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Breaking New Ground: Governor to Join University Community in Launching Science and Engineering Complex

Governor John Engler will lead a host of dignitaries from throughout the state at the ground-breaking ceremony for the science and engineering complex.

The event is planned for noon October 1 on the mall in front of Dodge and Hannah halls. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to 201 Dodge.

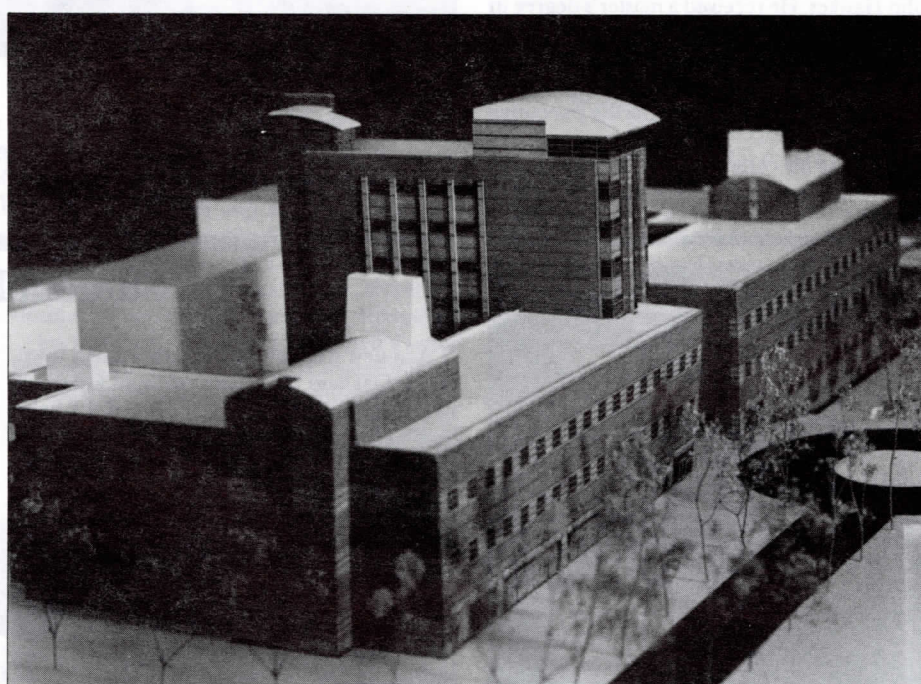
The university community is invited to participate in the event. Following remarks by President Sandra Packard, Board of Trustees Chairperson James A. Sharp, Jr., and L. Brooks Patterson, trustee emeritus and Oakland County executive, the governor will address the audience. He and the president will then turn ceremonial shovels — one of which will become a part of a display within the building.

Area civic, business and labor leaders have been invited to the *Breaking New Ground* ceremony.

Construction is expected to start on the complex later this year. Final architectural plans are now being drafted. The building will rise to the west of Dodge and Hannah halls and be connected to them. A separate animal care facility will also be added. Part of the \$39 million provided by the state to the university is for renovation of part of Hannah Hall.

Once construction is complete, perhaps in 1996, the university will have a facility ready to serve students, support staff and faculty in biological sciences, chemistry, mathematical sciences, physics and the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

The October 1 ground breaking is a mile-



A model shows the science and engineering buildings, as viewed from behind Dodge and Hannah halls.

stone event. The last academic building to rise on campus — O'Dowd Hall — was completed 13 years ago.

University officials say the university sorely needs the additional room the building will provide for classroom, research and laboratory space.

As the complex appears in architect's renderings, the new structure will consist of two wings of three floors each and a central tower with seven floors. The tower roof will be used for special engineering projects.

With 186,465 square feet, the science and en-

gineering buildings will free up space in Hannah for renovation and use by the School of Health Sciences. The School of Health Sciences is now housed in Vandenberg Hall, a residence hall.

George Dahlgren, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of graduate study, pointed to students as immediate beneficiaries of the new complex.

"You're going to see the addition of new classes in experimental science, which we have not been able to add in the past because of space limitations. We'll also be able to look at additional instructional laboratories at the freshman through senior levels, and on into the graduate level," Dahlgren said.

"These instructional labs will be in biology, chemistry and physics, and in mathematics with the computer laboratories. There will be a significant increase in research space for undergraduates, graduate students and faculty."

Dahlgren envisioned another benefit for the university.

"I think the complex will make Oakland very attractive for recruiting faculty in the sciences, mathematics and engineering. The buildings will definitely help us by giving us modern facilities and laboratories, complete with the latest technology," Dahlgren said.

