



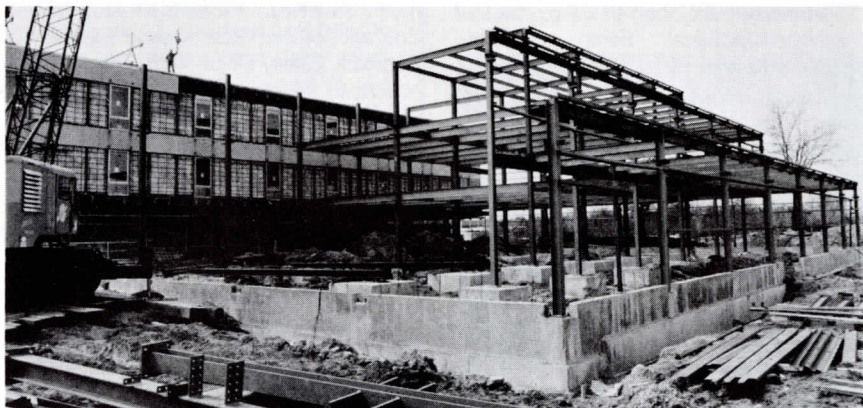
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Need a Lift?

Work is progressing at Kresge Library as crews put up the steel for the north wing. The construction worker on the roof (and in the closeup) removes the concrete facade from the existing building. Temporary walls are being added inside the library to allow workers to remove the existing exterior walls. Once that is completed, the new wing will be attached to the main building. As is true with many things in life, actually doing the job is probably easier than describing it.

Quality Most Important Goal for Oakland

The most important goal of Oakland in these challenging financial times is to sustain and enhance quality, President Joseph E. Champagne said.

"There can be no education without quality, for it is entirely incongruous to speak of education without quality. Oakland has historically been known for its quality of effort, and we shall preserve that reputation even though courageous institutional action may be necessary," he said.

The university is deeply concerned about the continued lack of recognition of the growth of Oakland during the past 10 years. It has grown over 12 percent in enrollment while the entire public system of higher education in Michigan has declined by more than 5 percent, yet full funding from the state has not followed Oakland's growth.

The president indicates that in reality the university has three choices:

- Continue to remain as it is and suffer program erosion.
- Eliminate programs.
- Engage in a process of planned enrollment management which attempts to relate institutional size to financial and campus resources.

President Champagne said that since the state has not been able to develop an equitable funding formula, Oakland must develop its own resource model, which could mean that Oakland should reduce its enrollment in a well-planned and systematic fashion.

Champagne is quick to point out that should the state develop a reasonable enrollment responsive formula, growth would be possible and highly likely for Oakland under a well-developed internal enrollment management plan.

It is for that reason that the university will carefully study enrollment management as its first option before taking such drastic action as program deletions.

Oakland currently offers fewer than 100 programs and that is not excessive for such a large and comprehensive university as Oakland, according to OU officials.

"There will be much discussion in the months ahead, but it is obvious that we must develop a responsive and responsible long-range plan to cope with the uncertain economic plight of Michigan," Champagne said.

1,000!

President's Club Roster at Milestone

School of Business Administration Dean Ronald Horwitz and his wife, Carol, have become the 1000th members to join the President's Club.

The President's Club is the fund-raising arm of the Oakland University Foundation.

The dean said he joined the President's Club to show his support for the university. "I felt it was a formalization of my feelings for the university and an endorsement of the good job OU does in educating students," he said.

Horwitz said his own school has benefited from President's Club members who have designated that their gifts be given to SBA. The funds are used to underwrite summer research activities, attract and retain faculty members and provide travel expenses for faculty members attending scholarly meetings.

The Horwitzes join a growing list of faculty and staff members who have made commitments to the university through the President's Club. Funds from the President's Club are distributed to a number of university programs that benefit students, faculty and staff, and the general community.

Growth of the President's Club has been



Horwitz

steady since its founding as the Chancellor's Club. The club is not limited to on-campus members, however. Supporters of OU from throughout southeastern Michigan have joined the President's Club.

