

inside OAKLAND

A newsletter for Oakland University colleagues

Bookstore prepares for smooth future

New improvements and services at the OU bookstore promise to make ordering and purchasing textbooks quicker and easier.

Most delays in the beginning of the fall semester stemmed from the late changeover to a new bookstore chain and its rushed renovation — problems that won't occur again, says store manager Jennifer Gracki.

Wallace's Bookstores of Lexington, Kentucky, won the bid, with input and representation from faculty, staff and students, to provide service in the lower level of Oakland Center. The chain took over when the Barnes & Noble Booksellers contract expired on June 12. Barnes & Noble had run the bookstore for seven years. The June takeover left Wallace's fewer than two months to build a new store. Contractors worked as fast as they could, one right behind another, says OC Director Richard Fekel. Store improvements include:

experience after a semester on the job.

- Many books for winter semester will be on shelves in December, Gracki says.

All of the ordering procedures, schedules and deadlines are about the same, with even more emphasis on personal service, Gracki says.

"We're excited about the future and I look forward to meeting faculty, students and staff," Gracki says. She can be reached at 2404 or gracki@oakland.edu.

OU Bookstore Hours

*Mondays and Thursdays,
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

*Tuesdays and Wednesdays,
9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.*

Fridays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Hours are extended during
the beginning of each
semester.*

- By next semester, 10 registers instead of six, and a new line configuration that should cut waiting times. Instead of waiting in one line for the next available cashier, each register will have a line.
- Student cashiers will have more training and

What's New

Wallace's provides many new services at OU's bookstore:

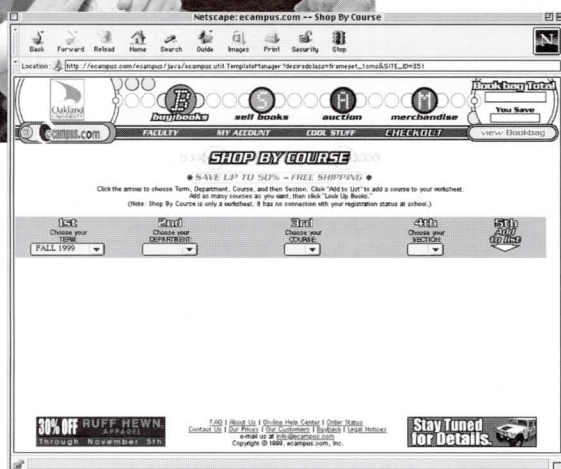
- Free Internet access on four iMac computers
- An expanded section featuring Oakland authors
- A bigger selection of non-textbooks
- New OU clothing
- An advisory committee of faculty, staff and students will work with Gracki and Peggy Cooke, director, Auxiliary Services, to consider what goods and services to offer.
- The store will host a grand opening in January — a good opportunity to meet Gracki and her staff. The grand opening date will appear in the December or January edition of *Inside Oakland*.
- Online services at http://ecampus.com/ecampus/java/ecampus.util.TemplateManager?desired-class=frameset_1cms&SITE_ID=351, a site dedicated to Oakland students and faculty. Users can shop for books by course, term or department.

Other services at the Web site:

- sell books
- buy or sell items or books at auction
- buy clothes, Greek apparel, footwear, educational instruments and personal electronics.



Jennifer Gracki



Students and faculty can order books, clothes and educational instruments online.