Dahlgren added that making faculty better-equipped to produce top-notch research will further enhance Oakland's chances at getting external funding.▼

Opening Day



President Sandra Packard's second annual opening day remarks to the university community (published in full on page 3) were also a time for awards and fellowship. Brian Connery, at left (above), and Venkat Reddy received the Teaching Excellence and Research Excellence Awards, respectively, for their superior efforts. Following the talk, the president donned a T-shirt to advertise the October 7-9 homecoming festivities, and chatted with Pat Bennett, the captain of Oakland's famous championship Educators recreation league softball team. Meanwhile, Gary Russi, vice president for academic affairs, chats with Lee Anderson, director of financial aid, and Jim Llewellyn, director of the News Service.



Awards Cite Faculty Efforts

The university has honored English faculty member Brian Connery and Venkat N. Reddy, director of the Eye Research Institute, with its 1993 Teaching and Research Excellence Awards.

The winners were recognized by September 10 during President Sandra Packard's welcome ceremony to open the 1993-94 school year.

Connery and Reddy each received \$2,500 cash awards. The funds were provided by the Oakland University Foundation. Both faculty members were introduced by Gary Russi, vice president for academic affairs.

Earlier in the afternoon, at ceremonies in Kresge Library, a plaque commemorating Reddy and previous Research Excellence Award winners was unveiled to university officials and guests. A plaque honoring Teaching Excellence Award winners has been on display in the library.

The Teaching Excellence Award citation for Connery, an assistant professor, noted that "in a university that takes justifiable pride in the teaching accomplishments of its faculty you stand out as a truly exceptional teacher. Both students and colleagues recognize you as a demanding and exacting teacher, and yet your teaching evaluations are a steady litany of high praise."

Connery was also credited for his abilities to sustain stimulating classroom discussion even in the larger sections he has taught and for his creative use of journals to keep students thinking and writing.

Reddy has had a 35-year career devoted to studies on the eye and blinding eye diseases. He was cited for his efforts as cofounder of the Institute of Biological Science (now the ERI) and for his major contributions to understanding lens physiology and the mechanisms of cataract formation.

The citation noted Reddy's continuing research support from the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, including a MERIT Award of \$1.3 million. His recognition includes the prestigious Friedenwald Award and the Michigan Scientist of the Year Award.▼

'Christian Science Monitor' Editor Speaks at Commencement

The editor of *The Christian Science Monitor* will deliver the fall commencement address at ceremonies at 2 p.m. September 19.

Commencement for students who completed degree requirements in June and August

Student Earns Japanese Scholarship

Brian Harroun didn't make top wages working in the kitchen of a Japanese restaurant, but his conversations with the chefs paid big dividends.

Now Harroun, an Oakland University senior and East Asian Studies major, has won a prestigious Monbusho (Japanese Ministry of Education) Scholarship for study in Japan for the 1993-94 academic year.

Harroun left September 7 for Tokyo, where the Ministry of Education was to enroll him in one of the leading universities in the country.

A Japanese Consulate spokesperson in Detroit said Harroun was the only winner in Michigan and one of perhaps 50 Monbusho winners named throughout the United States.

Professor Bonnie Abiko had urged Harroun to try for the scholarship, which attracts applicants from around the world. She and Carlo Coppola, director of the Center for International Programs, marvel at the fact that Harroun's language skills are largely self-taught.

The student said he is at a loss to explain his facility with the difficult language. "I just seemed to soak it up," he said.

Harroun's self-education began in April 1989 when he went to work for Nipponkai Inn in Clawson. He worked in the kitchen and listened to, talked with and learned from the Japanese chefs.

During this period Harroun also worked for a time at Asahi Travel in Southfield. The working hours at the restaurant and travel agency were spent immersed in Japanese language and culture. His off hours were spent watching Japanese films and in reading and study.

Harroun credited Abiko and Coppola and the Honors College for "helping me realize I had a passion for education and for helping me associate with peers who were intellectually oriented."

He said he is considering a career as a translator, a trade he has already sampled with part-time work for a firm in Japan. ▼

will receive their degrees in Baldwin Pavilion on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds.

Richard J. Cattani, who has served as editor since November 1988, has a broad background in journalism and a varied career with the newspaper. His topic will be *Career as an Odyssey*. He was editorial page editor of the *Monitor* beginning in 1983, where he expressed the paper's position on a full range of national and international issues. Prior to that, Cattani was the *Monitor's* White House and national politics writer, Midwest bureau chief, New England and urban affairs writer, and editorial page writer.

Cattani, a native of Detroit, holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard College, where he studied creative writing with Archibald MacLeish and John Hawkes. He received a master's degree in teaching from the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is also a graduate of the North Carolina Business School's Executive Program.