Robert Swanson, vice president for developmental affairs, notes the importance of the club to the university community.

"The growth of the President's Club reflects the tremendous commitment to Oakland University our friends, alumni and staff have made over two decades," Swanson said. "Without their support, Oakland would be a far different university. We look forward to the club's continued growth and impact on Oakland."

The OU Foundation says other members of the faculty and staff (including retired) who are President's Club members are:

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin P. Adelson, Corenna Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald B. Bennett, Judge and Mrs. William Bledsoe, Marilyn J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Barnes, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Champagne, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Connellan, Ronald L. Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Dailey, Alice Engram, George Grisdale and Jane Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Karl D. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Keith R. Kleckner, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Mazzarra, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McGarry, Nahum Medalia and Adeline Hirschfeld-Media, Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. O'Dowd (former president), Mr. and Mrs. David H. Rodwell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Varner (former chancellor), Mr. and Mrs. Dana P. Whitmer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Zolad and Mr. and Mrs. Norman White.

Members of the OU Board of Trustees who are members are David Handleman, Patricia B. Hartmann, Phyllis Law Googasian, Ken Morris, Stephan Sharf and Howard F. Sims.

Panel to Look at Racism in Education

A panel discussion by educators and a judge will explore *Minority Problems and Racial Differences in Michigan Higher Education* on April 15.

Judge Cynthia D. Stephens of Wayne County Circuit Court will chair the panel and summarize the discussion. Panelists will be Arthur L. Anderson, vice president for community relations, development and public affairs, Wayne State University; Professor George Cornell, Native American Institute, and Professor Diana I. Martinez, both of Michigan State University; and Professor Aldon Morris of the University of Michigan.

The program will be primarily a problem-raising forum. Late next fall, a more detailed scholarly look at the problems raised April 15 and suggested solutions will be presented at Meadow Brook Hall.

The event is part of the Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Program. It will be held from 9-11 a.m. in the Oakland Center East Crocker.

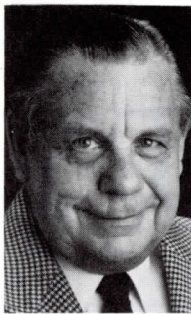
Time to Nominate for Advising Award

Nominations are invited from any member of the university community for the Alumni Association Outstanding Advising Awards.

Any member of the College of Arts and Sciences faculty is eligible. Nominations should include a brief statement of why the nominee deserves to receive this award. Send nominations to David J. Downing, College of

Arts and Sciences, 207 Varner Hall, no later than April 22.

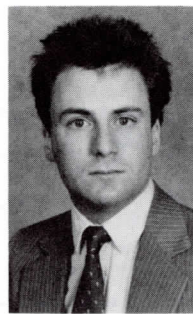
Winners will be announced at commencement and receive a framed certificate and a cash award usable for any professional purpose.



Bragg



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Albertson

MAGB Cites Four as 'Outstanding'

Two students and two faculty members have been cited by the Michigan Association of Governing Boards for its Outstanding Student Awards and Distinguished Faculty Awards.

Jennifer Albertson and Sean Higgins will join faculty members Louis Bragg and Robert Eberwein at the awards convocation April 20 in Lansing.

The MAGB makes the awards each spring to outstanding students and faculty members from each of the representative institutions.

Albertson is an English major with a philosophy minor and a cumulative grade point average of nearly 4.0. Her accomplishments include a Kyes Scholarship in recognition of outstanding achievement in English and membership in Golden Key National Honor Society. The award winner participates in the Philosophy for Children program at Birmingham Derby Middle School; has served as a tutor in OU's Academic Skills Center; and has served terms as secretary and president of the Student Association for Teacher Education.

Higgins is a political science major and Honors College student who has been active in student government since 1984. He has served in University Congress and coauthored legisla-

tion on apartheid, which was accepted by the university Board of Trustees. Higgins has served as an intern for U.S. Representative Bob Carr and as an intern in the Department of Political Science. He assisted in writing a survey and code book which Oakland Township used in developing a master plan. He received the Sidney Fink Memorial Award.

