the youngest students ever asked to work in the university's Eye Research Institute, is a member of the women's basketball team, activities committee chairperson for her residence hall and

is a member of the Crusade for Christ planning group.

Dennis Washington, an Honors College student, is president of the Association of Black Students, a resident assistant, a member of the forensics team, the Student Life Lecture Board and Black Awareness Month committees, and serves on University Congress.

Student chalks up high math score on national competition

Senior Linda Sattler scored in the top 200 of the 1985-86 William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition, which is considered the primary measure of excellence in mathematics among undergraduates.

The competition consists of an all-day written examination covering advanced undergraduate mathematics problem solving. It annually draws more than 2,000 participants from colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Only four other Michigan students attained the high ranking.

Sattler, who earned a double major in mathematics and computer and information science, received an academic achievement award from the School of Engineering and Computer Science and departmental honors from the Department of Mathematical Sciences upon graduation.

The Washington, Michigan, resident will attend California's Claremont Graduate School this fall to study applied mathematics.

Champagne elected to international tech park association

University President Joseph E. Champagne has been elected to the charter board of trustees of the International Association of University Related Research Parks.

Champagne also participated in a panel discussion at the group's first meeting, held in April in Phoenix, Arizona.

The association was formed to promote knowledge relating to the planning, construction, marketing and management of university research parks. The members will monitor legislative and regulatory actions, hold workshops, create centralized reference services and promote public awareness of the role, activities and contributions of university research parks.

Champagne said his election to the nine-member board will give widespread recognition to the university and to the Oakland Technology Park. Others elected to the board of trustees include representatives of the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Arizona State University.

Headquarters for the association will be at Arizona State University.

Lights, cameras, action! TV ad staged at theatre

Meadow Brook Theatre staged a production of a different sort recently — serving as the backdrop for a television commercial featuring actress Maureen Stapleton.

The commercial, prepared in May for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, is one of a series of three ads featuring Stapleton. The others were taped elsewhere.

The theatre's stage, and the set used for *Sing for Your Supper*, was used to lend credibility to Stapleton's delivery. The "plot" has Stapleton leaving a rehearsal. Dressed casually, she carries a script in one hand and tells all that can be told in 30 seconds.

The ads are scheduled to be aired this summer.



Actress Maureen Stapleton takes direction from Chuck Modrack during filming of a commercial for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan at Meadow Brook Theatre. The spot, one of a series of ads featuring Stapleton at metropolitan Detroit locations, is slated for air time this summer.

Charter professor says 'Nyet' to total retirement

After 27 years at Oakland, Russian professor Helen Kovach-Tarakanov has decided to call it a day. But while the charter faculty member is now officially retired, she will continue to teach part-time.

"After I announced my retirement plans, I realized that I would go crazy with nothing to do," she said. "I love Oakland dearly. The campus is like a second home to me and I don't think I could ever leave."

Kovach-Tarakanov's decision to continue teaching will allow interested students to study first-year Russian. Her full retirement would have meant the discontinuation of the Russian studies program.

"Being the only professor of Russian, I frequently taught more than the normal class load," she said. "I wanted to give Russian language students the same opportunity for a language degree as students of German or

Spanish, even though few students advanced to fourth-year status. I feel bad that only first-year Russian will be offered from now on, but at least the program will not close entirely."

With her extra time, Kovach-Tarakanov plans to attend classes herself. "I would like to study Spanish and also some areas of which I know nothing, like computer science — studies that were nonexistent when I was growing up," she said.

She also plans to continue her research on Russians in the United States and South America. She hopes to determine how well the children of post-World War II immigrants retained their ethnic identity.

"I've already discovered that the immigrants themselves were mostly very simple collective farm workers who gave everything to offer their children a better life," she said. "Their children did not disappoint them, becoming doctors, lawyers and university professors."

"But it bothers me that so many of them have lost their ethnic identity, as many

Americans have. Most of them don't speak any Russian at all." — *Ken Palnau*

Oakland closes admissions early

Record enrollments for the 1985-86 fall and winter semesters and strong application levels for the coming academic year prompted Oakland University to announce it would close undergraduate admissions July 15.

Graduate admissions are expected to remain open through late summer.

Enrollment at Oakland rose to a record 12,586 students for the fall 1985 semester, an increase of more than 600 students over fall 1984. Enrollment increases at the graduate level were especially strong, particularly in the School of Human and Educational Services.

The trend continued through the winter semester, with headcount at 11,967, up nearly 900 students over the previous winter.

Beardman's work featured in New York gallery

"If it doesn't feel right, it isn't right. If it feels right, it is, no matter how many rules it breaks."

So says painter John Beardman, professor of art.

Beardman has been breaking rules himself lately. Commuting between Oakland University and New York City while on research fellowships and grants, Beardman has been cracking the ranks of the New York art world — something notoriously difficult for outsiders.

Eight of Beardman's paintings were featured in a one-man show at O.K. Harris Works of Art in New York during March. The show, sponsored by Beardman's agent Allan Stone, was in the same gallery used during the filming of *An Unmarried Woman*, Beardman said.

In describing the way he approaches his work, Beardman explains: "I start with an emotion, but I don't put any words to it. Words don't work at all. Painting is an anti-word thing — it has to do with emotional states and visual perceptions, how we see the world around us."

John Beardman and a recent painting.



An insider's view of life in the U.S.S.R.

"The government pretends to pay us. We pretend to work."

That's an editorial cartoon, Soviet-style. Without the newspaper.

"In the Soviet Union, sometimes humor is the only way of expressing true feelings because there is no free press," Arkady Shevchenko, a former high-ranking Soviet official who defected to the United States in 1977, told an Oakland audience April 7.

Shevchenko spoke about the lives of ordinary Soviet citizens, relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and problems facing the Soviet economy. Five hundred students, faculty and staff members turned out for his lecture, sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board and Student Program Board.

A former ambassador to the United States, Shevchenko served as Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and was an adviser to Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko before his defection. He is the highest level Soviet official to defect to the West.

"The Soviet Union is at a crossroads," Shevchenko said. "If present economic and social problems are not resolved, then I think the new Gorbachev leadership understands that the further erosion of the economic and political system is inevitable."

"I do not envy Gorbachev," he added.

The Soviet leader faces enormous problems resulting from a stagnating Soviet economy, caused in part by the rigidity of previous leaders, Shevchenko said. Among them:

- Food shortages: "Americans think the food shortages are propaganda or they don't know about them. The situation is very serious. Agricultural productivity is perennially a problem."

- Consumer goods: "The items are so expensive an average person can't afford them. For instance, to buy a car, it costs 10 years' salary — full salary — plus seven years on a waiting list."

- Standard of living: "Soviet citizens tend to believe they live like everyone else. They figure it's normal to have no access to foreign papers. They don't know otherwise. As a student, I lived with my wife, our son and her parents in one room and two other families lived with us in the same apartment."



- Modernization: "The Soviet Union desperately needs modernization. They began computer education in the schools on a large scale last year, but the computers are not as advanced as ours. In fact, the equipment is obsolete. They are comparable to those we had here 20 years ago and the cost is phenomenal."

The widespread use of many innovations Americans take for granted — including computers, direct-dial phones and even copy machines — present tremendous problems for the Soviet Union because they would allow information to be freely dispersed, Shevchenko said.

"The Soviet Union faces an agonizing choice," he said. "They can fall even further behind, or they can open up information to the citizens. They are trying to deal with aspects of technology that are virtually yesterday's news in the United States. They are so far behind Japan and the United States. Radical reform is necessary."

Shevchenko said foreign language programs in Russian and Soviet studies courses could ultimately be linked to improved relations between the countries. "It is inevitable that opportunities for exchange with the U.S.S.R. will expand," he said. "It's amazing that even the people in our government who work with Russians don't speak Russian: They use translators. It is not a waste of time to learn the language."

"It was enormously painful to leave my country, but I don't regret it. I recently became a U.S. citizen and consider that the finest moment of my life. I am very proud of it."

"I found that true freedom was here (in the United States)," former Soviet official Arkady Shevchenko tells an Oakland crowd.

Theatre mounts two Detroit-area premieres

Two recent Broadway hits, *Foxfire* by Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn and *Pack of Lies* by Hugh Whitemore, will make their Detroit-area debuts during Meadow Brook Theatre's 1986-87 season.

Shakespeare's *Richard III* will open the season October 9-November 3, followed by *Foxfire*, November 7-30.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Charles Nolte, an annual favorite with Meadow Brook audiences, is slated for December 4-28.

Opening New Year's Day will be *The Rose Tattoo* by Tennessee Williams, which runs through January 25. *A Flea in Her Ear*, a comedy-farce by Georges Feydeau, plays January 29-February 22.

The spy thriller *Pack of Lies* will be presented February 26-March 22. Woody Allen's *Play it Again, Sam* will tour Michigan after its March 26-April 19 run. Agatha Christie's *Go Back for Murder*, April 23-May 17, will complete the season.

Season tickets may be ordered now by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office, (313) 377-3300. Tickets for individual plays go on sale October 2.

Medalias combine interests to launch a new career

The husband-and-wife team of Nahum Medalia, professor of sociology, and Adeline Hirschfeld-Medalia, associate professor of theatre, has embarked on a new career: documentary film-making.

The Medalias, who retired in December, plan to focus their film efforts on aging and the lifestyles of older Americans. They became interested in making films on aging after spending time in San Miguel, Mexico, a small village that lies roughly 100 miles north of Mexico City. San Miguel is a haven for many retired North Americans who wish to pursue interests in art, theatre and writing, Hirschfeld-Medalia said.

"Being in San Miguel opened my eyes to the fascinating lifestyles of many older Americans," she said. "The present emphasis in the United States on being young has sparked many older people to come to San Miguel to pursue their artistic interests. The village is absolutely lovely, with its cobblestone streets and buildings whose exteriors haven't changed since the 1600s."

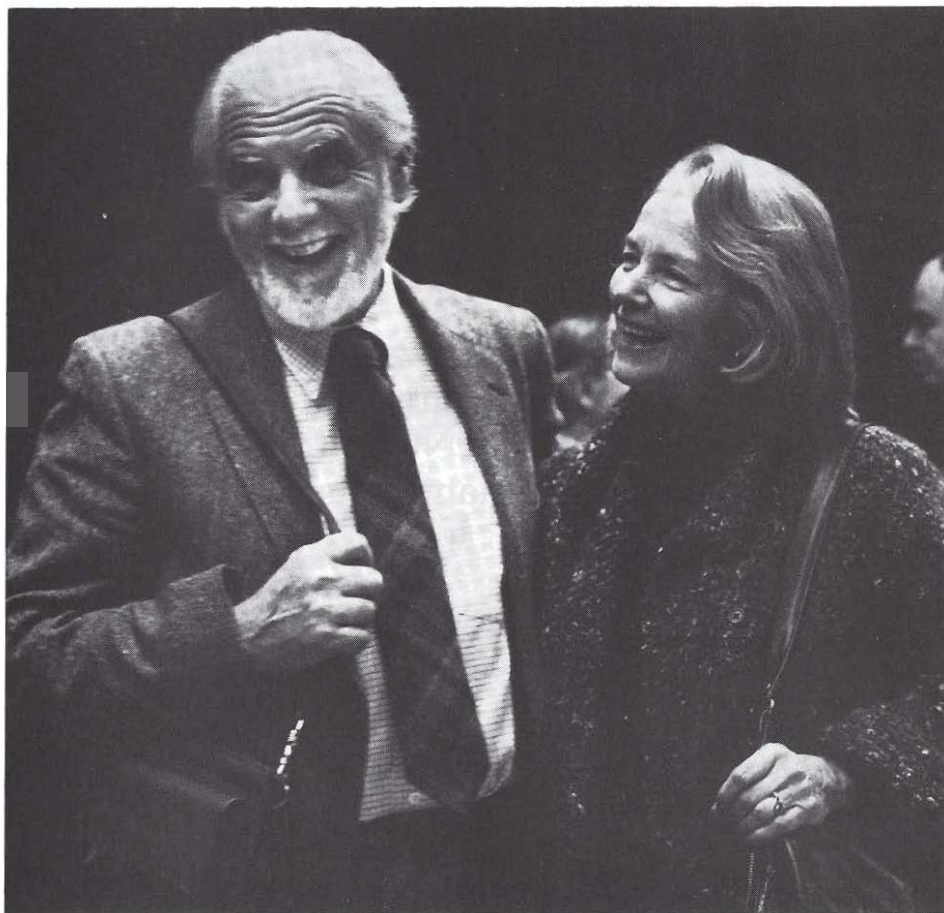
The Medalias intend to make television documentaries and hope to begin production as soon as they can arrange financing. Hirschfeld-Medalia looks forward to assistance from her daughter-in-law, who has made several documentary films. At this point, however, the first documentary is just a plan.