Following the ceremony, the Alumni Association will host a reception for all in attendance. ▼



Sure Shots

When it comes to firing their guns during shooting competitions, Patrolman David Birkholtz (left) and Sergeant Doug Godwin are straight arrows. They captured first place in the 14th annual Michigan College and University Police Pistol Match held in Lansing. The event drew teams from Michigan and Illinois. The OU duo scored 1,091 points out of a possible 1,200.

A Student Perspective

As a new student from a rather small town, facing Oakland University's campus was somewhat frightening last year. I carried the hand guide around attempting to match the buildings with the images reproduced on the map. I asked the questions which seemed to echo from the years past: where? who? what? I struggled to take notes as the professors told of their individual background the first day of class. I experienced the trauma of waiting in line for books, only to learn they were the wrong ones. I got lost in the library trying to find the fiction section, to later discover there wasn't one. Oh, how the list continues! Perhaps these few examples apply to each of us and I am certain you will have many more memories of your own to reflect upon.

Attending the first year of school, we are faced with the transition of many elements. Whether one is a graduate from high school, or an individual enrolled after years in the workforce, the necessary changes to adapt in a new environment can be challenging. Class requirements, homework and study habits are often increased to conform to the university standards, and time management is a mandatory

concept to control. Each of these things are important in the college environment, and with time and determination, they calm through familiarity. The years following are not as difficult to conquer as the knowledge acquired remains

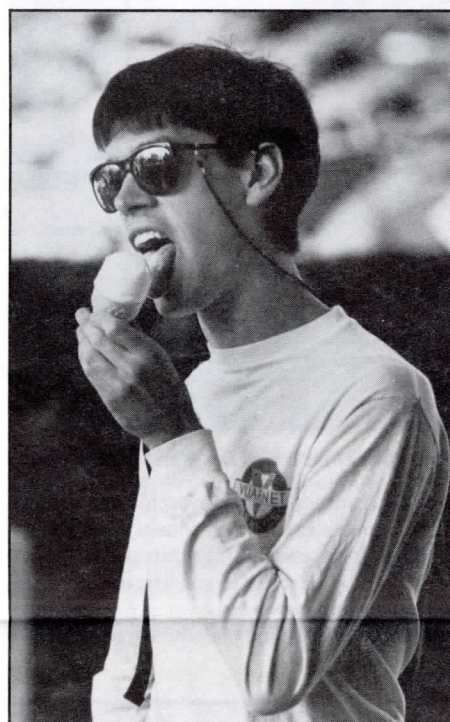
with you from days gone by, so I suggest to simply "stick with it" and look forward to the next sunrise.

I would like to say this to the new students of Oakland, those returning, or perhaps even staff and faculty members: Life is certainly not easy, and facing classes, homework and social responsibilities adds to the complexity of life's many trials. However, as Bel Kaufman once stated, "Education is not a product: mark, diploma, job, money — in that order; it is a process, a never-ending one."

I wish a hearty welcome back to all in the hopes of encouraging you to explore the world while you are here, especially as I have, by beginning to learn about yourself. ▼

— By Jessica Gifford

Jessica Gifford is beginning her second year at Oakland, and her second year working with the Publications Department.



OU: Tastes Great

Student Steve Ragan got in his licks during a welcome week ice cream social sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

Of Distinction ...

Items about professional activities or honors from anyone within the university community may be sent to the Publications Department, 109 NFH. Faculty members with E-mail capabilities are encouraged to send their items to jacksonj@vela.acs.oakland.edu

Items run as space permits.

Barry Winkler, Eye Research Institute, has been appointed chairperson of the Visual Sciences C Study Section, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health. The appointment is for two years beginning in October. The study section is responsible for reviewing grant applications dealing with basic and clinical research on the retina of the eye. Winkler previously served as acting chairperson at the June meeting of the study section.

Phyllis Rooney, philosophy, published a paper, *Feminist-Pragmatist Revisionings of Reason, Knowledge, and Philosophy*, in the spring issue of *Hypatia*, a special issue on feminism and pragmatism. Her work on this paper was supported by an Oakland University Faculty Research Fellowship. She also presented her paper, *Philosophy, Language, and Wizardry*, at the Canadian Philosophical Association meetings at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Dan Braunstein, management, coauthored a paper, *Adding Assessments of Management Capability to Explanations of Auditors' Going Concern Decisions*, at the national meeting of the American Accounting Association. Braunstein, along with management and accounting colleagues from Wayne State University, showed that informa-

tion regarding management planning capability differentiates a sample of healthy Detroit-area firms from those whose ability to continue as a going concern was questioned by their auditors. If this result holds up across larger samples, the researchers ask, will future auditors be required to take a behavioral course in managerial performance assessment?