This past fall, Bragg won the OU Research Excellence Award. A professor of mathematical science, he has been a published scholar for over 40 years and is an international authority on differential equations. Through his research, major advances have been made in the fields of engineering, physics and other scientific disciplines, in addition to mathematics. He is also active in teaching mathematics to future teachers.

Eberwein was honored last September with the OU Teaching Excellence Award. Chair of the Department of English, Eberwein has been described by his literature and film students as "versatile, inspiring and demanding." His interest in scholarship and in teaching have led to papers on diverse subjects from *The Kiss of the Spider Woman* to the impure fiction of *Billy Budd*. He has published several books.

Kudos All Around for Organizations

With a little of the drama associated with the Academy Awards, public acclaim was handed out liberally at the Student Organizations Recognition Night.

Both organizations and individuals were recognized for their achievements during the past academic year.

David Herman, dean of students, presented the keynote address to the Oakland Center audience on March 30.

Winners were:

Most Innovative Program Awards — Women in Communications, academic/educational; Kappa Alpha Psi, social/fraternal; Fencing Society, sports/recreation; Spanish Club, cultural/religious/social/political; Forensics Team, entertainment/performing.

Diverse Programing Award — Greek Council.

Cooperative Programing Award — Greek Council and Commuter Council.

Greek Academic Excellence Award — Gamma Phi Beta.

Greek Community Service Award — Phi

Sigma Sigma.

Most Original Publicity/Promotion Award — Commuter Council.

Most Outstanding Traditional Event Award — Student Association for Teacher Education.

Faculty Link Awards — These are presented to faculty and staff members who show strong support of an organization by their involvement with the group. Honorees were Brian Sangeorzan, Society of Automotive Engineers; Robert Stewart, Psi Chi; Paul Franklin, Fencing Society; David Herman, Student Life areas; Robert Douglas and Manuel Pierson, Kappa Alpha Psi; Pat Nicosia, Theta Chi; Amir Hor-mozi, American Production and Inventory Control Society; Ron Rapin, Spanish Club; Elizabeth Glass, Delta Sigma Theta; C.L. Ko, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; and Jean Miller, Phi Sigma Sigma.

Most Promising New Organization Award — English Club.

Black Awareness Month Committee Awards — Chris McCray, Derrick Lewis and Carl Allen, cochairs.



Members of Kappa Alpha Psi display certificates they received for their campus programs.

Our People

Brief items from the university community are welcome and may be sent to the News Service, 104 NFH.

HONORS

Keith E. Stanovich, psychology, will receive the Albert J. Harris Award at the International Reading Association Convention in May in Toronto. He was cited for his work, *Matthew Effects in Reading: Some Consequences of Individual Differences in the Acquisition of Literacy*. The award carries a \$500 prize.

APPOINTMENTS

•Katherine Z. Rowley, continuing education, has been elected 1989-90 chairperson of the Automotive Division of the International Society of Plastics Engineers. The international division, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 1989, promotes the development and application of plastics in the automotive industry.

•Carl F. Barnes, Jr., Center for the Arts, has been invited to represent Oakland University as a member of the Education and Community Relations Committee of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He joins committee members Arthur Jefferson, superintendent, Detroit Public Schools; Steven J. Nelson, president, Center for Creative Studies-Institute of Music and Dance; Oleg Lobanov, president, DSO; two musician-representatives of the orchestra; and representatives of music programs in the Detroit Public Schools. The Center for the Arts is a sponsor, along with The Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan and the Meadow Brook Music Festival, of the Meadow Brook Academy Orchestra program which will take place on campus in August when the Congress of Strings will be in residence at the university.

•Mary Mittelstaedt, nursing, has been re-elected secretary of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Michigan Association for

Infant Mental Health.

•Frances Jackson, nursing, has been elected chairperson of the Research and Nursing Practice Committee of the Michigan Hospice Nursing Association.