Varner's influence endures

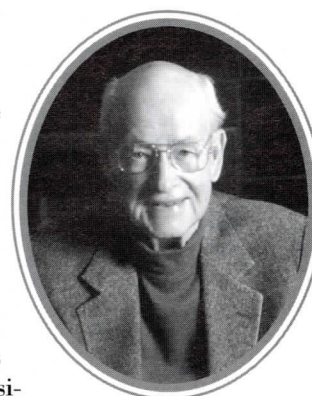


The wisdom and foresight of D.B. "Woody" Varner, Oakland's remarkable first chancellor, will be ever present at OU, says OU President Gary D. Russi. Varner, 82, died on October 30 of Parkinson's disease in Lincoln, Nebraska. To those around him, the charismatic Varner became the preeminent symbol of then MSU-Oakland. He built OU from the ground up, overseeing the completion of more than half of the buildings on campus. Varner Hall is named after him. Varner also helped create Meadow Brook Music Festival and many academic programs. "He was one of the greatest men I've ever known," says George Karas, OU's former physical plant engineer and first employee. "He was honest, firm, modest, very considerate and kind."

In 1969, hundreds of students demonstrated to keep Varner at Oakland when word spread that he was being considered for the presidency at Michigan State

University. He left Oakland in 1970 to become chancellor of the University of Nebraska and later served as university president until 1977, when he chaired the University of Nebraska Foundation.

Varner is survived by Paula, his wife; daughters Judy Varner and Susan Wilkins; son, Tom; and five grandchildren. Condolences to the family may be sent to Wilkins, 6219 Barbara Lane, Lincoln NE 68512. Memorial contributions may be made to the U of N Foundation, Varner Family Fund, 1111 Building, 1111 Lincoln Mall, Suite 200, Lincoln NE 68502-0650.



bits and **PIECES**

Free Grizzlies tickets
Fidelity Investments invites all faculty and staff members to enjoy an evening of Golden Grizzlies men's basketball on December 7, when Oakland hosts Bowling Green State University at 8 p.m. Fidelity's sponsorship allows any faculty or staff member to pick up two complimentary general admission seats in advance of the game or on game night. Only 500 seats are available. The arena box office, extension 4000, is open daily from 1-5 p.m.

MBH Holiday Walk features French treasures
Meadow Brook Hall's annual Holiday Walk will showcase fine and decorative French art November 26-December 5. The



Enjoying Meadow Brook Hall's holiday decorations is a tradition.



works will be presented throughout the hall among beautiful holiday decorations. Public hours for The French Collection, Knole Cottage (Santa's House) and the MBH gift shop will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. all days and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on November 30 and December 1, except Knole Cottage, which will be open only during the daytime;

admission to the cottage is \$1 for all ages. The walk is \$6 for OU employees; \$12 for adults; \$6 for children 3-12; free for children younger than 2. OU students, staff, faculty and alumni association members may bring family members for the OU affiliate admission price of \$6 on the evenings of November 30 and December 1. ID will be required. The elegant Holiday Gala Dinners, held to raise funds for MBH, are December 2-4. Admission is \$175 per person; \$250 for benefactors. Reservations are required. For further information or reservations, call 3140.

Colloquium to examine modern war
"War in the 21st Century: The Revolution in Military Affairs and the Lessons of the Gulf War"



Geoffrey Wawro
will be the topic of the Fall 1999 President's Colloquium November 16. Geoffrey Wawro, associate professor, History, will discuss how the U.S. military is addressing threats to America's key vulnerabilities; the nation's aversion to casualties; Americans' notoriously short attention span; and the military's increased reliance on fragile technologies. A reception is at 11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms followed by the presentation at noon. RSVP by calling 4648.

Grant to help teachers use technology
Oakland this fall is implementing a \$1.3 million federal grant to help teachers use technology more effectively in the classroom. The three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education



Anne Porter
aims to transform the teaching practices of the K-12 teachers in Pontiac and Rochester schools, OU education students and faculty members through optimal use of technology such as Web sites and CD-ROMs. Participants will integrate more technology in university and K-12 classrooms, and education students will learn how to be technology consultants for practicing educators. More than 20 people from the campus contributed to the project proposal. The proposal's primary team members are Anne E. Porter, James F. Cipielewski, Maria Cseh and John E. McEneaney.