Ronald Finucane, history, presented a paper at the Mid-America Medieval Association conference in Kansas City. He was this year's invited speaker for the annual Cornelius Loew Lectures in Medieval studies at Western Michigan University. He was also an invited participant in an international seminar held in Sweden. All of the presentations gave Finucane the opportunity to discuss his research into Medieval childhood.

Finucane also presented pre-play lectures as historical consultant on *Richard II* for the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival in Louisville.

Kevin T. Andrews, mathematical sciences, spoke on *Some Parabolic Problems Modelling Thermoelastic Contact* at the Second International Conference on Nonlinear Mechanics held in Beijing, China.



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Funding Opportunities

Information about the following sources of external funding for faculty research projects is available from the Office of Research and Academic Development.

Department of Defense

The department invites proposals to enable funded investigators to support additional graduate students on their research projects. Faculty investigators with Department of Defense university research contracts or grants that will be in effect February 4 are eligible for a portion of the \$50 million in funds. November 2 deadline.

For Your Benefit

Presentations by Retirement Counselors

Annual presentations by representatives of TIAA/CREF and Fidelity Investments are planned for October.

The TIAA/CREF representative will visit Oakland on October 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. in 128-130 Oakland Center and from 1:15-2:15 p.m. in OC Lounge II. On October 20, the representative will field questions from 9-10:30 a.m. and 1:15-2:15 p.m. in OC Gold Room B.

The Fidelity representative will be on campus from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 1:15-2:15 p.m. October 26 in OC Gold Room A. On October 27, the sessions will be the same hours in 128-130 OC.

Diana Decker, staff benefits manager, says, "Regardless of your age or how long you have been in the plan, please try to attend a session for each of the carriers. By attending the annual presentations, you will learn of the latest changes and any new options added to the plans."

Jobs

Information about job openings is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling the Job Hotline at 370-4500.

- Director, AP-10, Office of Minority Equity.
- Programmer analyst, AP-4, Office of Computer and Information Services
- Assistant to the dean and director of the MBA Program, AP-9, School of Business Administration
- Groundskeeper IV, AFSCME, Campus Facilities and Operations, grounds maintenance
- Assistant to the vice president, educational facilities planner, miscellaneous, Office of Finance and Administration
- Admissions recruiter, AP-6, Office of Admissions and Scholarships
- Counselor and advising coordinator, AP-6, Academic Services and General Studies
- Circulation desk assistant supervisor, casual, Kresge Library

Reaching Us

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Quote

"Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body."

— Seneca

Bits & Pieces

ERI to Celebrate 25th Year

The public is invited to hear a national expert on diabetic complications of the eye at a symposium sponsored by the Eye Research Institute.

The ERI and the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health are both celebrating their 25th anniversaries this year. The ERI has invited scientists from throughout the world to a symposium at Meadow Brook Hall from October 5-7. The symposium will address issues related to blinding eye diseases affecting the retina and cornea.

The public is invited to hear Dr. Arnall Patz, professor of ophthalmology and director emeritus of the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University. He will deliver the V. Everett Kinsey Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. October 6. The lecture is named for the first director of the ERI. Patz' topic is *Challenges in Retinal Neovascularization: Retinopathy of Prematurity and Diabetic Retinopathy*. For details on attending, call 370-2390.

This has been an important year in the history of the ERI. Director Venkat Reddy, who received the university's Research Excellence Award on September 10, points out one of the significant advances made at the institute.

Reddy says that Barkur Shastri, associate professor of biomedical sciences, made important advances in the study of inherited retinal diseases. Premature infants often become blind due to a disorder called Retinopathy of Prematurity. Another retinal disease which appears similar to ROP is seen in children born after full gestation. The cause of this disease, Familial Exudative Vitreoretinopathy, remains unknown.

Shastri, in collaboration with Michael Trese, clinical associate professor in the institute from William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, has discovered that FEVR can be inherited through an X-linked mode (that is, inherited from only the mother and affecting male offspring). Shastri has also demonstrated that this defective gene is localized in a specific region of the X chromosome. His finding opens the possibility of prenatal diagnosis. Shastri's research now focuses on identification, isolation and characterization of this gene, which may lead to prevention and treatment of the disorder.

Time to Think THIN Again

A campus group of Weight Watchers will again meet this fall at noon Thursdays in 171 SFH.

The first meeting is September 23. All interested persons are invited to attend the first meeting and learn about the program. Oakland University is one of the longest continuing sites of the Weight Watchers at Work program in the metropolitan Detroit area. The program is designed to take place over lunch hour.

Church Offers Theatre Deal

St. John Fisher Chapel Community is sponsoring a block of tickets for the 8 p.m. September 25 performance of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in Varner Recital Hall.