•T. Andrew Aston, Center for the Arts, has been elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Rochester Arts Commission, which oversees the Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

PUBLICATIONS

•Gerald Freeman, human development and child studies, and wife Ruth have coauthored several articles, the latest being *Reading Acquisition: A Comparison of Four Approaches to Reading Instruction*. It appeared in *Reading Psychology: An International Quarterly*. Ruth Freeman received her doctorate in reading and language arts from OU in 1983.

•Rita M. Gallagher, nursing, wrote *Rehabilitative Adult Day Care: Cost-Effective Care for the Elderly*. It appeared in *Patients and Purse Strings II* by J.C. Scherubel and F.A. Shaffer and published by the National League for Nursing. She also wrote *Nursing Research: A Process of Decision-Making* that was published by the Federal University of Santa Catarina in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She also made a presentation on the topic in Sao Paulo.

•*The Fantastic in World Literature and the Arts, Selected Essays from the Fifth International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts*, edited by Donald E. Morse, English, has been published by Greenwood Press. Morse's essay, *From Heaven to Hell: Ireland in the Novels of J.P. Donleavy*, has been published in *Literary Interrelationships, Volume III: National Images and Stereotypes*.

•Penny Cass, nursing, has written a chapter for a textbook on maternity nursing, *Maternity Nursing: Dimensions of Change*, published by Jones and Bartlett. She wrote *Integrating Research into Nursing Practice* for the April issue of *Michigan Nurse*.

•Fatma Mili, computer science and engineering, wrote *On the Analysis of Iterative and Recursive Programs*, a theory on programing, for the February issue of the *Australian Computer Journal*.

•Qiuming Zhu, computer science and engineering, wrote *Pattern Classification in Dynamical Environments: Tagged Feature-Class Space and Univariate Sequential Classifier* for the BPRA Fourth International Conference on Pattern Recognition in Cambridge, England.

PRESENTATIONS

•Gerald Freeman, human development and child studies, presented *Separating Gold from*

Silver in a Bull Market to the 20th annual Michigan School Testing Conference. The presentation dealt with identifying young, gifted children by assessing more than their performance on standardized tests. He also spoke at William Beaumont Hospital Center for Human Development on *Learning Disorder versus Language Disability*.

Freeman was a featured presenter at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. His topic was *Assessing Young Handicapped Children in a Natural Environment*.

•Frances Jackson, nursing, presented *Measuring the Burnout of Michigan Hospice Nurses* to the Michigan Hospice Nursing Association in Grand Rapids. She also presented *Communicating to the Dying* to the nursing staff at Complete Home Health Hospice Care.

•W. Dorsey Hammond, reading and language arts, was the keynote speaker for the South Carolina State Reading Conference. He spoke on *The Nature and Nurture of Reading Comprehension*.

•Howard Splete, guidance, and Cecelia Peters, graduate student in counseling, presented *Counseling Intervention for Dual-Career Couples and their Families* at the American Association of Counseling and Development in Chicago. Also at the conference were Robert Brown, counseling; Deborah Henahan, Julie Semroc, Nelson Phillips and Pamela Semmens, students and coordinators in the Adult Career Counseling Center; Julie Schram, student and graduate assistant; Gerald Delaney, Alice Champion and Richard and Pat Beaver, alumni; and Elyce Cron, alumna and Practicum Lab coordinator.

•Rita M. Gallagher, nursing, presented *Client Satisfaction: The Aging Perspective* at the National Annual Conference on Nursing Research Excellence in Practice in Baltimore. Her poster on the same topic has been accepted for the fifth Research Conference of the Chicagoland Sigma Theta Tau Chapters. A poster on *AIDS: Who Will Care at Home?* has also been accepted for the conference.

•Two members of the Department of English presented papers at the meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters at Saginaw Valley State University. Bruce Mann presented *The Aging Narrator of Tennessee Williams' 'Vieux Carre'*, and Laurie Osborne presented *The Multiple Texts of 'Twelfth Night'*.