Deadly cosmetics of old
The CAS' Department of Art and Art History will host a guest lecture December 5, 4:30 p.m., in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Aimee Marcereau, assistant curator, European painting, Detroit Institute of Arts, will speak on "Lead White or Dead White? Dangerous Beauty Practices of the 18th Century." The lecture accompanies the MBAG exhibition, "Collars and Cuffs: The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630-1880," from the Detroit Institute of Arts. All MBAG lectures are free and open to the public.

Have a seat in a new spot to meet
Need a meeting place? Oakland Center's new meeting rooms are available to the OU community by reservation. On the lower level, the Lake Michigan room has classroom-style seating for 54; Lake Superior A, theatre-style seating for 70; Lake Superior B seats 48 at round tables for eight; and Lake Huron seats 16-30 at an oval table. Upstairs, the Lake Ontario room, formerly the faculty lounge, seats 15. Call 3230 to reserve an Oakland Center meeting room.

Career Fair sets record
The Department of Placement and Career Services' annual career fair last September attracted a record 650 students, up from 350 last year. Students came to meet representatives of 95 employers and 14 graduate schools. The event, held for the first time in the arena, was the largest career event in OU's history, says P&CS Director Bob Thomas. Employers used the event to recruit interns and employees and to inform students about their organizations and career opportunities.

Recreation and Athletic Center honored
OU's Recreation and Athletic Center won a prestigious national award for its superb design. The center is among 10 winners selected from 81 projects across the nation for the Athletic Business 1999 Facility of Merit Award. Athletic Business is a national organization that provides professional development opportunities and services for athletic, business and recreational professionals. "Oakland can now add to a long list of accom-

plishments and honors a facility that will help recruit and retain students, faculty and staff at this progressive institution," says Greg Jordan, director, Department of Campus Recreation.

Fall enrollment sets another record
Fall 1999 enrollment is 14,664, Oakland's highest headcount ever. The total is up 2.6 percent and 4.6 percent among undergraduates. First-year student enrollment is up 19 percent over last year and the number of new transfer students climbed 5 percent.

Emrich to serve as interim SON dean
Kathleen Emrich will serve as interim dean of the School of



Kathleen Emrich
Nursing starting January 1. She has been an assistant professor in the SON since August 1998. Emrich earned an Ed.D. from the University of Michigan in 1991 and served as associate vice president and chief operating officer for Henry Ford Kingswood Hospital. She replaces Justine Speer, who will retire on December 31 after five years as dean.

new faces

- Kellie Barber, Admissions Advisor, Admissions
- Michael Bentley, Teacher, Lowry ECC
- Irene Cobb, Accounting Clerk III, Student Accounts
- Curtis Davenport, Program Counselor, Project Upward Bound
- Kelbrina Davis, Secretary II, Mathematics and Statistics
- Christine Deutsch, Teacher, Lowry ECC
- Nancy Hampton, Program Coordinator Assistant, Lowry ECC
- Margaret Leahy, Risk Management Analyst, Risk Management
- Renee Ligeski, MBA Site Administrator, SBA
- Amanda Mack, Registered Nurse, Graham Health Center
- Lydia Noguez, Office Assistant I, Admissions
- Ann Ratteree, Teacher, Lowry ECC
- Steven Sapilewski, Multimedia Specialist, Instructional Technology Center
- John Sweet, Audiovisual Engineer, Instructional Technology Center
- Joanne Talarek, Nurse Practitioner/Coordinator, Graham Health Center

C&M strengthens OU Web sites

The Department of Communications and Marketing is working with a group of faculty, staff and students and a prominent Web site developer, SV3 Media Group, to improve Oakland's central Web pages, including the home page and those for Admissions, Alumni Relations, Athletics, the Board of Trustees, public relations and fund-raising. Other OU Web sites will be given a consistent navigational structure, says C & M Director Geoff Upward. Development highlights include a virtual campus tour, campus calendar of events, campus

news, e-commerce for merchandise purchases and donations, and audio broadcasts of basketball games. "OU will be among the first colleges and universities to broadcast basketball games live on the Web," Upward says. "Fans will be able to listen to the games from anywhere in the world while performing other functions on their computers." The new home page will be launched the week of November 15. Development work will be on going for several months. E-mail Web Editor Kim Korienek (korienek@oakland.edu) with questions and comments.