Both professors are eager to move on to this new phase of their lives and pursue other interests as "passionate amateurs."

"Retirement is a time to pursue your interests," Hirschfeld-Medalia said. "I plan to continue my work in theatre, as well as do some painting, drawing and writing. My husband enjoys pottery and hopes to do further work in San Miguel."

As a team, the Medalias anticipate traveling to Spain, Paris, London, China and Mexico, where they hope to add to Hirschfeld-Medalia's collection of theatre masks; she owns pieces from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bali and Mexico.

Immersing themselves in their interests is the way they intend to prevent post-retirement boredom. "With our lives being not quite as structured from now on, we both will need to be disciplined and to initiate our own directions," Hirschfeld-Medalia noted. "Retirement is a big transition and I'm sure we'll pull it off just fine. — Ken Palnau



Retired professors Nahum Medalia and Adeline Hirschfeld-Medalia.

A school by any other name...

Oakland University's School of Economics and Management has been renamed the School of Business Administration to reflect the current programs and missions of the unit.

The Board of Trustees approved the name change March 12.

The school was created in 1969 as an outgrowth of the Department of Economics. Since then, there has been substantial growth in the demand for business-related courses and majors in business fields, and the school has expanded its offerings to meet those needs.

About 15 percent of Oakland's undergraduates with declared majors are in one of the business fields: accounting, finance, human resources management, general management, management information systems, marketing and pre-management. The Master of Business Administration program is the second largest graduate program on campus.

Oakland hosts prestigious research conference

Oakland University hosted the prestigious Quality and Productivity Research Conference in June.

Co-sponsored by Ford Motor Company, the OTT Foundation, Allied Automotive and the American Statistical Association, the event drew conferees from many of the top universities and corporations in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Oakland was chosen to host the conference, in part, because of its close ties with Ford in the area of statistical quality control. Oakland's Department of Mathematics and Ford have arranged multi-year contracts and a grant program, which provide instructional services and graphics development to Ford and laboratory and research support to Oakland.

MAKING WAVES

by Nancy E. Ryan

OU's men's swimmers swam hard and fast in 1985-86 — from the sunny island of Curacao to third place at the NCAA Division II National Championships

CRYSTAL-CLEAR WATERS and 90 degree temperatures; scuba diving, snorkeling and wind surfing; open-air markets, cruise ships, gambling casinos and poolside naps. And exhaustive swim training.

Each morning they'd board a beat-up Mercedes bus, complete with bus driver who couldn't speak English, and head toward the government stadium's Olympic-size pool.

Two hours and 10,000 meters later, the same bus and driver would be waiting. After a quick grocery stop, Curacao — located off the coast of Venezuela and sister island to Bonaire and Aruba — was theirs. But only until 5 p.m., when the training ritual was repeated.

"One of the things that really solidified the group was our experience over the Christmas break," said Pete Hovland, coach of Oakland's nationally ranked men's swim team. "Both the men's and women's swim teams participated in an intensive training period — which we do annually, usually in Palm Beach or Fort Lauderdale. But this year we had the opportunity to go to Curacao."

"Financially it was a tremendous burden; we are working with limited funds as far as the operating budget is concerned. So we divided the costs three

ways — the swimmers came up with a third, the department budgeted for a third and the team raised a third through a swimathon. It was more than an athletic experience — it was a cultural experience as well. The guys had to pull a lot closer together, to depend on each other for entertainment and just about everything else. I think that had a lot of impact on the rest of our season."

Coming back from the island, the

swimmers plunged headlong into their dual-meet season, which culminated in an 8-3 record. Included was a satisfying loss against the top-ranked University of Michigan and a sweet win against rival Clarion State College

"We had no dreams of winning, they're one of the top 20 teams in the United States,"

Hovland recalled of the U of M meet. "But we did want to swim well and it was here in our home pool. And we had one of our best meets of the year. I knew we were on our way at that time — that things were really coming together. We lost but we swam exceptionally fast."

Clarion State was a different story. "Our top diver was injured the night before the meet — and Clarion's traditionally a strong diving school. We took it down to the last relay and beat them at their pool. Under the circumstances, that

was a tremendous win for us. It was one of the key meets we were looking toward."

The 1985-86 men's swimming season culminated in Oakland's fifth consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and a third-place finish at the NCAA Division II Championships, placing the squad in the top seven nationally for the 13th straight year.

"It was a very rewarding year for a number of reasons," said Hovland, 1983 NCAA Coach of the Year. "Last year we were sixth in the country, which marked the first time we fell out of the top three in a number of years. This past year, we recruited a freshman class of 16, a very large recruiting class. Anytime you have 16 freshmen you're not really sure how they're going to respond. During the course of the year, we saw a lot of leadership from our upperclassmen and a tremendous amount of development."

Twenty-three All-America performances and 17 honorable mentions were the products of this leadership and development.

The squad was led by Mark VanderMey, a six-time All-American for the second year in a row. A sophomore from Grandville, Michigan, VanderMey also qualified for the NCAA Division I National Championships by posting school-record times of 55.93 and 2:01.07 in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events at the Eastern Michigan Invitational.

Junior Steve Larson followed with five All-American titles. But it wasn't a bed of roses for Larson: He didn't feel up to par at the championships and was confined to bed 2½ weeks afterward with multi-symptom Reiter's Syndrome. "I scored as many points as I did last year, which was gratifying for me. My times were a little slower, but I didn't drop any points," Larson explained. "A third-place team finish at the nationals was our goal — and we made it."

Aiding the swimmers' efforts at the national championships was diver Todd McNeal, a freshman from Holland, Michigan, whose points propelled the Oakland contingent from fourth to third place. McNeal's performances in one- and three-meter diving marked the first time since 1977 that an Oakland diver had scored points at the championships.

According to diving coach Don Mason, "Diving has never been Oakland's great strength, we're not known as a diving powerhouse. But things are looking up. This year we had three freshman recruits, our best finish ever and the largest diving team in Oakland history. We'll be returning five divers next year, and have high hopes for our incoming freshmen as well."

Which leads to the subject of recruitment. When asked if it was easy to recruit



Oakland swimmers, Coach Hovland responds both yes and no.

"I'd say 'yes' because we have a reputation for being a powerhouse. There are very few schools in the country that get the administrative support that we do. They want us to succeed — and the team had been successful long before I got here," he explained. "But I'd have to say 'no' in the respect that we're Division II and that Oakland is so young. And we do have to compete against the Big 10. That's difficult — it's unfortunate that some folks think you have to go to Michigan State or U of M to succeed in athletics. We really have to sell our program and prove ourselves."

To accomplish that, Hovland relies on the Oakland tradition in swimming — which often attracts swimmers from outstate. Take, for example, the Grand Rapids area. Several Oakland swimmers have come up through the East Kentwood High School ranks, beginning with Assistant Coach Darin Abbasse. Abbasse swam



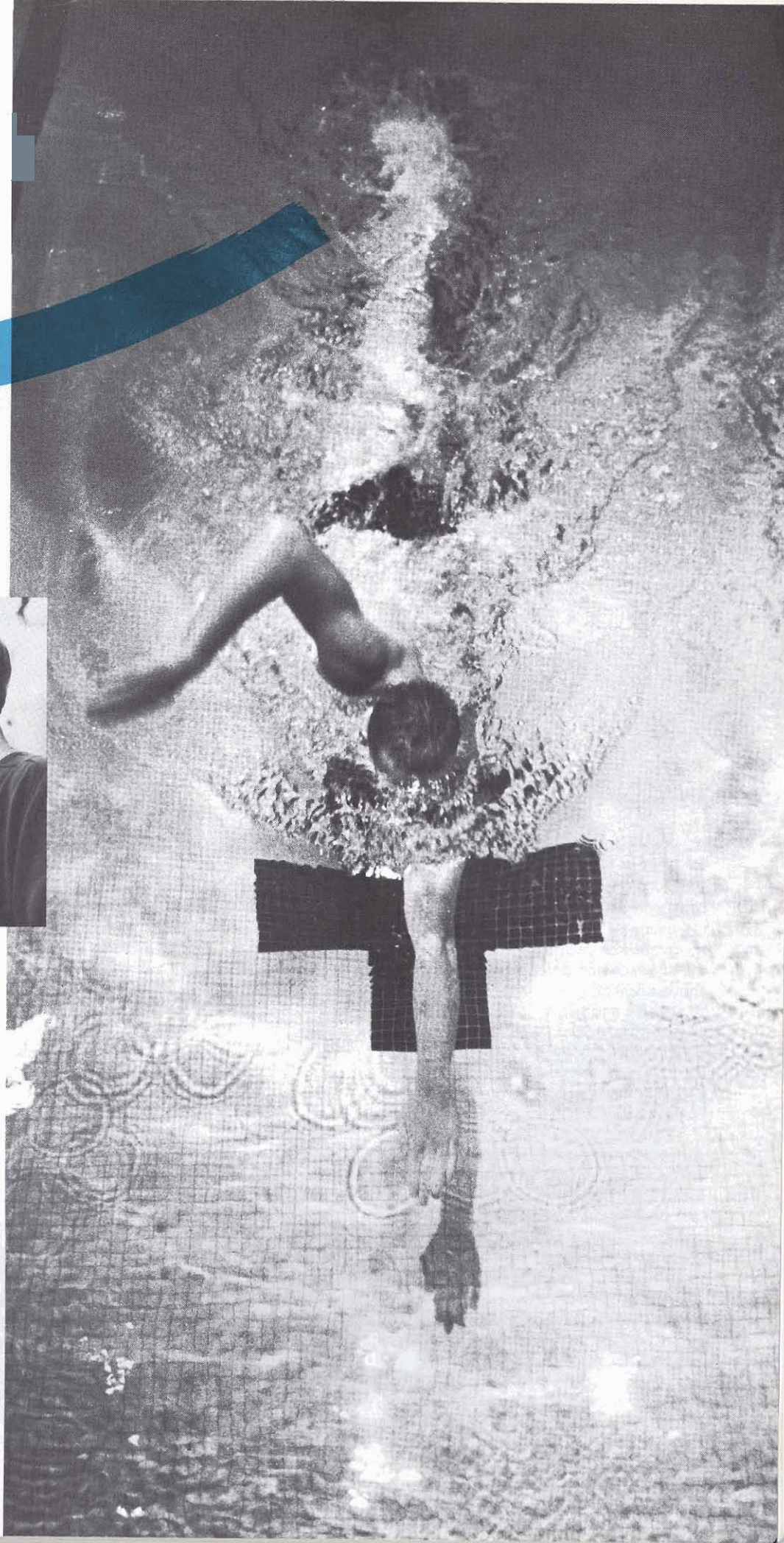
for Oakland from 1981 to 1984, accruing All-America honors all four years. This season, three swimmers from East Kentwood carried the Oakland banner: junior Larson, sophomore Jeff Kuhn and freshman Dan Andrus.