•Anahid Kulwicki, nursing, gave a three-part series of workshops on Arab families at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

•Vincent B. Khapoya, political science, spoke on *Apartheid and the Struggle for*

Human Rights in South Africa at Marygrove College in Detroit. His appearance was in conjunction with a photo-collage exhibit on Nelson Mandela, sponsored by the Social Science Division of the college.

•Mary Mittelstaedt, nursing, presented *The Psychosocial Development of the Pregnant Adolescent* to Clarenceville school district teachers.

•Faculty members of the Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication in St. Louis. Walli Andersen presented *Computer Invention Programs Today: Accessible and Authorable* and Ron Sudol presented *Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism as a Departmental Entity in the Arts and Sciences*. Sudol led a post-convention workshop on *Making the Most of Word Processing in College Composition* with the help of copresenters Andersen and Alice Horning.

•Subramaniam Ganesan, computer science and engineering, presented *Creating a Telemarketing Database — A Semi-Technical Approach* with Professor K. Athappilly at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

Funding

Details about sources of external funding are available from the Office of Research and Academic Development, 370 SFH, or by calling 370-3222.

Unless noted, proposal due dates are unknown.

Department of Education

Workplace literacy partnerships, June 6; college library technology and cooperation grants, May 16; research and development centers, June 10.

Department of Labor

Workplace literacy partnerships, April 16.

Department of Defense

University research instrumentation, May 31.

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advanced nurse-education grants, July 1; minority community health demonstrations, June 8.

National Endowment for the Arts

Design advancement grants, April 11.

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Bits & Pieces

Quartet is Just Grand

The Lafayette String Quartet won both grand prize and first prize in the Fiscoff National Chamber Music Competition in South Bend, Ind.

The quartet-in-residence at the Center for the Arts received \$1,000, plus a concert tour, for the grand prize. In addition, the quartet received \$2,000 for placing first.

The quartet left April 3 for Portsmouth, England. The musicians hope to perform their best against string musicians from around the world in the International String Quartet Competition.

The Portsmouth competition is scheduled from April 5-13. The competition is held every three years. First prize is approximately \$11,700 (6,500 pounds). The first-place quartet will also tour the United Kingdom in November.

Members are Ann Elliott and Sharon Stanis, violin; Pamela Highbaugh, cello; and Joanna Hood, viola.

Chavez to Visit

Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, will lecture at 1:30 p.m. April 14 in the Oakland Center Crockery.

Chavez will speak on *The Wrath of Grapes: Starting to Sting*. His visit is part of the Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Program and is in conjunction with Hispanic Students College Day.

The lecture is free but tickets must be obtained in advance. For details, call 370-4455.

New Chairperson Named

A professor from the University of Alabama at Huntsville has been named chairperson of the Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Naim A. Kheir joins the faculty after serving as professor of electrical and computer engineering at the Alabama institution. The high-technology centers at Huntsville include the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Army Missile Command.

Kheir replaces acting chairperson Andrzej Rusek who remains on the faculty. In addition to serving as department chair, Kheir is a full professor of engineering in the school. He holds his doctorate from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Kheir is editor of the textbook, *Systems Modeling and Computer Simulation*, published by Marcel Dekker, Inc.

Black-Tie Dinner

Benefits Library Projects

Secretary of State Richard Austin will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Founders Day Dinner.

The black-tie dinner begins at 6 p.m. April 9 at the Lansdowne restaurant in Detroit. The focus of the dinner will be a memorial to the late Wade McCree, former U.S. solicitor general and most recently professor at the University of Michigan Law School.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Kappa/Kresge Library Fund. The OU Kappa Upsilon Chapter plans to establish a book collection in Kresge Library and to designate a study room in the new library wing in memory of deceased Kappa founder Ricky J. Taggart.

Tickets, at \$25, must be purchased in advance. Call 370-4455 for details.