Tip-Off:
Catch the first live basketball broadcast when the Grizzlies face U of M on November 19 at 7:30 p.m. Click the Live Broadcast button on the Athletics home page. You may need to download an audio player, such as Realplayer G2. The Athletics site will include download instructions. If you can't catch it live, the games will be archived on the Athletics home page.

OU scores high in NCA evaluation

regional needs by developing focused, market-driven graduate programs.

These strengths are among many highlighted by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools* in its recent report on OU. The NCA accredits more than 950 educational institutions in a 19-state area. Although the accreditation is voluntary, it is a strong indicator of quality. A 10-member NCA team completed a thorough review last February of all Oakland administrative and academic functions. The team consists of academic administrators and faculty from institutions in Illinois, Indiana,

Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. The NCA completed a positive review of the library during a focus visit to Oakland in 1994. The last comprehensive review was in 1989.

Other strengths mentioned in the current report include the Eye Research Institute and Center for Biomedical Research, which the NCA says "bring OU national recognition and serve as regional resources."

The new Recreation and Athletic Center and renovation of residence halls and the Oakland Center student union have significantly enhanced campus life for stu-

dents, the report says. "We're very pleased that the NCA is recognizing Oakland University for the dramatic transformation we have made over the past few years," says Vice Provost Susan Awbrey, coordinator for the NCA self-study, and Mary Papazian, CAS associate dean and associate coordinator for the review. "Thanks again to the members of the Oakland University community for making the NCA review a success!"

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Susan Awbrey



Mary Papazian

An accrediting organization has praised Oakland University for developing partnerships with business and community organizations; enhancing campus life for students; having dedicated faculty and staff; and responding to

REGISTRY

Hoda S. Abdel-Aty-Zohdy, Electrical and Systems Engineering, chaired a workshop on collaborative technologies for creative integrated systems at Meadow Brook Hall Nov. 10-11.

Amber Ault, Sociology, has had her book, *Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity*, published by Coursewise Press.

Nicole Buffard-O'Shea, Modern Languages and Literatures, presented at a conference at Victoria University in Toronto. In June 2000, she will make another presentation in Tunisia.

David P. Doane, SBA, presented a paper, "Seasonal Forecasts with Trend Breaks: Emergency Arrivals," at the Canadian Operations Research Society's 41st National Conference, Windsor, Ontario. With co-authors **Ronald L. Tracy**, SBA, and **Kieran Mathieson**, SBA, he also presented a paper, "Visualizing Multiple Regression" at the 1999 Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore, Maryland.

Frank Giblin, Eye Research Institute, presented a talk, "Oxidative Stress and Nuclear Cataracts," at the Fifth Annual Great Lakes Vision Research Conference at Meadow Brook Hall.

Annette Gilson, English, presented a paper at a seminar on modernist irony for the Modernist Studies Association.

Stacey Hahn, Modern Languages and Literatures, was a session chair at the Northwest Modern Language Association meeting in Pittsburgh last April.

David Jaymes, Modern Languages and Literatures, was a contributing editor for the *French 17, An Annual Descriptive Bibliography of French 17th-Century Studies*, Colorado State University 1998.

Anahid Kulwicki, SON,

received a \$75,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation to research the project, "Assessment of Barriers in Domestic Violence Service Utilization by Arab Immigrants Experiencing Partner Abuse."

Abraham R. Liboff, Physics, presented an invited lecture, "Behavioral Changes in Rats Associated with Exposures to Weak Magnetic Fields" at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Pavlovian Society, in Terrytown, New York, in October.

Barbara Mabey, Modern Languages and Literatures, recently gave a paper at an international symposium on German literature at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. In June she presented a paper at the University of Oldenburg, Germany.