Anyone in the university community is invited to attend. The cost is \$12.50 and includes both a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. in the new social hall of the church and a \$10 ticket for the performance.

For tickets, see Pat Nicosia in the Budget Office, 104 NFH, or call 370-2370.

Start Your Modeling Career

If you'd like to be a model for the Women of Oakland University Fall Fashion Show on October 19, give Rhonda Saunders a call at 370-3179 by September 20.

Men and women are welcome and need not be WOU members. Office attire by Jacobson's will be presented.

Registration details about the event will soon be in the campus mail.

Home for Rent

Looking for a place to call home? Kate Lark may have the perfect place.

A three-bedroom, 1.5 bath, colonial home with an attached garage and finished basement is available in the Meadow Brook Subdivision. For information, call Lark at 370-4196.

'... from being one of Michigan's best kept secrets to one of Michigan's most touted assets'

It is my great pleasure to welcome you and to wish you a very happy and successful 1993-94 academic year. Please join me in thanking Rick Smith for once again capturing the heart and life of our campus family with his photographic artistry and Geoff Upward for choreographing it so beautifully.

Last year the photos Rick shot celebrated us as individuals and the different kind of work we each do to make this university possible. This year his photos celebrate the work we do together.

Accomplishments in a university are rarely the result of a single person's ideas or efforts. While one individual may receive the recognition for an accomplishment, most likely it was truly the achievement of many. There are many unsung heroes in a university, but their work is no less significant or important because their contribution is less visible. Everyone in the university, from the electrician, to the professor, physician, custodian, police officer, secretary, dean, etc., contributes to our accomplishments.

For example, last year our women's swim team won the NCAA Division II Championships for the fourth year in a row, a national record. This accomplishment was well earned by our women students who practiced so hard all year. It was also earned by Tracy Huth, our outstanding coach, by Paul Hartman, the secretaries, staff and other coaches in athletics who supported Tracy and the team, by custodians who maintained our aging pool, not an easy challenge, by technicians who repaired the heater on an emergency basis so the team could practice, by faculty who were patient and helpful with students who missed class for competition, by the athletic committee for their oversight and advice on athletics.

Last year was the beginning of significant change for our university. With change comes unease, but also opportunity. I am pleased to say we are using that opportunity well. We have, at last, obtained \$39 million to build the new four building complex that will house some of the sciences and engineering, all of mathematics, computer science, and the animal laboratory. It will also provide continuing education and conference rooms for all units to use and case classrooms for business instruction. The funding will also provide for the renovation and air conditioning of Hannah Hall for the health sciences. This will be our first new classroom, office or lab building in 13 years and only our third building in 25 years. It will provide 186,000 square feet of state-of-the-art space.

Last year we uncapped enrollments and grew to a record 13,068 students. Even though we had no increase in funding from the state, we balanced our budget and were able to meet our 1992-93 raise obligations; we began the long and very costly, but necessary process of addressing deferred maintenance projects on campus; we funded the final phase of the brightway path, internal signage, and the bike patrol for our police. We also increased the library allocations budget significantly and purchased needed computer equipment.

Last year we put to rest the outsourcing threat which created tension on campus, restored modified summer hours, and began a major strategic planning process that has 167 members of our campus family working very hard to plan our future. I am very excited and pleased with the work they are accomplishing and I think the campus will be pleased and delighted with their ideas and vision for our future.

Last year we strengthened our commitment to students as our most important clients by creating a student services center in North Foundation Hall, and to affirmative action by establishing a minority equity office, and adding a significant number of need and merit based scholarships for minority students.

Last year we strengthened our commitment to research and teaching excellence as evidenced by faculty accomplishments too numerous to mention, even if you were willing to listen to me for an hour, which I know you aren't. We also arranged for the purchase of major scientific equipment and raised the funds which made a language laboratory possible.

Last year we extended our commitment to community development and service. We established a public affairs research laboratory, started our first 2+2 program in engineering with OCC, took our applied statistics program to Ford Motor Company, expanded our offerings at the Macomb Center, provided career coun-

seling and economic development advice in Pontiac and school development in Detroit.

We extended our commitment to our campus family by pitching in to help each other when position freezes made us short-staffed and overworked, initiated our first homecoming, our first all-alumni day, and our first welcome back week. We opened Meadow Brook Hall,

Opening Day Address by President Sandra Packard September 10, 1993

Theatre, and Art Gallery for more student participation.

Last year we won awards, recognitions, tributes and honors. We celebrated ourselves with support for tenure and promotion, selection as outstanding employee of the month and outstanding AP. And others celebrated us as they selected us for recognition for our teaching, research and service excellence. We also raised \$4.5 million of the \$5 million goal for the library's Enduring Legacy Campaign and increased the funds raised from alumni giving. In turn we gave more to the United Way and I hope we will do so again this year.