"Kentwood's swimming program also receives a tremendous amount of support, as does their entire athletic program. We've been fortunate — the kids from their program have been very successful here and that helps in recruiting. If their high school role models were successful here they also want to be a part of it. Making sure that they, too, are successful at Oakland — that they swim well, have a good time and graduate — is my job," Hovland said. "You have to be more than

Opposite: All-American Oakland teammates Steve Larson (left) and Mark VanderMey.

Above: VanderMey and coach Pete Hovland.

Right: Larson slices through the water during practice.



a coach. You have to be a counselor, father and friend."

With only two seniors graduating and the balance of the 1985-86 team intact, Hovland foresees another good year in 1986-87.

"Right now I see us in a three-way battle for second nationally. If we come up with a real superstar that could sway the balance a little bit."

Hovland is looking in state, out of state and even out of the country for promising freshman recruits. Fittingly, one such candidate is from the sunny island of Curacao.

"We have their best swimmer, Hilton Woods, coming to Oakland next year. He was up this spring for a visit and signed a letter of intent. He swims the sprint freestyle and sprint backstroke, and has times as a 15- and 16-year-old that would be very competitive on our team right now. And he's an Olympian — he competed in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles for the Netherlands Antilles team. He could develop into one of the best swimmers we've seen at Oakland."

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OU Swimming All-Americans, '85-86

Dan Andres

All-American, 800-yard freestyle relay; Honorable Mention All-American, 100- and 200-yard freestyle

Doug Cleland

Honorable Mention All-American, 100- and 200-yard backstroke

Jeff Cooper

Honorable Mention All-American, 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle, individual medley

Matt Croghan

All-American, 1,650-yard freestyle

Eric Dresbach

All-American, 200-yard butterfly and 400-yard medley relay; Honorable Mention All-American, 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley

Mike Kolebar

All-American, 500-yard freestyle, 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay; Honorable Mention All-American, 100-yard freestyle

Steve Larson

All-American, 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, 400- and 800-yard

freestyle relay, and 400-yard medley relay; Honorable Mention All-American, 50-yard freestyle

Todd McNeal

All-American, three-meter diving; Honorable Mention All-American, one-meter diving

Mike Nation

Honorable Mention All-American, 100- and 200-yard butterfly

Steve Ramsey

Honorable Mention All-American, 50-yard freestyle

Dave Rogowski

Honorable Mention All-American, 50-yard freestyle

Mark VanderMey

GLIAC Swimmer of the Year, national champion, 100-yard breaststroke; All-American, 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard individual medley, 400-yard freestyle relay, 800-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard medley relay

Bruce VerBurg

All-American, 200- and 500-yard freestyle, 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay; Honorable Mention All-American, 100-yard freestyle.

A tradition of athletes who make the grades

Who says athletics and academics don't mix? Not Oakland University swimmers Matt Croghan, Steve Larson and Bruce VerBurg.

Croghan, Larson and VerBurg were doubly honored at this spring's Oakland University Athletic Banquet. In addition to earning All-America honors in their sport, each of these swimmers garnered the title "scholar-athlete" for maintaining above a 3.00 grade point average (GPA).

Larson, a junior majoring in electrical engineering, ended the fall semester with a 3.25 GPA. Junior VerBurg, who is majoring in systems engineering, accrued a 3.19. Croghan, a junior history major, brought home a 3.07.

Academic scholarship in Oakland's men's swimming circle is something of a tradition: Since 1980, four swimmers — Tom Allen ('80), Mark Doyle ('81), Gordon Gehab ('83) and Alan Faust ('84) — have received the prestigious NCAA Post-graduate Scholarship.

"A number of our athletes, particularly swimmers, have been awarded this scholarship, which is based on both athletic ability and grade point average," said Paul E. Hartman, director of the athletic department. In addition, Doyle who became a private-practice physician upon graduation from Johns Hopkins University Medical School, won the coveted Alfred G. Wilson Award in 1981,

Oakland's highest award for academic achievement and student leadership.

According to Hartman, student-athletes from sports across the board combine athletic prowess with academic achievement at Oakland.

"I'd say that a little more than one-third of our athletes maintain GPAs above 3.00," Hartman said. "And we have a significant number of students in very tough curriculums — engineering, computer science, premed, nursing, management.

"Because we bring in athletes doesn't mean that they are just athletes. Rather, we're bringing in students who are going to compete in athletics as part of their agreement to come here. This helps our student population. The benefit to us is a little publicity, school spirit and alumni interest."

At Oakland, athletic scholarships are awarded in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis and volleyball. "Because a lot of our students are on scholarships, they have to meet specific eligibility requirements," Hartman explained. "It's essentially a job: They have to come to practice approximately three hours a day plus weekends and also keep their grades up."

Doing that doesn't always come easily — competition often results in erratic schedules and missed exams.

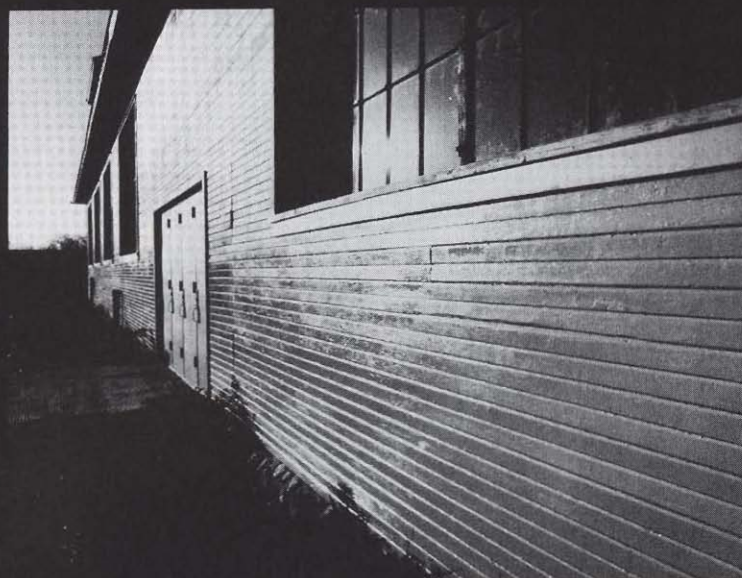
"Excelling in both athletics and academics is tough to do. I think it starts, though, right in the beginning; I spell it out at the recruiting stage," men's swimming coach Pete Hovland said. "Our academic requirements are stringent, as are our athletic requirements. Student-athletes have to be very conscious of time management."

All-American Larson agrees. "It does become difficult at times, especially when we're doing a lot of traveling. I didn't notice it that much my first two years, but this year my classes got harder."

However, athletes who set the pace in competition and the classroom are rewarded. There is the annual Athletic Banquet, where both All-Americans and scholar-athletes are honored. There are All-Academic teams at conference, regional and national levels. There is respect from coaches, peers and, ultimately, future employers.

"Our coaches take pride in having their athletes achieve a certain grade point average," Hartman explained. "This is always one of their goals for the year. Another is developing positive lifestyles and self-images so our students can make a worthwhile contribution to society when they graduate. I think it's interesting that our young coaches feel this way. Too often we think that they only care about winning." ■

THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB AT 20

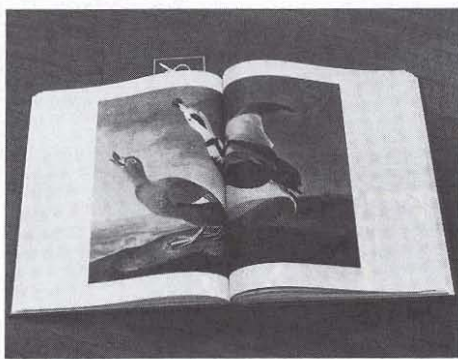


Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion: A \$700,000 gift from Alice Shotwell-Gustafson, Floyd Shotwell and their company, Hubert Distributors of Pontiac, Michigan, helped fund the conversion of former Meadow Brook Farm stables to the university's new Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, an exercise ring that adjoins the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

FROM ITS SMALL but dramatic beginning, Oakland University has been blessed with a rich endowment of volunteer resources. Of those, the President's Club ranks as one of the oldest and largest groups of Oakland's friends.

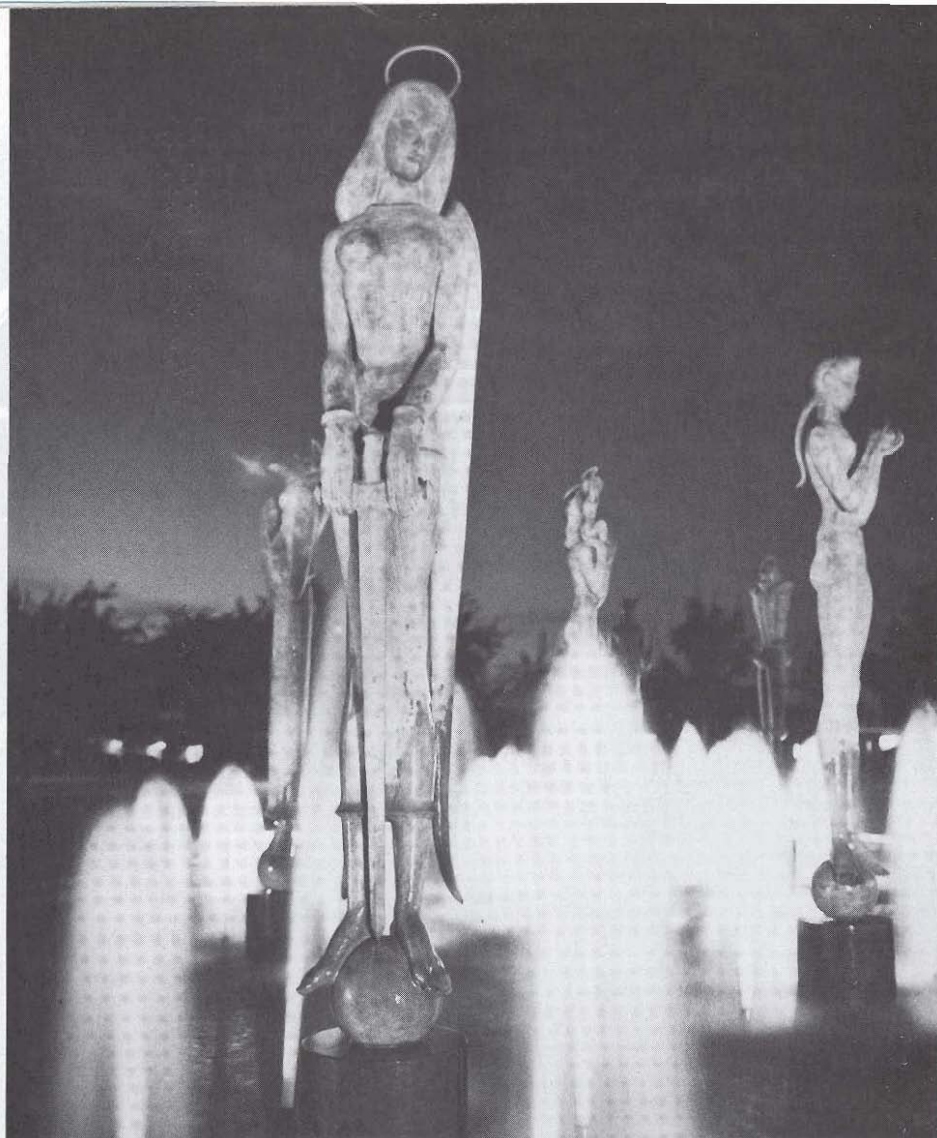
Now, more than 800 members strong, the President's Club marks its 20th anniversary this year — and celebrates two decades of support that have shaped Oakland's campus, programs and resources.