Sean Farrell Moran, History, was recently elected president of the Midwest Region of the American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS). He also chaired and commented on a plenary panel, "The Symbiosis Between Irish and Irish-American History and Literature," at the Midwest Regional Meetings of ACIS at St. Ambrose University.

Kathleen Pfeiffer, English, recently presented her paper, "Race and the Self-Made Woman," as part of the Harlem Renaissance Seminar during the New Modernisms Conference at Penn State University. She recently led a book discussion of Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* at Brandon Township Hall in Ortonville, Michigan.

Janice Schimmelman, Art and Art History, gave a lecture, "Art in the Early English Magazine, 1731-1799; An American Perspective," at Pennsylvania State University.

Philip Singer, Anthropology and Health Behavioral Sciences, has had two of his medical anthropology video

documentaries viewed in the August issue of *Ayizan-International Voudou* newsletter.

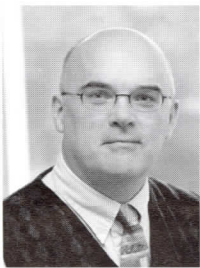
Jack Tsui and Ernie Schochetman, Mathematics and Statistics, recently attended the 15th Triennial Conference of The International Federation of Operational Research Societies in Beijing, China. Each presented an address in the session, "Infinite Horizon Optimization" organized by Schochetman.

Yang Xia, Physics, gave an invited lecture, "Introduction to NMR for Chemists" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting held in New Orleans in August. He was also the invited guest speaker at the 15th Waterloo NMR Summer School Session of Advances and Reviews, held in Waterloo, Canada last June.

calendar of EVENTS

November	
through Dec 19	Exhibition, "Collars and Cuffs," MBAG
18-21	Play, <i>Rock and Roll Lysistrata</i> , VAR Studio, 8 p.m.
15-21	GO OU Grizzlies Week
18	Men's and women's swimming vs Toledo, RAC, 5 p.m.
19	Oakland University Chorale and Chorus, Varner Recital Hall (VRH), 8 p.m.
20-Dec 26	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> , MBT
20	African Ensemble Concert, VRH, 8 p.m.
21	Chamber Ensemble Concert, VRH, 3 p.m.
21	Men's basketball vs. Illinois State, RAC, 3 p.m.
22	Oakland University Jazz Band, VRH, 8 p.m.
23	Women's basketball vs. U of M-Dearborn, RAC, 7 p.m.
26-Dec. 5	The French Collection Holiday Walk, MBH
December	
2-5	Meadow Brook Estate extravaganza, VAR, 10 a.m.
2-3	Dancescapes, Oakland Dance Theatre and Oakland Dance Theatre Repertory, VAR Studio, 8 p.m.
3	Men's and women's swimming, Mid-Continent Conference Championship, all day, RAC
4	Women's basketball vs. Southern Utah, RAC, 4:30 p.m.
4	Men's basketball vs. Southern Utah, RAC, 7 p.m.
7	Men's basketball vs. Bowling Green, RAC, 7 p.m.
9	Men's basketball vs. Toledo, RAC, 7 p.m.
11	Women's basketball vs. EMU, RAC, 4:30 p.m.
11	Men's basketball vs. WMU, RAC, 7 p.m.
22	Women's basketball vs. CMU, RAC, 7 p.m.

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**EMPLOYEES WHO
HAVE LIVED IN
ANOTHER COUNTRY**



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**Where did you live?
Why?**

I was born and raised in Ireland and lived there until I was 31. I came to the United States to do graduate study in 1988 and have lived here since.

I lived in Kuwait from August 1989 to July 1999. Kuwait was a very beautiful place with interesting culture. I got a job that was a two-hour flight to Cairo that gave me leave to pursue my research interest in Egypt.

I worked as a translator on Soviet trawlers in the Bering Sea during the 1981 and 1982 fishing seasons. I wanted to experience a completely different way of living.