Last year we reached out and told our story, through our speakers bureau, our President's Club Faculty Forums, through radio advertising, through press coverage, and through numerous conferences and groups we hosted on campus scholars from around the world who came to learn from us. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* covered our innovations in student service.

Last year we changed policy and practice to establish a smoke free campus, established a campus parking committee to resolve parking issues, opened the budget process for Senate review and advice and opened the board committee process for community attendance, improved our hazardous waste management, self-financed our residence halls, and improved our investment and vendor contract return.

Last year we were innovative in curriculum planning, we began a new performing arts major, approved a new master's in engineering management, implemented the new ethnic diversity requirement, and made good progress on plans for additional doctoral programs.

Last year we enhanced the aesthetic and safety components of our campus environment by renovating our bookstore, redecorating residence halls, replacing worn out and broken classroom furniture all across campus, adding two outdoor sculptures, installing blue safety phones, establishing the police bike patrol, repairing Beer Lake bridge, and painting more buildings and mowing more lawns than before.

And last year we began the process of breaking in a new president and completed the process of hiring three new vice presidents. I am delighted they are here, although not having them for a year did provide VP salary savings that I could reallocate to pay for the creation of a student services center in North Foundation and the moves to Wilson Hall.

As you can see from just this short summary, last year was a very busy and productive one. If you were or are in need of a vacation, you can see why — you worked extraordinarily hard and accomplished much. I hope you had some time off because this year promises to be as busy and successful as last.

What is in store for us this year?

This year we will set our course for the next decade. Early this fall, our strategic planning task forces will have first draft of their reports for our review and comment. After that they will finalize their reports and the Strategic Planning Authorship Committee will go to work crafting the individual reports and recommendations into one cohesive plan for campus review and consideration.

When the full process of draft and consideration is completed by all, including the Board of Trustees, we will eventually have a final blueprint for our efforts and aspirations. The final document will be a significant driving force for decisions and allocations of time and resources on our campus, so I hope you will each get involved in providing comment and reaction to the report drafts as they are considered by various governance bodies on our campus.

In keeping with our university goal to serve a statewide mission for teaching and research

excellence, we will continue the development of new graduate programs, initiate student assessment and program review, develop plans to meet our future computer needs, and place increased emphasis on aggressive recruitment and retention of talented and diverse students from around the state. The North Central Association will be paying us a visit this year, to follow up on our two weak areas in our last reaffirmation of accreditation visit — the library and student assessment. I am told we are well prepared and ready for their visit. And, of course, we will break ground for our new science and engineering complex October 1!

Student development beyond the classroom will also be important. We will consider a student referendum for a campus recreation and convocation center, begin a student run FM radio station, host homecoming for the second time and freshman convocation for the first, sponsor two new women's intercollegiate athletic teams, and seek to prepare our students not only for productive work, but for constructive living.

We will again be working to provide a safe and attractive environment for our students in order that while pursuing knowledge they will not neglect the aesthetic aspect of their development. Thus, we will renovate more classrooms, refurbish selected student service areas, including the Oakland Center, begin the massive process of accommodating our physical facilities for the handicapped to meet ADA requirements, plan for residence hall renovation, and seek additional opportunities to create attractive outdoor living spaces. We will also build a physical services facility to house those things displaced by the ground clearance for the new building.

We will continue our efforts this year to expand external awareness and support to Oakland University. With the help of experts in the School of Business, we will begin a marketing campaign for our campus, and under the leadership of our new vice president for university relations, increase our efforts toward external fund raising.

This year we will also work to further our partnership efforts with others and extend our expertise for community enhancement. We will finalize and announce several new 2+2 programs with OCC. With the help of the Chrysler Corporation, we will begin the development of distance learning, and we will investigate the desirability and feasibility of additional off-campus instructional sites and educational partnerships with other colleges and universities.

We will, of course, continue our efforts to maintain fiscal integrity. This year we will again see tight budgets as we have received no new funds from the state legislature and have increased costs. However, if we work hard to keep enrollment moving up, to raise private funds, to increase grant productivity, and to operate in a fiscally responsible manner as we did last year, we may be able to hold our own without further cuts. To this end, I am ending the position freeze. We cannot afford to add positions to the university yet, but I am hopeful we can hold the line on those currently filled positions we have. The specifics as to how positions will be approved and filled will be described in a memo soon to come. To facilitate your grant development efforts and to increase our revenue from grants, we will increase the amount of indirect cost recovery that returns to departments from external grants. You will soon receive a memo from me on that change as well.