Throughout the history of the President's Club, the organization's growing, influential membership has steadfastly worked toward providing the university



Rare Books: Mrs. George Trumbull of Bloomfield Hills gave 54 rare books to Kresge Library, including 17 works of Charles Dickens and 18 works of Mark Twain. The books are a showpiece in the library's Special Collections Room. Mrs. Trumbull and her late husband provided funds to build, maintain and upgrade Trumbull Terrace on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds.

Saints and Sinners Fountain: Sculpted by Marshall Fredericks, Saints and Sinners Fountain is poised at the main entrance to Kresge Library. It was a gift from the Josephine E. Gordon Foundation, the Irene C. Wellock Trust and the Oakland University Foundation.



with the financial boost it needed to build academic, research and cultural programs of the highest quality.

"The President's Club was organized 20 years ago with two objectives in mind," Robert Swanson, vice president for development and executive vice president of the Oakland University Foundation (of which the President's Club is part), said. "One was to provide financial support that would augment the sources of support traditional to a university — state appropriations and student tuition.

"That was early recognition that it takes supplemental support to build fine quality characteristics in an academic program. You can get by on the bare necessities with state funding and tuition, but not if you wish to develop high quality characteristics in your academic program.

"The other objective, and one that was viewed as equally important, was to develop a group of community representatives and citizens who would become, as we refer to them, our surrogate alumni, or goodwill community ambassadors. We believe that this was important because

we were a young institution and could not then turn to our alumni to fulfill such a role. The President's Club has been that body and organization."

Fewer than 100 of the President's Club's members are alumni, Swanson said. But, he noted, "that ratio is going to begin changing rather dramatically because alumni, particularly our early graduates, are now approaching the stage where they are able to be both financially supportive and more actively involved in President's Club activities."

Membership development of the President's Club is under the direction of the President's Club Steering Committee, a group of 20 individuals whose primary role is to stimulate membership growth. The committee is under the direction of Fred Houghten. "It's this group of hard-working individuals who are responsible for much of the membership development," Swanson said.

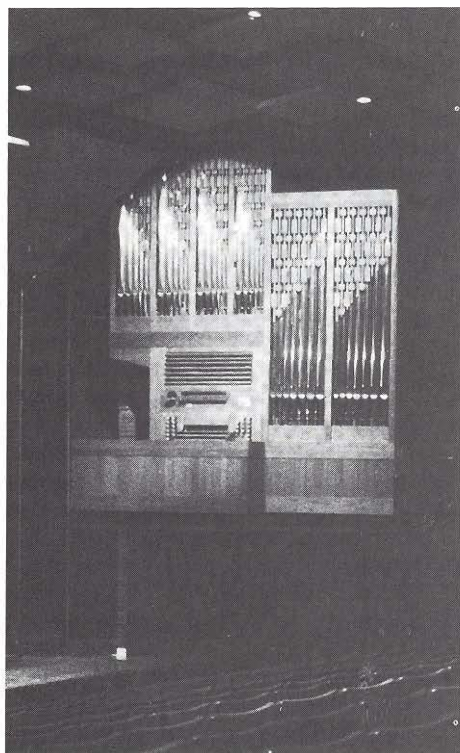
The President's Club is a fund-raising arm of the Oakland University Foundation, which has its origins in the Oakland-Macomb Advisory Committee, formed in

1957 to guide the growth and development of what was to become Michigan State University-Oakland, now Oakland University. The Foundation, a separate corporate entity with its own board, continues to provide advice and financial support to the university.

Over the past 20 years, President's Club members have given millions of dollars to the university — individually and collectively. Their gifts have built classrooms, laboratories and residence halls; enabled promising students to continue their educations at Oakland; supported research; expanded the offerings of Kresge Library; and enriched the "Oakland experience," sometimes in ways that weren't especially visible.

"Two areas in which the funding has been particularly strong are support for Kresge Library and student scholarships," Swanson said.

"Oakland students, right after the death of Mrs. Wilson, established a self-imposed and voluntary library fee for acquisitions," Swanson recalled. "When students register each term, they have an



Kyes Organ: Mrs. Roger Kyes of Bloomfield Hills supported the purchase of a \$90,000, 1,500-pipe organ for Varner Recital Hall. Similar to the type of organs used during Johann Sebastian Bach's time, the Kyes organ is well suited to baroque and classical music. It was handmade by the Casavant Freres Organ Company of Quebec, Canada and took two years to build. Given to the university in 1975, the organ is used for student recitals and lessons.

Library Foundation

option of assessing themselves one dollar for library acquisitions. That amount has, from the beginning, been matched by the Foundation. In effect, that doubles the impact of student contributions toward library acquisitions."

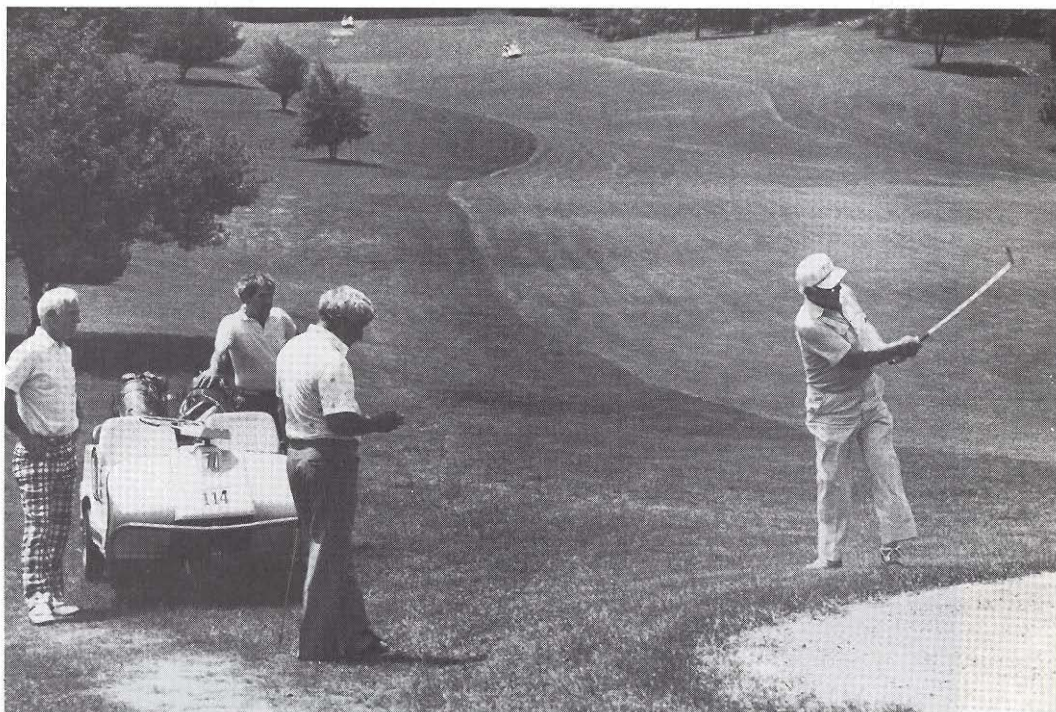
The Foundation also awards eight \$2,500 scholarships each year to students demonstrating exceptional ability and achievement. The chosen students are known as Foundation Scholars.

"The human connection is a very strong and compelling one, and the Foundation Scholars are a direct link between the Foundation's support and its benefits," Swanson said.

Other gifts are more indirect, but just as significant, he said.

"Many individuals take a particular interest in a university program. Mrs. Charles S. Mott of Flint, for instance, has provided support primarily for Meadow Brook Hall. L.E. Hunt gave the funds that built Hill House. Gifts from Harold Fitzgerald, the first president of the Foundation and under whose leadership the President's Club was organized and

Katke-Cousins Golf Course: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Katke and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cousins contributed \$500,000 to develop the golf course, which was dedicated in 1976. Neighbors and friends, the couples embarked on the golf course as a joint project. Cousins has only one complaint: "It needs another 18 holes," he says. Notes Katke: "It's still a thrill to play on such a beautiful course. It feels wonderful to have been involved in the whole undertaking."



developed, built Fitzgerald House. And these are only a few examples of hundreds.

"Just recently, I received a call notifying me that Automatix, Inc., is giving about \$75,000 worth of new robotic vision control equipment and software through the Foundation to the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation. This kind of support demonstrates the many opportunities there are for individuals and corporations to participate in Oakland's growth. Donating high tech equipment that we would find valuable and useful is a wonderful example."

Membership in the President's Club isn't all hard work, Swanson pointed out. Among the group's major activities are a golf and tennis day, a Christmas Walk reception at Meadow Brook Hall and the annual President's Club dinner. Many members golf at Katke-Cousins or work out at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Sometimes, it works the other way around, Swanson said.

"Individuals don't always join the President's Club first," he said. "A number

of members have been made aware of, attracted to and enthused about Oakland through their prior participation in the university's health enhancement programs," Swanson said. "Some people who have been golf course guests develop a broader interest in Oakland and become members of the President's Club. We also have a number of university employees who feel so strongly about supporting the university that they have joined."

And, then there are family ties.

"Recently, we took in our 800th member, Robert Moran, who happens to be the third member of a family of brothers, all of whom are members of the President's Club," Swanson said. "Robert Moran and his brothers, Patrick and William, operate Patrick Oldsmobile in Rochester."

"That says good things about the President's Club — and about Oakland. When members are so excited about their involvement that they encourage their friends and families to join, you know that you have a good thing going. Our good thing's been going for 20 years." ■

THE NEW ALUMS

by Karen Hill

In June, 1,276 students joined the ranks of Oakland alumni.
Now, meet four of the brightest and the best.

Ann Giacomazza

Values, priorities, and the importance of people

ANN GIACOMAZZA IS off in search of the Grail.

The right job.

She is smack in the middle of that confusing, exciting, nerve-wracking time known as the post-graduation job search. The combination of her *magna cum laude* academic record, campus activities and community involvement — topped with an optimistic, people-oriented personality — makes her a sought-after candidate. Giacomazza, in fact, has a raft of awards to her credit, including the Matilda R. Wilson Award (see box, page 21), the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award and the Michigan Association of Governing Boards' Outstanding Student Award.

Giacomazza won't be easily won. She is weighing job offers against her personal values, trying to find the position and company that will be right for her.

"It's hard to know whether a company is the right one," says Giacomazza, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing. "You hear so many sides of the story, but it's good information to have.

"I want to work for a large company, well, I shouldn't say large company — a company that meets my needs and goals," she says. "I'd like to move up the ladder, see what I can do with my skills and get

established in my field. Do something with my degree."

Giacomazza knows that what counts in her life is people, and it both complicates and simplifies her job search. "I can't sit at a desk every day and do the same thing," she says. "I need to talk, get out and meet people, do things."

A co-op student with IBM for the past two years, Giacomazza says she has been impressed with IBM's people-oriented and market-driven approach, although she admits computers don't do much for her.

"Working at IBM, you deal with such a cold product," says Giacomazza. Her co-op position as an administrative assistant in accounts receivable entails following up on orders, machines and maintenance for an automotive account. "The human side is gone. That's something that's important to me — the consumer side, the human side, the people side."

Her desire to focus on people led her into marketing rather than a figure-oriented business major. "I've changed my major so many times," she says. "Originally, I was a communication arts major. I think I felt some pressure as a senior in high school — 'Omigosh, I've gotta be something.' I figured since I liked to talk, I'd be a communications major. I liked it,

but I felt there were limited job opportunities, so I changed to business. I was in everything from business administration to accounting to HRD (human resources development). Finally, I got to marketing and I liked it best."

Raised by a "real protective Italian father" and mother, Giacomazza lives with her parents, three brothers and grandmother in Troy, Michigan. She considers herself traditional and family-oriented.

"It's the little things that count for me — my life is so fast-paced most people don't realize that, but holidays, being together with my family, that's what counts."

She is especially close to her youngest brother, John, who will be a freshman at Oakland in September — a decision influenced by his sister. "I'm really happy he's coming here. He'll fit right in — he's people-oriented. He's hoping he'll get a Student Life Scholarship so he can live on campus, too."