I spent the first 38 years of my life living in England, apart from one year in Austria. We moved to the United States 12 years ago when my husband was recruited for a job here.

What did you like and dislike?

I liked the easygoing nature of life and the non-intrusive nature of work! There was ample time for personal activities and friends. I disliked the weather, limited professional opportunities, and the lack of passion toward improving oneself.

I guess the only dislike was the heat — 115 degrees in the shade for seven months. I loved the holy month of Ramadan with all the joy, sounds, lights and smells, and also the Eid holidays.

What did I like? It was like being in the old Wild West all over again, except wetter. What did I dislike? There is nothing worse than being extremely hung over and sick at the same time.

I enjoy the vitality of life and the opportunities available in the United States, but what I miss most about England is the countryside and the village/small town life. We lived in a village between London and Oxford that had been a settled community for more than a thousand years.

What are some differences between living there and in the United States?

We tend to give more of our life to work in the United States. In general, people in the United States are more prone to celebrate others' success.

The main difference is personal protocol. The courting of women was much more covertly detailed. A person's word means a lot more than in the United States. Personal relationship agreements in Arab culture can hold in court. And major business contracts most certainly depend on such protocol.

Hah!

In England distances are more manageable. You do not have to constantly jump in a car; people get around by walking and using public transport, especially in cities. Houses are smaller. Old buildings are preserved and valued.

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**The finishing touch:
Echo Cognition**

Oakland University's Honors College on October 6 unveiled a new symbol for knowledge, an outdoor sculpture by Joseph Wesner. Ann Nicholson, Oakland's Board of Trustees vice chair, and Jim Nicholson, her husband, donated the piece to honor the opportunities the Honors College provides for highly motivated students who seek an unusually challenging education. *Echo Cognition* is the second Wesner outdoor sculpture to grace the OU campus; the artist's *Motherswell* is on the lawn in front of South Foundation Hall. "The sculpture has to do with understanding and wisdom flowing around like the curves of the building. It symbolizes the recurring cycles of human vision, imagination and knowledge," says

Brian Murphy, Honors College director. Ann Nicholson said she hopes the piece will become part of the Honors College's unique identity. "We hope it will give a lot of pleasure to Oakland students for generations to come," she says.

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**New center offers
English courses for
non-native speakers**

Oakland's international students, faculty and staff and Oakland County residents who want to learn more about the English language and American culture will benefit from a new center at the university. The College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Linguistics dedicated the Center for American English on November 1. It offers courses and workshops in English for business and professional applications; credit courses for students; and non-

credit courses. "The center's programs are designed to teach non-native speakers of English to speak and write English confidently and effectively," says Linguistics chair Peter Binkert. Patricia Hironymous, assistant professor, Linguistics, is the director of the Center for American English. For information on schedules and fees, please contact Hironymous at 2163 or by e-mail at hironym@oakland.edu.



(L to R) OU president Gary Russi; Brian Murphy, Honors College director; Nancy Vitale, Honors College student; sculptor Joseph Wesner; Ann Nicholson, vice chair, OU Board of Trustees; and Jim Nicholson, Ann's husband, with *Echo Cognition*.



Pat Hironymous

employee of the MONTH

NOVEMBER 1999

EMPLOYEE:
Barbara Dahlmann

TITLE:
Administrative Secretary

DEPARTMENT:
Electrical and Systems Engineering,
SECS

YEARS OF SERVICE: 10

COMMENTS:
"Barbara is proactive and extremely accomplished in the completion of her secretarial duties. I can rely on her to complete any given task with the utmost competence. She often thinks ahead about the department's needs. Barbara is well liked and respected by the students, and of course, the faculty."

"Shortly before last summer, Barbara helped to organize a very important meeting at Oakland. The meeting appeared to be instrumental in finding new possibilities to cooperate with industry, especially with DaimlerChrysler."



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