Ron the Cutup

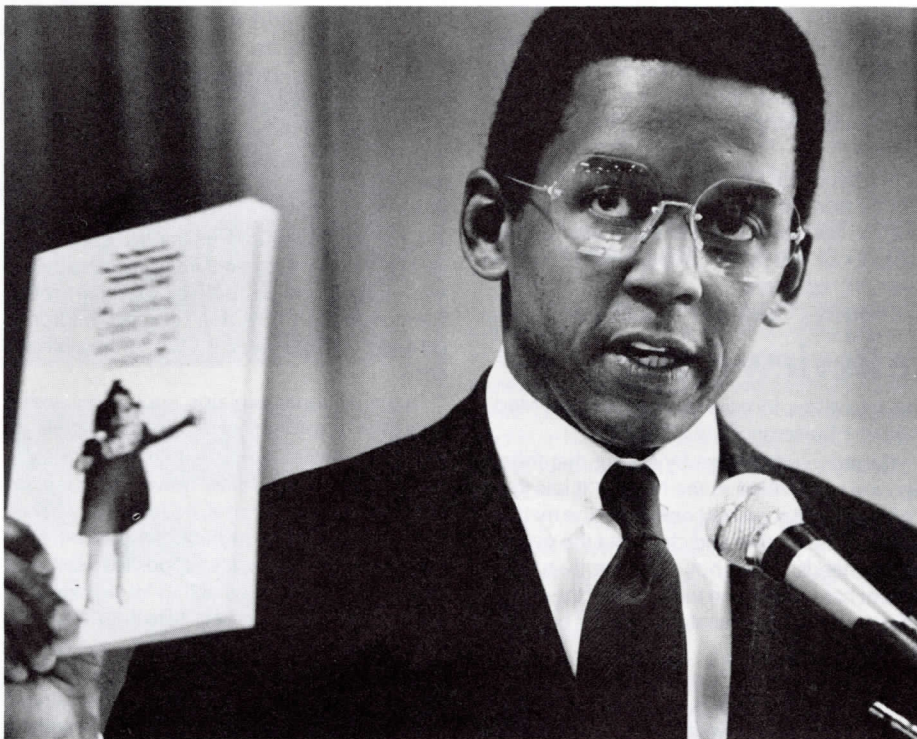
From the "Who Says Deans Never Have Fun" Department:

When Ronald Horwitz, dean of the School of Business Administration, was asked for a pithy quote about why he joined the President's Club, he responded with a laugh, "To get Bob Swanson off my back. Go ahead, print that, everyone will laugh."

Let's hope so.

Rebirth of Cities

The Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Program has brought in several distinguished speakers during the past academic year. Three offered different views of the effects cities have had on blacks and whites in Detroit, the nation and the world.



Attorney David B. Lewis

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The shift from a rural nation to one oriented toward urban areas has created new challenges and opportunities for cities.

A force behind this change has been the development of technology and industry, said attorney David B. Lewis, a member of Mayor Coleman A. Young's Strategic Planning Project and an OU alumnus.

As the central cities develop because of this technological boom, their importance to suburbs as centers for economic activity increases. Baker argued that central cities today are still critical to the suburbs, even though many suburbs have become self-contained cities themselves.

"Cities continue to grow. They have not really died," said Lewis, a former chairperson of the OU Board of Trustees. Growth in the central cities has not ended, he added.

What has changed, however, is that the diversity of cities has declined and that new construction often only keeps the city steady in terms of overall property values. Baker noted cities of the past were home to the wealthy and well-educated. As those people left for the new suburbs, low-income families remained and became a significant urban population.

In 1985, Baker said, 31 percent of Detroit residents earned less than \$10,000 a year, as compared with 18 percent for the seven-county region surrounding the city.

Similarly, the tax base has declined. Detroit accounted for 50 percent of the real and personal property tax base in the seven-county

region in 1950, but only 15 percent in 1980, Baker said.

Part of the blame, Baker said, rests with governmental policies which promote suburbs. Highways, water lines and sewerage systems have been developed to attract growth in outlying regions.

To help counter economic stagnation in Detroit, where the \$5.5 billion tax base has been steady while Oakland County's has grown rapidly, the Strategic Planning Project began.

The strategic-project report resulted from 11 months of study involving more than 200 community leaders. Baker cochaired the Jobs and Economic Development Task Force and served on the Executive Committee of the Strategic Planning Project.