Growing up with three brothers, Giacomazza said, "I played every sport there was until I got into high school and decided there are some things ladies don't do."

She replaced brotherly football games with figure skating.

"I always liked skating. My mom was always interested in it and I guess I picked up some of that from her," Giacomazza recalls. In junior high, she began taking lessons at the Warren Ice Rink ("Now it's a nut factory"), then moved to the Fraser Arena. Soon, Giacomazza was competing regionally and nationally, both in single

events and as a member of a precision skating team of 30 girls, called the Fraserettes.

"Ice skating is a lonely sport," she says. "You practice alone and when you compete you're out there in front of hundreds of people and you're on your own. Being the person that I am, I really enjoyed being part of a team and working with other girls. That was a lot of fun for me."

When she entered Oakland, Giacomazza quit the Fraserettes, but found she missed her ice time. She volunteered to help with an ice skating program for mentally and physically handicapped children run by FAR Conservatory of Performing Arts in Birmingham, Michigan. Her involvement was a factor in the program's growth; once FAR's smallest program, it is now the conservatory's largest. A year ago, she became the program director.

It is, she says, the only program in the country that teaches handicapped youngsters to skate. She works with 20 beginners and 16 advanced skaters — including two who skate as a pair. She has enlisted several friends from her competitive skating days and some non-skaters as volunteers. "We don't look for people who are advanced skaters. We look for people with a good attitude, people who want to work with these kids."

"I honestly think it's the thing that keeps me sane," says Giacomazza. "I put a lot of pressure on myself to get things done and to do well in school. Working with the kids helps me put things in perspective. It helps me step out of the hustle and bustle of my life."

"Sometimes, people say to me, 'You must really do a lot for them.' I always say, 'Boy, if you knew what these kids were doing for me.' I almost feel guilty getting a check for being the director."

In addition to her work at FAR, Giacomazza volunteered for Oakland's orientation and career days, worked at the residence halls desk, and was a resident assistant, a program coordinator for Campus Information, Programs and Organizations and a statistician for the Pioneer basketball team for three years. "I would have kept stats again this year but I learned how to say no," she says. "But, I like to keep busy. When I find myself doing nothing, I figure out something to do."

"One of the things my parents instilled in me is that school comes first. When I was skating, there were girls who skated five hours a day, who missed school to compete. My parents didn't go for that. They made sure I knew that school was my first priority."

After four years at Oakland, she says she's not entirely ready to leave.

"I'm really going to miss it," she says.

"I've got such mixed emotions about leaving. Academically, I'm ready to graduate — I think I'm burned out. But it's been the best four years of my life and I'm going to miss so many people. After four years, you really get to be close to people. Oakland has such a special place in my heart."

"On the other hand, I feel good about being an alum because Oakland needs more people out there who say I'm from Oakland and I'm proud to be — and I'm not from OCC."

"Oakland's not old enough to be established yet. Someday, when I say I'm from Oakland University, people will say, 'Oh, wow. Oakland!' It just comes with time. And alumni. And . . . marketing! It takes time for a school to gain the prestige it deserves."

"I'd like to be involved as an alum. One of the things I've promised myself is that I won't lose touch. I spent so much time here and I've been so involved, I don't ever want to lose touch with Oakland. It's part of me."



Mike Carbone

The man who would be senator?

As a high school student, Michael Carbone told a local reporter he expected to eventually be a senator.

"My ambitions and goals have not changed since then," says Carbone, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in public administration and communication arts. "I would like to become a state senator. I hope to be elected to the Michigan House first, but go on to the Senate. Of course, it would be great someday to go to Washington."

Carbone's expectations may not have changed since high school — but his credentials have. Confident and articulate, Carbone, just 22, already has made a bid for the Troy school board, is running for a post as precinct delegate to the 1988 Republican national convention and is working full-time for Fund for America's Future, Vice President George Bush's political action committee.

Carbone is not hesitant to admit that the political life stirs his blood.

"I want to be a public servant — not a civil servant, but an elected public official," he says. "Five years from now I'd like to either be in business for myself or be in business with someone else. Ten years from now, I hope to be in an elected position. It could be earlier than that; it depends on what happens (politically) in my area."

Carbone is well on his way to building an extensive political network. Active in the Troy Republican Club since high school, he has helped with fund-raising for the national Republican Party and interned with State Representative Judith Miller. As president of the Oakland University Congress during 1985, he made it a point to meet legislators and work closely with university administrators and faculty.

His political activism led in January to a job with the Michigan arm of Fund for America's Future. "I love it," he says. "There are some very, very hectic times because of the amount of work we're doing. If you enjoy doing what you're doing, the pay doesn't matter. If you don't enjoy doing something then I guess to me it's not worth doing."

As a Fund field representative, Carbone is trying to strengthen the Michigan Republican Party, particularly involvement at the grassroots level. He has been recruiting individuals interested in running for local precinct delegate and hopes to see filled some 70 percent of the 9,000



Photo by Sharon LeMeaux

Republican positions available statewide, more than double the 38 percent that is normally filled.

Local delegates compete for posts to the county and state conventions, and ultimately to the national convention, where in 1988 the delegates will name a presidential candidate. If all goes well, Carbone himself will be one of them; he is running from his home district of Troy. "Hopefully, I'll win this time," he says, referring to his school board defeat.

A candidate for the local school board just two years after his Troy Athens High School graduation, Carbone says some voters didn't consider him a serious candidate, but others were impressed with how informed he was. He calls his first campaign a learning experience.

Among the lessons he learned was the importance of adequately financing a

campaign. While he says he is not personally motivated by money, he recognizes it is essential to modern-day politics; hence, his plan to start his own business or enter the private sector.

"I ran for school board for a couple of reasons," he says. "I wanted to get involved in politics and I recognized that Gordon Sparks (the state representative from Carbone's district) had also been on the school board and I figured it was a good place to start. Also, I have a very sincere belief in education."

"I believe education is the key to a happy and productive society. I think government should provide for its citizens education and educational opportunities. We do provide that, but there are funding disparities in the educational system among different districts. Those disparities mean not everyone has the

same opportunities available to them. I feel every person has attributes they can offer, not only to benefit themselves individually, but to benefit society as a whole and they shouldn't be penalized just because they live in a poor district."

Sound vaguely Democratic? "I recognize that I have some Democratic tendencies, you could say," Carbone admits. "I believe in lower taxes, which is a Republican tendency, but I also believe in higher spending for education, which is a Democratic tendency. I believe in a strong defense, but not at the expense of education. I guess I'm more of a moderate. I definitely don't see myself as a conservative or ultra-conservative. I see myself as a compromiser, working for the good of the citizens, not the special interest groups."

Carbone decided to go Republican primarily because he thinks the party is better organized than its competition, and because it "has the edge in Michigan."

On the job, Carbone concentrates on increasing Republican Party involvement in areas where Republican candidates are being targeted in upcoming elections by Democrats. A perennial leader, Carbone finds himself battling an old enemy: apathy.

"People in general are apathetic," he says. "You find that not only on campus, but all over. The people who are interested tend to be those who are already involved in things. They keep doing more and more."

Carbone fits that pattern, too. In addition to his political involvement as a student, he served as a lector at St. John Fisher Chapel, coached middle school basketball in Troy, umpired softball games for the Troy parks and recreation department, was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity and was president of the Greek Council. The eldest of three boys, Carbone commuted from Troy during his four years at Oakland.

He also earned a double major in public administration and communication arts — areas he selected for practical considerations — and was a finalist for the Alfred G. Wilson Award.

"I chose public administration over political science because I wanted a Bachelor of Science degree," he says. "I thought it would benefit me more to have the math and statistics and economics background, even though my GPA may have suffered. Math is my weak point — I wanted to strengthen myself in that area; I wanted a more rigorous program. I wanted a double major in communications to support and enhance everything I've learned in public administration."

Carbone plans to stay active at Oakland after graduation. "I can't wait to get involved with the alumni association," he

says. "I'm eager to get involved because so many people are not so eager to get involved. I enjoy working with other people and I enjoy being a leader. I would rather recruit than have someone recruit me. I am an initiator. The way I was brought up, if something needs to be

done, you do it. You make the decision."

Not only that, he's got designs on Oakland's conference facilities, especially the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. "That would be a great place to have a campaign fund-raiser," he says.



Nanette Mapes

A knack for math and quiet determination to succeed

Nanette Mapes has been setting the curve all her life.

As a seventh grader in the accelerated programs offered through the Warren schools. As valedictorian of Warren Fitzgerald's Class of 1982. As a freshman in calculus at Oakland University.

"I set the curve in the class. The other kids all hated me," she says softly. "I'm not as serious as everyone thinks I am. A lot of people don't know the kinds of grades I get — I don't want them to think I'm a brain or a snob."

Brain, yes. Snob, no. Nanette Mapes quietly made her mark during her four years at Oakland with an extensive record of campus involvement — all the while earning high grades in computer science and working part-time to put herself through school.

A campus resident throughout her college career, she was active in the Area Hall Council, vice president of the Golden Key National Honor Society and president of the Student Alumni Affiliate of the Oakland University Alumni Association.

She also served as an ex-officio member to the OUAA Board of Directors.

She joined the Student Alumni Affiliate as a freshman after being recruited while she was volunteering during Septemberfest. "It (the SAA) was a small group — there were only five active members," she recalls. "I thought there was a lot of opportunity for growth."

Mapes shepherded the organization to its present 35 members and assisted with the affiliate's main projects: finals week care packages, and volunteers for Septemberfest and Career Days.

"The affiliate is kind of a service organization," she says. "We try to unite students and alums, get them to work together."

In addition to her campus activities, Mapes worked part-time at Holly Carburetor in Warren, Michigan, throughout her college career, full-time during summers. She started as summer help and became a co-op student there her junior year. Mapes used her salary to pay most of her way through Oakland, becoming

the only one in a family of four daughters to graduate from college.

Mapes still works at Holly Carburetor, now known as Holly Automotive — not as a co-op student, but as a full-fledged computer programmer in the Management Information Systems division. She will be designing new software programs for Holly Automotive's plants in Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.

"I like designing systems that even people who don't know anything about can get on and use," says Mapes, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer and information science. "One of the things I like about my job is that it's creative."

Mapes says her talent lies in mathematics, a subject at which she has always excelled. Offered full scholarships to Wayne State University and Michigan Technological University, she chose Oakland "because it had a better computer engineering department and it was closer to home." As an entering freshman, her career goal was to become a mathematics teacher. Then she considered being an accountant. But the computer bug had bitten her during a high school class and Mapes quickly settled in with her chosen major.

"I would recommend Oakland highly," says Mapes, who was a finalist for the Matilda R. Wilson Award. "The classes aren't large. Professors I had three years ago still know who I am. I only had one graduate assistant all four years I was here and that's very unusual in computer science. At schools like Michigan State and the University of Michigan, it's not the same. I feel you get a much better education at Oakland."

She has ambitious plans for herself in the rapidly growing and highly competitive computer field. A self-described "self-starter, an entrepreneur type," Mapes expects within 10 years to be either heading to the top of her company or preparing to launch her own firm, probably as a consultant for software design and support.

"There are many smaller companies that don't have the staff needed to design and support their own systems," she says. "I think that's very much a growth area. If companies write software, I feel they should support it and that doesn't always happen."

Her long-range goals also include graduate work, either in business or computer science. First, though, she wants to enjoy at least a year with no homework.