These are but a sampling of the multitude of efforts we will undertake and accomplishments we will look back on next year at this time. We can achieve greatness to which we aspire. We can move from being one of Michigan's best kept secrets to one of Michigan's most touted assets. And we can do this simply by:

- (1) continuing to serve our students and pursuing our mission with excellence, by
- (2) working together as a team, thereby magnifying our own accomplishments, and by
- (3) enthusiastically communicating our distinction to all who will listen.

May I close with a quote from one of our own faculty members, Dr. Kevin Early, "Oakland University, the right place, the right time, the right choice."

Have a wonderful year!▼

Viewers' Choice: University Theatres Offer Season-Opening Drama, Comedy

Two mainstays of American theatre are coming to campus this month.

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Meadow Brook Theatre are starting their seasons. Faculty members in MTD will perform *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* at 8 p.m. September 24-25 in Varner Recital Hall. On September 30, Meadow Brook opens its 28th season with *The Foreigner*.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, first produced on Broadway in 1962 and later made into a film starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, is told during one drunken evening in the home of a professor in a small college town. The professor and his wife return late from a Saturday night party, and she announces she has invited another couple to stop by for a nightcap. The guests prove to be an opportunistic younger instructor and his naive bride.

Drinks flow, inhibitions melt and edgy banter cross-fires between the couples. The elder couple reveal almost inhuman bitterness toward each other, provoked by a personal sadness which they have pledged to keep secret to themselves. At the end of what turns out to be an al-

coholic all-nighter, when all is revealed, the audience is shocked and moved.

Gordon Reinhardt, actor-director-teacher with the Attic Theatre, makes his directing debut at OU with Edward Albee's play. Karen Sheridan, William Carter, Carolyn Gillespie and Michael Gillespie star in the production.

The play is recommended for mature audiences. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For tickets, call the MTD box office at 370-3013.

On September 30, Meadow Brook Theatre opens with *The Foreigner*, a hilarious comedy by Larry Shue. The play won two Obies and two Outer Critics Circle Awards.

The Foreigner follows the exploits of a shy young man in a rural Georgia town who pretends to speak no English. The fun begins when this "foreigner" overhears a conversation he should not have and uncovers a nefarious plot.

Series subscriptions are still available, and single tickets are now on sale at the Meadow Brook box office, 370-3300. Tickets are also available from any TicketMaster outlet.

The seven-play series for 1993-94 includes Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee*, from October 28-November 21; *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, from November 26-December 30; Willy Russell's *Shirley Valentine*, from January 6-30; George Bernard Shaw's *You Never Can Tell*, from February 10-March 6; a world premiere of Charles Nolte's adaptation of *The Last Days of Mr. Lincoln*; and Neil Simon's autobiographical *Broadway Bound*, from April 24-May 15.

Persons with disabilities who need special assistance to attend either of the plays should call the box offices.▼



Karen Sheridan, William Carter, Carolyn Gillespie and Michael Gillespie star in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* September 24-25 in Varner Recital Hall.

Golden Key Chapter Wins Award

The campus chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society received the Key Chapter Award at the national convention in Orlando.

The award goes to selected chapters which excel in communication, leadership, public relations, faculty and administrative involvement and community service. Chapter President Sara Thomas and faculty adviser Jon Yates were among the officers accepting the award.▼

Meadow Brook Art Gallery Show Highlights Works of Nature by Culver

Meadow Brook Art Gallery opens the new season with *Culver's Nature: Selected Works of Animals, Birds and Plants* by Charles Culver on October 10.

Charles Culver was a leading Detroit artist in the 1950s and '60s, and known for his poetic images of animals, insects and plants. Fifty-eight of his works are in the collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts and 18 paintings are in the col-

lection of the National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian.

E.P. Richardson, former director of the DIA, said of Culver's works, "The watercolors of animals and insects, with their softly luminous colors and black accents, have the big quality of fresco."

Culver's poetic images and elegant glowing watercolors filled with decorative charm and

humor attracted many collectors in the Detroit area.

The exhibition includes six paintings selected from the DIA collection, and pieces from 15 private collections in the Detroit area.

An opening reception from 2-5 p.m. October 10 in the gallery is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 and include wine and hors d'oeuvres. Everyone attending the reception

will receive on free raffle ticket for a chance to win *Dik Dik*, a 25-inch by 27-inch original Culver drawing donated by Florence Culver.

Additional raffle tickets will be sold at the reception and in the gallery during exhibition hours through November 21. Only 300 tickets, at \$5 each or five for \$20, will be sold. The winner will be selected November 21.

For information, call 370-3005.▼

Events

Persons with disabilities who need special assistance to attend any of the events listed should call the sponsoring unit, or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 370-3496.