Baker reported that one of the surprises of the final report was that race relations were found to be an issue for each task force studying a specific problem, whether it be crime, schools or jobs.

The final report suggests that a number of recommendations be implemented to help Detroit, including a Council on Race Relations, a Race Relations Institute at an unnamed university, more funding for schools, additional adult education, concentrated development along Woodward Avenue and new efforts against crime.

Baker said the report has raised awareness of Detroit's problems, opportunities and importance to the suburbs.

Marcus Alexis

Adequate housing is not assured when rent controls are introduced into a city, according to the dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Marcus Alexis presented his views on rent control in a lecture presented in conjunction with the School of Business Administration.

Alexis, who also serves as deputy chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, outlined a number of ways that landlords and tenants alike can circumvent rent controls. In his analysis, Alexis showed that in cities where there are rent controls, the controlled housing often suffers from neglect and that new housing is not built in the price range that would benefit the majority of renters.

The problem landlords face, Alexis said, is similar to maintaining peak physical condition of a post-40-year-old person. "It's possible, but it's expensive in one way or another."

As buildings age, quality drops until the landlord decides to either demolish the build-

ing or simply to abandon it. "Owners walk away to avoid the costs. You find in cities like New York, Chicago, St. Louis and even in parts of Detroit, buildings that are standing but are not inhabited by the owner of record."

In some cases, Alexis said, rent control imposes a situation wherein it is a greater cost to keep the building than to walk away from it. If the building is a valued asset, the landlord will maintain it, but only to the point where revenue will exceed expenses. If not, he said, abandonment and demolition result. "It's a scrap value problem," he noted, because the land may be worth more than the building itself.

Owners, in deciding whether to upgrade a building, will look at the pool of available renters and style the building to the market. "You can pick your niche to some extent," Alexis said.

Still, Alexis explained, housing markets do not adjust quickly to changing conditions because of construction lags, rents that are

Ali Mazrui

Cities have not proved to be a cure-all for problems blacks encounter.

Political science Professor Ali Mazrui of the University of Michigan warned that cities can be "corrosive" to the African culture, although they may also provide opportunities for economic gains.

The professor, a highly regarded researcher and author, created and hosted *The Africans*, a controversial documentary series on PBS-TV. It was the first documentary about Africa by an African scholar.

Cities, Mazrui explained, are often seen as a sign of civilization. Yet cities are a contradiction, too many times being the "heart of degradation" of a society.

Although cities can be described as compassionate, opulent and brilliant, they are also cruel, deprived and ignorant, Mazrui asserted. Industrialization and its success in the United States and Europe helped shape African nations, but not always for the better, he said.

"Cities as consumers have played a devastating role," Mazrui said. He explained that as consumers, cities promoted the slave trade of the 1800s, which helped depopulate African countries.

Yet as industrialization took over and cheap labor became plentiful, the need for slaves diminished. What was left was a black population without skills or education in foreign lands.

The rise of industrialization, Mazrui said, had as much to do with abolition as moral stands against slavery. "Once slavery became less efficient, it became easier to sell the moral argument."

Industrialization in the United States and Europe also contributed to the growth of cities in Africa. Seaports grew as exporters shipped raw materials out of Africa. Many African countries developed economies based on the "beverage and dessert trade," Mazrui said, as they shipped coffee, chocolate and sugar to the Northern Hemisphere.

The northern influence of cities has resulted in changes within Africa, down to the family structure. The countryside is less likely to be the focal point of the economy, with women suffering the most.

"Women in Africa often gained in freedom but lost in centrality. They have more time for themselves but lose in importance for their functions. We haven't found the right mix for their role," said Mazrui, a native of Kenya.

The African cities have a disproportionate share of European influence with tourists and technology, Mazrui said. "The cities are eating away our Africanness when we don't watch out."

African culture is divided between city and rural. Political activities for the most part are still a city-phenomenon, he said, but violent liberation armies use "the forest as a sanctuary," like an umbrella for protection.