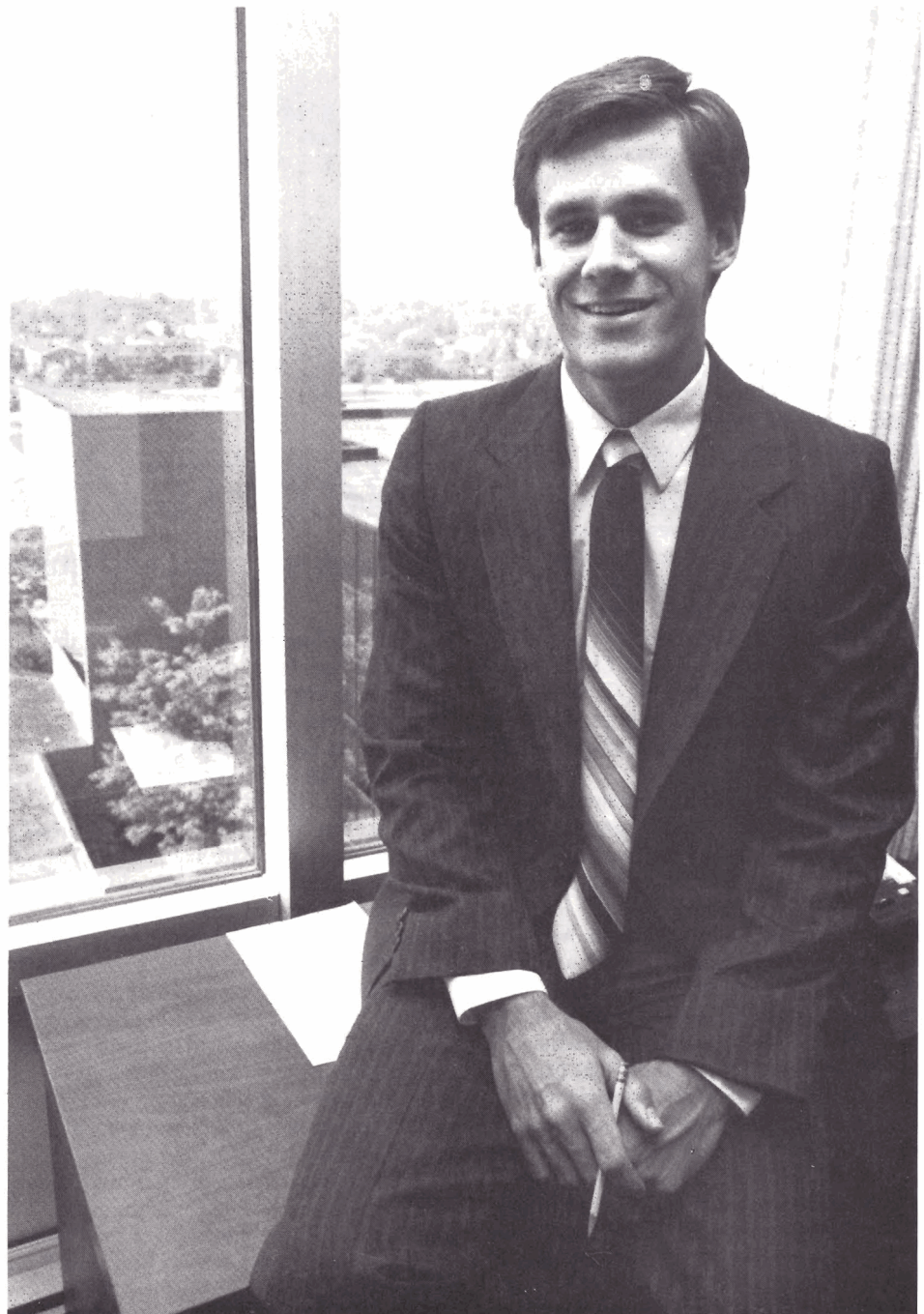
"It's a little scary to be out of school," she says. "Right now, it's not that bad, but in September it's going to feel very weird not moving back in the dorm. I feel like I'm leaving a lot behind. I won't be able to just run down the hall to visit my friends.

And I'm going to miss not being active on campus anymore."

But four years of involvement in the OUAA have made Nanette Mapes more informed than many graduating seniors about the alumni association. She expects to continue her involvement and she is especially looking forward to the fall Telefund — and being on the other end of the telephone.

Matt Tomilo

Lessons outside class become the tools for success



"I can't wait until a student calls me in November," she laughs. "I did that for four years; it was fun, I got to talk to a lot of people and call all over the place. But I'll make that student go through the whole spiel — then I'll give my money. I'm going to make 'em work a little."

Matt Tomilo says he used his four years at Oakland to study a lot more than accounting.

From being a resident assistant, he learned time management skills. From living away from home, he learned independence. From being president of the Area Hall Council and a University Congress representative he learned team work.

All are lessons that will stand Tomilo in good stead as he leaves college behind and moves on to the business world.

"Any activity, any organization teaches you a lot about working within the system," says Tomilo, who received the Alfred G. Wilson Award at June commencement, "especially at a university, where there's a lot of structure. You learn how to deal with the system and not get frustrated when you can't accomplish things as quickly as you might like."

Tomilo is now putting that knowledge to practical use. In May, he began working as an accountant for Derderian, Kann, Seyferth & Salucci, a Troy, Michigan, accounting partnership.

"I hope to get a broad base of experience," he says. "I'll be out of the office a lot, on location. I'll be doing some accounting and reviewing accounting techniques."

In September, Tomilo will again be back at Oakland. He intends to earn a certificate in personal financial planning from the Division of Continuing Education. His short-term goal is to get two years of experience in accounting so he can qualify to become a Certified Public Accountant. Ultimately he plans to enroll at a university for graduate work, but in just what area he's not sure.

"I may get an MBA if I really like my job. Otherwise, I'll do something else," he says. "If after six or seven years I find the business world's not for me, I would consider teaching, probably high school math or business."

"But, I'm pretty sure I will like it. I've taken a lot of personality inventory tests and every time it's pegged me perfect — as an accountant."

Tomilo's natural ability to organize his activities was honed razor-sharp this year as he topped a 20-credit course load with an equally heavy load of extracurricular activities. He was a member of the university committee on undergraduate instruction, served on several residence halls committees, belonged to the St. John Fisher Chapel board and was an all-around intramural athlete, in addition to stints as a resident assistant and as a University Congress and Area Hall Council member.

"With my type of personality, I take on so many things, and then realize I've taken on a little too much," he says. "But

once I've accepted the responsibility, I hate to give it back, tell them I can't handle it, I'm overburdened."

"Being an R.A. especially helped my time management skills. It takes a lot of time, so you have to plan well. You learn to prioritize. Fortunately, it's easy for me to concentrate in short spurts, because there were a lot of interruptions. The hardest part was trying to fit in the fun time."

The middle child in a Dearborn, Michigan, family of five, Tomilo came to Oakland partly because of the influence of his sister Beth ('81). "Because my sister went here, I knew something about Oakland," he says. "I had decided I wanted to go away from home and still be close to home. For me, it was a choice between the University of Michigan and Oakland. I wouldn't have changed places for anything."

"Here, you get a lot of chances to develop your interpersonal skills, not just with students, but with the faculty. I don't think it's easy to do that at a lot of schools."

His roles in student government awakened an interest in politics. Someday, Tomilo says, he might run for a local office, although he has no ambitions of serving at a higher level. "I would like to run for local government someday," he says. "People think it's just local and it's not important, but it is."

Tomilo isn't sure what his involvement will be with Oakland after graduation, but he feels strongly about maintaining con-

tact with his alma mater. "I'm thinking about moving to the Lake Orion area, somewhere closer to my job and to the university. I want to stay somewhat attached to Oakland. My term on the chapel board doesn't expire until December, so I know I'll still be involved there."

"Come fall, I know I'll miss being a student, even though I'll be taking a class here. I'll miss all the friendships — all the people I know I'm going to lose touch with. When you're a student, there's a lot of free time to socialize, to get close to people. I'm sure I'll socialize at work, but it's not the same." ■

The Wilson awards

Oakland University's Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson awards are among the university's highest honors. The coveted awards are presented each year to the outstanding senior man and woman.

Students are chosen on the basis of their academic achievements; commitment, service and involvement in campus life; and social awareness and concern for the well-being of others.

Winners, who are selected by a committee of faculty and staff members, receive a commendation, a medallion and \$500 at June commencement. Their names also are listed on a university plaque.



EVEN CELLS GROW UP

But if they could stay young, could we?
Oakland researchers are studying
cells to unlock the mysteries of aging.

by Judy Powers DiForte

IMPROVED HEALTH CARE and scientific strides in recent years are helping people live longer than ever before. Unfortunately, the advantages of a longer lifespan are partly offset by a dramatic increase in age-related diseases.

While it may be possible to extend the human lifespan still further, the focus of research has been on improving the quality of life for a growing elderly population. Devising ways to prevent and cure a disease entails knowing the mechanisms of the disease. And researchers believe the answer lies at the molecular level.

Oakland University biochemists Arun Roy, professor of biological sciences, and Bandana Chatterjee, assistant professor of chemistry, have already made significant

strides in the search for that answer.

"Most of the diseases we suffer from today are not due to bacterial infections, but rather diseases associated with old age," said Roy. "When people 'die of old age,' it is really due to the accumulation of dysfunctions of certain genes."

Researchers have found that disorders such as diabetes, osteoporosis, cancer and cardiovascular diseases have strong genetic components and all of these problems can be traced to malfunction of certain key genes.

"The question of how these genes are regulated and how they are expressed in different ways are not only very interesting and challenging questions in modern biology, but they have tremendous implications to medicine and humanity," Roy said.

Important chemical signals in the body, such as hormones, strongly influence gene regulation and gene expression. The genes, in turn, control the manufac-

ture of proteins and enzymes, which affect the cell function. And since the body is nothing but a complex organization of cells, the way genes are regulated by hormones has a critical effect on health and well-being.

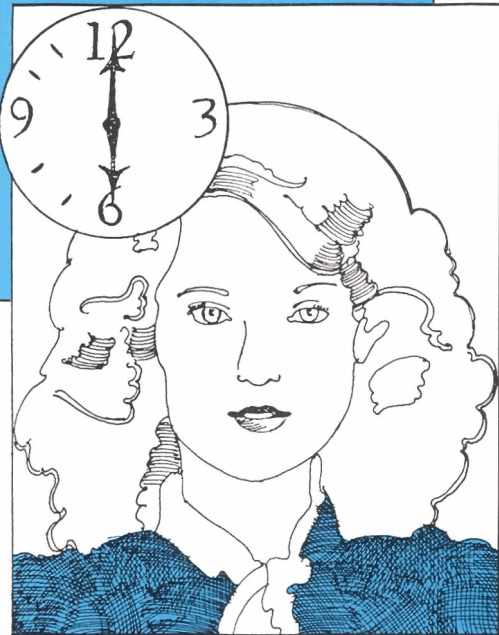
Finding the molecular basis of gene regulation is therefore a vital issue in biochemistry — and the focus of Roy's and Chatterjee's work.

In his laboratory, Roy has identified and cloned a set of hormone-regulated genes for proteins that decrease during aging. In the same cell, Chatterjee found a protein that increases in the young, decreases during adulthood, then increases again during aging. "There are hardly any proteins known in the scientific world that behave like this," Chatterjee said.

"If we understand how the genes that are controlling the aging process are regulated, we could then take preventative measures to help those regulatory genes



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function more positively," Roy said.

He added that once the regulatory genes can be at least partially controlled, researchers may be able to reduce the incidence of hormone problems, such as diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, female sex hormone dysfunctions and cancer.

Chatterjee's work in hormones and aging is supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. She also has received a grant from the American Heart Association of Michigan to study certain drugs commonly used to treat another age-related disorder — hyperlipidemia, too much cholesterol in the blood serum. Although useful in lowering serum cholesterol, these drugs have been known to lead to liver cancer. Chatterjee is studying the mechanisms of the drugs at the molecular level to determine how they accelerate fat breakdown within the cell.

Chatterjee has cloned the genes for the enzymes that are responsible for fat

breakdown, and hers is the only laboratory in the country to have done so.