SEPTEMBER

- 17 — Volleyball with Northwood University, 7 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 18 — Volleyball with Lake Superior State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 18-19 — Marriott Soccer Classic with Oakland, Grand Canyon, Florida Tech and Lock Haven, 1 and 3:30 p.m. games each day, Lepley Sports Center. Admission. 370-3190.
- 18 — Glyndebourne Picnic, *Evening in the Cotswolds*, Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Sponsored by Kresge Library. Admission. 370-2486.
- 19 — Commencement with guest speaker Richard J. Cattani, editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*, 2 p.m., Baldwin Pavilion. 370-2190.
- 20 — Lecture, *We Are All in the Same Gang* by Edward James Olmos, 2:30 p.m., Oakland Center Crockery. Admission. Sponsored by Student Life Lecture Board, Student Program Board and University Student Congress. 370-2020.
- 21 — Library workshop on using LUIS catalog, 1-2 p.m., 225B Kresge Library. Free. 370-2469.
- 21 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.
- 21 — Seminar, *Understanding Your Child's Sexual Development*, 7-9:30 p.m., 126 Oakland Center. Admission. Sponsored by the Continuum Center. 370-3033.
- 22 — Enigma of Genius Lecture Series presentation on painter Paul Gauguin by Michael Farrell of the Detroit Historical Society and Art House. Sponsored by Continuing Education. 644-5832.
- 23 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center

Meadow Brook Room. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

- 24 — Tennis with Lake Superior State University, 3 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 24 — Volleyball with Grand Valley State University, 7 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 24-25 — Play, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.
- 25 — Tennis with Northern Michigan University, 10 a.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 25 — Volleyball with Ferris State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 25-26 — Spotlights Juried Arts and Crafts Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Sponsored by Meadow Brook Theatre. 370-3316.
- 26 — Tennis with Michigan Tech University, 10 a.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.
- 28 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.
- 30 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

OCTOBER

- 1 — Ground breaking ceremonies for science and engineering complex, noon, at north entrance to Hannah Hall (in 201 Dodge Hall in case of inclement weather). 370-4350.
- 5 — Personal appointments with Fidelity Investments retirement counselor. Call Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483, for an appointment.
- 5 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.
- 6 — Personal appointments with TIAA/CREF retirement counselor. Call Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483, for an appointment.

7 — OU Bible Study, noon, location to be announced. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

7-9 — University homecoming and alumni reunion. 370-2158.

9-10 — Central Region Soccer Classic with Oakland, C.W. Post, Northeast Missouri State and University of Missouri-St. Louis, 11:30 and 2 p.m. games, Lepley Sports Center. Admission. 370-3190.

10-November 21 — Exhibition, *Culver's Nature: Selected Works of Animals, Birds and Plants* by Charles Culver, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Free. Hours vary. 370-3005.

12 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.

14 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

15 — Pontiac Oakland Symphony concert, *Gala Opening Night*, 8:15 p.m., Strand Theatre, Pontiac. Admission. 370-3103.

15-16 — 32nd annual Writers' Conference sponsored by the Detroit Women Writers and the Division of Continuing Education. Admission. Some early registration deadlines in effect. 370-3120.

16 — Tennis with Hillsdale College, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

16 — Soccer with the University of Michigan, 7 p.m., Rochester High School. Admission. 370-3190.

19 — Women of Oakland University Fall Fashion Show, noon, Oakland Center. Admission (free for members). Fashions by Jacobson's. 370-3179.

19 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.

19 — Volleyball with Saginaw Valley State University, 7:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

21 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

21 — Annual Business Forum sponsored by School of Business Administration Student Board with Robert Eaton, chairman and chief executive officer of Chrysler Corp., speaking on *The View from Detroit: The Automobile Industry in the '90s*, noon, Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Admission. 370-3286.

23 — Soccer with Lewis University, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Admission. 370-3190.

26 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.

26 — Volleyball with Hillsdale College, 7:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. 370-3190.

27 — Soccer with Siena Heights College, 3:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Admission. 370-3190.

28 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

30 — Soccer with Tiffin University, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Admission. 370-3190.

30 — Concert, *From the Scottish Highlands to the French Countryside*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

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4 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Annex II. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

5 — Oakland University Concert Band, *Fall Concert*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

6 — Soccer with Mercyhurst College, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Admission. 370-3190.

9 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.

11 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

12-14 — Oakland Dance Theatre, *An Evening with Shane*, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

16 — Alcoholics Anonymous confidential meetings, noon-1 p.m., room 11, Counseling Center, Graham Health Center.

18 — OU Bible Study, noon, Oakland Center Faculty Lounge. Call Victoria Junior at 370-3480.

18 — Afram Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, *Jazz Through the Years*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Admission. 370-3013.

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