Chatterjee also has isolated and cloned the gene for the protein she found, so that together, Roy and Chatterjee have a coordinated expression of hormone-regulated genes from the same cell. Both genes are regulated by several hormones, including insulin.

Chatterjee's discovery is a breakthrough because it proves that the increase or decrease in gene expression has nothing to do with overall tissue degeneration.

"It proves that the old cell is not simply a dying cell," Roy said.

"We're seeing something very genuine at the cellular level," Chatterjee explained. "This gives us a tremendous confidence level with our system. Now if we can understand why this particular protein is being regulated very differently at different periods of life, we'll have some fundamental information about the

mechanism of gene regulation during aging."

With their cloned genes in hand, Roy and Chatterjee can now study what happens to these genes at the molecular level during old age and how different hormones influence the expression of these genes at different ages. That kind of information can provide important clues as to why humans are prone to certain diseases as they age.

Behind the work in the laboratories of Roy and Chatterjee is the hope that their research will ultimately improve the quality of life.

"If a human being lives for 80 years, then those 80 years should be productive and healthful," said Chatterjee. "The important thing is to keep people active and free of disease. We hope this kind of research will have some direct impact on the quality of life for the total human population."

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The graying of America

Geographic distribution

- In 1984, about half (49 percent) of persons 65 and older lived in eight states. California and New York had over 2 million each. Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas each had over 1 million.

The older population

- The older population — persons 65 years or older — numbered 28.0 million in 1984. They represented 11.9 percent of the U.S. population, about one in every eight Americans. The number of older Americans increased by 2.3 million or 10 percent since 1980, compared to an increase of 4 percent for the under-65 population.

- In 1984, there were 16.7 million older women and 11.3 million older men, or a sex ratio of 148 women for every 100 men. The sex ratio increases with age, ranging from 123:100 for the 65-69 group to a high of 246:100 for persons 85 and older.

- Since 1900, the percentage of Americans 65 and older has tripled (4.1 percent in 1900 to 11.9 percent in 1984) and the number increased ninefold (from 3.1 million to 28.0 million).

- In 1984, persons reaching age 65 had an average life expectancy of an additional 16.8 years (18.7 years for females and 14.5 years for males).

- A child born in 1984 could expect to live 74.7 years, about 27 years longer than a child born in 1900. The major part of this increase occurred because of reduced death rates for children and young adults. Life expectancy at age 65 increased by only 2.4 years between 1900 and 1960, but has increased by 2.5 years since 1960.

Future growth

- The older population is expected to continue to grow in the future. This growth will slow somewhat during the 1990s because of the relatively small number of babies born during the Great Depression of the 1930s. The most rapid increase is expected between the years 2010 and 2030 when the baby boom generation reaches age 65.

- By 2030, there will be about 65 million older persons, 2½ times their number in 1980. If current fertility and



immigration levels remain stable, the only age groups to experience significant growth in the next century will be those past age 55.

- By the year 2000, persons 65 and older are expected to represent 13 percent of the population and this percentage may climb to 21.2 percent by 2030.

Health and health care

- The number of days in which usual activities are restricted because of illness or injury increases with age. Older persons averaged 32 such days in 1982 (27 days for males and 35 days for females, 12 days for younger persons) and spent all or most of 15 of these days in bed (13 days for males, 16 days for females, 5 days for younger persons). These numbers refer to non-institutionalized population only.

- Most older persons have at least one chronic condition and many have multiple conditions. The most frequently occurring conditions for the elderly in 1982 were: arthritis (50 percent), hypertension (39 percent), hearing impairments (30 percent), heart conditions (26 percent), orthopedic impairments (17 percent), cataracts and sinusitis (15 percent each), visual impairments (10 percent) and diabetes (9 percent).

- In 1984, individuals 65 and over represented 12 percent of the U.S. population but were projected to account for 31 percent of total personal health care expenditures. These expenditures were expected to total \$120 billion and to average \$4,202 per year for each older person — more than three times the \$1,300 spent for younger persons.

— Courtesy of the American Association of Retired Persons

ALUMNI

1964

Michael Wyzgoski was one of nine recipients of the 1985 John M. Campbell Award presented by General Motors Research Laboratories for his contributions to science in the area of the study of environmentally induced effects of polymers.

1967

Harold Carney has been promoted to vice president of franchise operations for Little Caesar's Enterprises, Inc.

1968

Victoria Peterson is president of the Victorian Inn, a bed-and-breakfast and restaurant in Port Huron, Michigan. It has been featured in articles in the *Detroit Free Press*, *Detroit News* and several national travel books, as well as on WKBD-TV and WXYZ-TV. She resides in Port Huron with her husband, **Edward** ('68), and their two daughters.

1969

MaryLou Cheal has been appointed a research psychologist at the University of Dayton Research Institute at Williams Air Force Base in Hixley, Arizona. She is conducting basic research in human visual attention. She also holds a faculty research position in the Psychology Department at Arizona State University, where she is continuing research on behavior throughout the lifespan in gerbils. Cheal is a Fellow of Division 6, Physiological and Comparative Psychology, and of Division 28, Psychopharmacology, of the American Psychological Association. Cheal published her first research paper while a student at Oakland University. She has now published 36 research papers and 27 abstracts.

1970

Al Mann is the director of research at Marketing Resource Group, Inc., where he coordinates survey research. He has directed survey research on ballot proposals and on state-wide, congressional, state legislative and local levels. Previously, he served four years as director of survey research for the Michigan Senate Republican Campaign Committee. The survey he developed for the 1978 Ann Arbor mayoral campaign was later used by the Republican National Committee as the model in its "Concord Conferences." Marketing Resource Group recently was ranked 24th among the state's fastest-growing companies, with net sales of \$1.8 million marked in 1985, up from \$213,945 in 1981.

Dennis McGee is the new director of public safety for Auburn Hills, Michigan. He is in charge of both the police and volunteer fire functions. McGee holds a Master of Business Administration in management from Oakland ('81) in addition to his bachelor's degree. He received a master of arts degree in guidance and counseling from the University of Detroit in 1974 and completed a certificate in law enforcement instruction at Oakland Community College in 1976.

1972

Norine Blake Allen has been named assistant superintendent of the Avondale (Michigan) School District. She currently serves as president of the School of Human and Educational Services Alumni Affiliate.

Mary McCloy resides in Norfolk, Virginia, and continues to be involved in early childhood education, teaching four-year-olds. She says she refers to articles by Professor of Education George Coon in her work.

1974

Jerry L. Clark received a Master of Social Work degree from Wayne State University in 1978. He opened his own private practice in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, in February.

Ronn E. Jamieson joined General Motors' CPA group in July 1985 as the manager of control systems integration in the Advanced Vehicle Engineering Organization.

Charles Russella has been named vice president and trust officer responsible for employee benefit administration at Heritage Bank and Trust in Racine, Wisconsin. He and his wife, **Rita**, ('84), are expecting their first child in July.

1975

Louis Forsythe graduated in May 1985 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, with a Master of Divinity degree in Christian education. He works for the Missouri Baptist Convention as a regional consultant in cooperative ministries to National and Southern Baptist churches in the St. Louis metropolitan area, including southern Missouri. He and his wife, **Jacqueline**, a registered nurse, have two children and live in St. Charles Hill, Missouri.

Wanda Gland is living in rural New Jersey with her husband, **John**, and their two children, **Scott** and **Kathy**. She was recently awarded a teaching/research assistantship from Princeton University and will start work on her Ph.D. in chemistry this fall.

1976

Brenda Sue Kerster has married **Todd Richardson** of Highland, Michigan. She is a legal secretary at Goldstein, Goldstein & Bershad, P.C. in Southfield, Michigan.

Rebecca Oetjens and **John Oetjens** ('73) have a 1½-year-old daughter. Rebecca received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Detroit in December 1982 and is a fully licensed psychologist in Michigan.

1977

Zita McGrath Burton received her Master's in Elementary Education from Saginaw Valley State College in 1979 and teaches sixth grade at Havell Elementary in Sterling Heights, Michigan. She and her husband, **Guy**, announce the birth of their first child, **Kathryn Elizabeth**, born April 16, 1986.

Darrell Datte accepted a position as account manager for the CPC Strategic Systems Group of Electronic Data Systems.

Russell A. Fisher of Royal Oak, Michigan, has been appointed vice president of the investment services department for Comerica, Inc., Detroit, Michigan. Fisher joined the bank in 1977 as an investment analyst. He earned his Master of Business Administration in 1981 from the University of Detroit.

Scott Nelson is currently employed as manager of quality assurance for David Tool and Engineering Company. He will be receiving his Master of Business Administration from Wayne State University in August. Nelson resides in Troy, Michigan, with wife, **Linda**, and their two-year-old daughter, **Brianna**.

1978

Herman Glass is owner/director of Glass Chiropractic Health Plaza in Detroit, Michigan. He is also on staff at New Center Hospital in Detroit. Glass was the first chiropractor elected to the board of the Michigan Cancer Foundation and is a board member of the America Black Chiropractic Association.

Tom Schramski has recently been awarded the Henry Ford Technological Award for his work on graphite/fiber glass composites and their application in drive shafts. Schramski is now working on a new automatic transmission program at Ford Motor Company's Livonia Transmission Plant. He and his wife, **Marcia**, live in Sterling Heights, Michigan, with their two children.

1979

Brian McBurney has taken a position as a mechanical engineer in the measurement and information systems department of the Naval Air Propulsion Center in Trenton, New Jersey. He and his wife, **Debra**, reside in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

Lynn Galdes Kirk of Farmington Hills, Michigan, has joined Ross Roy, Inc. advertising agency as an account supervisor on the Florists' Transworld Delivery account. She is responsible for the implementation of advertising campaigns and management of the account. Previously, Kirk was regional marketing director on the A&T long distance gift certificate program at Rogers Merchandising, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. Earlier she was professional sports marketing director on the Miller Brewing Company account. Kirk began her career as an automotive account executive with Robert Landau & Associates, Inc.

June West of Pontiac, Michigan, has been promoted to account executive on the Michigan Bell Telephone Company account with Ross Roy, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan. She will develop and implement business and residence programs for the account. West comes to the agency with six years' experience at McCann-Erickson. Her most recent position was senior account executive on the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Michigan account.

1980

Frances C. Amos was named Michigan Bell Telephone Company's Good Citizen of the Month for April. Amos, a member of the

Oakland University Alumni Association Board of Directors and past president of the School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate, donates between eight and 10 hours each week to volunteer activities. A member of the Waterford Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, she is active in ABWA fundraising efforts to send women to college, has chaired a number of committees and has been nominated for the ABWA Woman of the Year Award. Amos also volunteers on behalf of the Lake Oakland Heights beautification program and Pontiac Catholic High School's sports program. The Waterford resident has been employed at Michigan Bell for 28 years. She is technical adviser of PULSE, a customer survey that measures the company's service. She and her husband, Ed, are members of the Oakland University President's Club. They have two children.

1981

Caroline Agostinelli has been named product management officer for Comerica, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan. She is a resident of Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Debra Striler Clark is in private practice at Lee Shulman and Associates Psychological Services in Royal Oak, Michigan. She graduated from the Center for Humanistic Studies in 1983 with a Master of Arts in Humanistic and Clinical Psychology. She was married in June 1984.

Richard Gabler is employed as a Licensed Private Investigator for various Florida insurance companies and Orlando law firms.

Michael Palmer has completed the Air Force Institute of Technology program and received a master's degree in systems engineering. Palmer, a captain, is stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Stephanie Antonioli Sobel was promoted recently to senior systems analyst at Standard Federal Bank's main office, specializing in systems development and office automation. She is expecting her first child in July.

Mark Wilamowski received a Master of Science degree in business administration from Indiana University in December, 1985. He also has been promoted to contract administrator with the Allied-Signal Corporation (formerly Bendix) energy controls division. He assumes responsibility for all engineering/development-type government contracts for all current and future programs for the division, which designs and manufactures fuel control systems for jet engines. He and his wife, Donna, reside in South Bend, Indiana.

Richard Wlodyga has joined Blumenberg and Associates, Inc. in Oak Park, Michigan, as sales engineer.

1982

Jeffrey Boss has been named assistant editor at P.R. Newswire of Southfield, Michigan.

Bruce Florine has been appointed promotion director of Mediasource Advertising and Public Relations. He will manage national radio and television promotions and special event ac-

tivities. Florine was formerly with PS Promotions, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan, where he was the organizer and developer of many corporate sponsored events, including last year's Liberty Concert starring Hall and Oates. The event was attended by 70,000 and raised funds for the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Restoration Foundation.

Kerry O'Keeley is a State of New Mexico probation parole officer with the Department of Corrections, Field Services Division. O'Keeley serves in Eddy County, 5th Judicial District Court at Carlsbad, New Mexico. He specializes in supervising convicted felons who have been released from incarceration but who are still serving parole or probation periods. As a New Mexico peace officer, his duties also include writing formal pre-sentencing reports to the court, and advising and counseling clients toward restructuring their behavioral lifestyles, educational and/or vocational directions. He also conducts pre-release home and environmental evaluations with families and concerned community agencies. Working directly with the courts, municipal police and sheriff's departments of New Mexico and other state law enforcement agencies, O'Keeley sometimes issues violation reports, arrest orders and recommendations for revocations of probations or paroles, causing the return of the violators to prisons or jails. He has also served on the New Mexico State Commissioned Appointment as a board member to Community Corrections - Bernalillo County (Albuquerque) and as a psychological counselor in the segregation unit at Central New Mexico Correctional Facility at Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Nancy E. Ryan has been named associate editor of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn, Michigan. She will contribute to three periodicals published by SME. The assistant editor of OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE for the past two years, Ryan also edited, wrote and coordinated university-related publications for the university's Department of Publications. She is a graduate English student at Oakland. Ryan and her husband, Joe, live on Paint Creek in Lake Orion, Michigan.

Kathleen Walton passed the Michigan Bar in November 1985 and is a trial attorney with Lopatin & Miller, P.C., in Detroit, Michigan. Walton specializes in employment discrimination.

1983

William Bernard was promoted to manager, software engineering, for Sterling Scale Company of Southfield, Michigan.

Thomas Race was promoted to senior accountant in charge of the Network Forecasting Group for MCI Telecommunications' Midwest division in Chicago, Illinois. The group develops computerized financial models to forecast the effects of changes in state and federal tariffs, pending legislation, FCC rulings and traffic patterns on network operating expenses.

Greg Stanalajcz has been hired by Modern Engineering Service Company as the senior recruiter for their new computer services division in Warren, Michigan.

Carol Zawacki is communications coordinator for Health Plus of Michigan, a state-based health maintenance organization.

1984

Sandra Lopatowski is director of operations at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan.

Lisa Olsen joined the staff of the Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism at Oakland University as a lecturer while finishing her master's thesis from Bowling Green State University. Olsen's thesis is on examining components of music videos.

Gerald Pruitt was commissioned as a U.S. Navy ensign upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School. He joined the Navy in 1985.

In memoriam

1967

William Clark of Lake, Michigan, died of a heart attack January 27, 1986.

1969

James Stevens died April 3, 1986, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, daughters Margaret and Katherine, and mother, Mary Stevens. Stevens began his career at the National Labor Relations Board. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from Detroit College of Law. At the time of his death, he was an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board.

FACULTY/STAFF

Carl F. Barnes, Jr., director of the Center for the Arts and professor of art history, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan.

Brian P. Copenhaver, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been invited to join the editorial board of a prestigious international journal. Copenhaver will serve on the board of *Annals of Science: An International Review of the History of Science and Technology from the Thirteenth Century*. Copenhaver said the journal has been publishing for more than four decades and that it is one of the oldest publications of its kind in the relatively young field of the history of science. The journal is based in Oxford and is edited by Dr. Gerard Turner of the Ashmolean.

Robert J. Goldstein, associate professor of political science, has been awarded a contract by the University of California Press for an updated and revised volume based on his 1978 book, *Political Repression in Modern America: From 1870 to the Present*. The book was widely praised: *Library Journal* termed it "enormously significant" and the *Canadian Journal of History* predicted it would become "the basic survey of the subject."

Egbert W. Henry, professor of biological sciences, has received a \$6,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for the Minority High School Research Apprentice Program for 1986-87. The grant enables four minority sophomores and juniors from area high schools to gain up-to-date research experience by working this summer in the laboratories of five Oakland biology professors. Henry is acting chairperson of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Lucinda Hart-Gonzalez, assistant professor of linguistics, has received a National Resource Center Summer Fellowship in Latin American studies at Cornell University, where she will lecture on and research Quechua, a language spoken by Indian peoples in South America.

Stanley Hollingsworth, composer-in-residence, was on hand in New York, New York, for a June 75th birthday concert celebration for composer Gian Carlo Menotti. Hollingsworth's former teacher. A Menotti composition, *Rassegnazione*, which was orchestrated by Hollingsworth, was performed by Metropolitan Opera soprano Marvis Martin and the Y Chamber Symphony during the festivities. This fall, Oakland's Center for the Arts will present Hollingsworth's *Trilogy of One-act Operas* at its Center Stage Series.

Joseph A. Klaits, associate professor of history, has been awarded a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies for the 1987 winter semester. The grant is for research leading to a book on culture and society in 18th century Alsace. Klaits plans to conduct his research in France and Germany, as well as in Washington, D.C. He also recently received his third Fulbright Lectureship and an award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Klaits is participating in a summer Humanities Institute on German archival sciences at the Folger Institute in Washington, D.C. Klaits is the author of the recently published *Servants of Satan: The Age of the Witch hunts*.

James R. Ozinga, professor of political science, has been asked to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar on "Religion and Revolution in the Modern World: The Case of the Russian Intelligentsia." His book, *Prodigal Human*, dealing with global problems, was recently published by McFarland and his new book, *Communism: The Story of the Idea and Its Implementations*, will be released by Prentice-Hall in September.

Joan B. Stinson ('63), director of Alumni Relations and assistant director of development, has been named Oakland University's 1986 Outstanding Administrative-Professional Employee for her contributions toward strengthening alumni programs. Her accomplishments include helping boost Alumni Fund contributions from \$85,000 in 1981 to nearly \$200,000 in 1985, conducting the first comprehensive survey of Oakland alumni and being nominated three times during the past four years for a U.S. Steel award for an outstanding alumni giving program. Stinson serves on numerous university committees and is actively involved in several professional organizations, including the Michigan Advancement Council, of which she is treasurer.

Mary Lou Stone and **Nancy Schochetman**, coordinator and counselor trainer of the Continuum Center respectively, have developed and published a workbook entitled *Designing Your Retirement*. The workbook covers personal aspects of the retirement transition, as well as practical issues to be decided as workers approach retirement. The advanced engineering division at the General Motors Technical Center is using the workbook.

W. Patrick Strauss, professor of history, has received a Fulbright Lectureship in American Studies for the 1986-87 academic year at Shanghai International Studies University in the People's Republic of China. Strauss will teach a graduate course on the history of American foreign policy and will give lectures on that topic in various other locations in China during the academic year. He also received a National Endowment for the Humanities award.

Flavio Varani, artist-in-residence, is touring Brazil and West Germany this summer with leading symphony orchestras. Between orchestral engagements in Brazil, the pianist will give five recitals in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre, and a series of lecture recitals about the interpretation of piano literature masterpieces. Following his South American tour, Varani will head to Munich, West Germany, for the International Institute for Chamber Music, where he will be an artist-teacher. He also will give the opening concert at Gasteig, a new performing arts complex in Munich.

Satish K. Walia, assistant professor of biological sciences, is using genetic engineering to understand how bacteria become resistant to antibiotics. He has received a grant of \$11,000 from Providence Hospital, Southfield, Michigan, to study the mechanism of antibiotic resistance, a problem faced by hospitals across the nation. Walia is working with Dr. Tom Madhavan, chief of infectious diseases at Providence.

Stephen J. Wright and **Sze-Kai Tsui**, both associate professors of mathematics, have solved an important problem in pure mathematics that had remained open for more than 15 years. The professors — collaborating with former Oakland visiting associate professor A.J. Lazar, now of Tel-Aviv University — explained their research in "A Cohomological Characterization of Finite-dimensional C*-algebras," published in the *Journal of Operator Theory*.

In memoriam

Peter Evarts, professor of English and rhetoric, died June 15 following an asthma attack. Evarts joined the university staff in 1962 and became a member of the English faculty in 1965. He served as chairperson of the rhetoric department during its formative years and participated in special academic programs ranging from Upward Bound to the Early College Study Program. A specialist in medieval literature, he was a noted scholar who had made numerous presentations and chaired sessions at the prestigious Medieval Academy at Western Michigan University.

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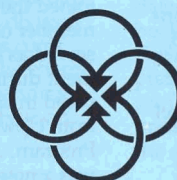
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Alumni Night at Meadow Brook, August 1, Peter, Paul & Mary.

Alumni Exhibition Soccer Match, August 23, 2 p.m.

Welcome Back/Mentor Program Reception, September 23, Black Alumni Affiliate.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Concours d'Elegance, August 3, Meadow Brook Hall. An outdoor exhibition of 168 classic and antique automobiles from 10 states and Canada.

Art at Meadow Brook, August 16-17, Meadow Brook Hall. Invitational multi-media show and sale of works by U.S. and Canadian artists. No admission charge.

Afternoon at Ascot, August 20, Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. The theme of the Ascot Races will prevail with music from *My Fair Lady* opening a fashion show, sponsored by the Meadow Brook Music Festival Women's Committee and Jacobson's. For ticket information, call 370-3316.

Sunset Terrace Revisited, through August 24, Sunset Terrace. Tour the former home of presidents — university presidents, that is — and the Wilsons. Decorated in '50s classics by the American Society of Interior Designers, the 13,000-square-foot home will be used for conferences beginning in September. Admission: \$5; \$4, group rate.

Gatsby Getaway, any weekend, Meadow Brook Hall. A two-night glamorous retreat in the affordable magnificence of Meadow Brook Hall. Candlelight dining, programs and accommodations. Call the Hall, 370-3140, for reservations.

Luncheon on the Aisle, October 2, Meadow Brook Theatre. This tenth annual theatre benefit will include scenes from the season opener, *Richard III*, a costume demonstration, box luncheon and door prizes. Call 370-3316 for information.

PERFORMANCES

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, July 29; **Jean-Luc Ponty**, July 30; **David Sanborn**, August 21; **Manhattan Transfer**, August 22; **Jack Wagner**, August 23; **Petra**, August 25; all at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Shows begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the box office, 377-2010.

Meadow Brook Theatre 1986-87 subscription series tickets on sale through September 10. Tickets for single events go on sale October 2. For information, call 370-3316.

Center for the Arts 1986-87 subscription series tickets on sale through October 5. Tickets for single events go on sale in mid-September. For information, call 370-3013.

ATHLETICS

Sports camps: Soccer Overnight, Women's Basketball I, Diving Day Camp III, July 20-25. Women's Basketball II, Soccer Day Camp, Diving Camp IV, July 27-August 1. For information, call 370-3190.

Home openers: Soccer: Oakland vs. Adrian College (exhibition), August 30, 2 p.m.; Oakland vs. Wilfred Laurier University (regular season), September 6, 2 p.m. Tennis: Oakland vs. Oakland Community College, September 10, 3 p.m. Volleyball: Oakland Invitational, September 5-6.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Trustees: August 13, September 10, Lounge II, Oakland Center, 5 p. m. Dates are subject to change.

OCAA Board of Directors: August 4, September 8.

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