The countryside, he said, is still the source of power for African leaders. "It's never been self-evident to me why we insist on having a city as a capital in a rural country."

Mazrui predicted that black Americans will play a greater role in influencing Africa in the future, and that the African city will continue to grow as source of power.

The city, he said, will be the foundation for the black transformation from a poor continent to one which has political and economic clout. "We of Africa are a people of the day before yesterday, and of a people of the day after tomorrow."

What black Africans want, Mazrui said, is to make a world city that will improve conditions for everyone.

unable to change due to long-term leases, tenant mobility and other factors.

The reason landlords with deteriorating buildings are not affected by vacancies, Alexis said, is that the controlled prices for that building are less than market rates. Tenants will stay to enjoy the lower rent, even if they see the quality of their surroundings falling. Those who do move out often line up a new tenant — a friend or family member — who is able to assume the apartment at the controlled price.

Alexis said that in the end, rent controls have a positive effect on the growth of suburbs. New housing is built outside the controlled area and high-income families seek these units. What is left in the controlled area, which is usually a large city, is an area of deteriorating housing occupied by low-income dwellers.

Those Who Deal with Grief Can Suffer from It

Advice people overwhelmed by grief often hear is to see a counselor.

The problem for counselors is that, they too, can be victims of grief. In their case, personal grief results from the steady stream of sorrow that clients relate to them.

William Jones, associate professor of education, sees the situation from both sides of the fence. As an instructor in the School of Human and Educational Services, he teaches graduate students how to become grief counselors. As a grief counselor in private practice, he sees 15-20 clients a week.

"Counselors end up spending long periods with people who are in grief without feeling there's a lot they can do, other than simply being with the person who is in grief," Jones says. Like the flu, grief runs its course, and all the counselor can do is guide the client.

"If you're going to be with these people, you've got to be empathic. They've got to have some sense that you know what they're going through. Even though we recognize one of the things professionals must have is a certain amount of detachment, I should be able to let that person go and clear my mind for the next client. You have to if you're going to be in the business.

"There is a residual impact that keeps building up over time. You can't let it all go, and when you find counselors who deal primarily with these issues, there are a couple of possibilities. One is that they will overidentify, and they'll just absolutely burn themselves out because they'll just take too much of it home with them," Jones says.

"Another possibility is they detach themselves, which can happen when you personalize too much. You detach, just pull back and don't let any feelings be there at all. When that happens you're not going to be effective any more."

Counselors, like everyone else, need to manage stress and to take time out for themselves. "It's amazing to me, the number of therapists and the number of counselors who would never consider going into counseling as a client, because they seem to think there's something wrong with us if we have to go for therapy."

In March, the Graduate Counseling Student Association sponsored its annual grief conference to address these and other issues. In the past, about 100 persons would attend, but this year 310 registered.

Conferees included counselors, social

workers, teachers, school counselors and medical personnel, including nurses.

"Medical people until recently have not been very well-trained in the area of significant loss and grief," Jones says, "and they're dealing with it all the time in the hospital."

Grief counseling conferences are a relatively young phenomenon — about 15 years or so in earnest — and they are still evolving with the field.

In the past, Jones says, "What you tended to do was look at the crisis areas and treat those areas first. So, you got into areas pertaining to suicide — the death-related issues — because those seemed to be the most impactable and perhaps the most easily understood.

"We understand that people do grieve after a death, or usually do. We look at those issues first but fail to recognize that there are an awful lot of other grief issues that are out there."

Other issues include patients facing or having had major surgery, persons suffering from medical problems and persons going through a divorce.

Grief is not limited to adults. Counselors recognize that children suffer emotionally but may not express themselves to obtain relief. Society says little boys don't cry and children in general "will get over it" when they have a crisis.

In reality, Jones explains, counselors understand grief at any age needs a healthy outlet.

"What we're finding is that when people grow up, they don't know how to react toward people who are in grief," Jones says. "They don't know what the characteristics are, they don't know how long it's supposed to last, and they have no idea of what they're supposed to say or how they can be helpful to that person."

Compounding the tragedy for a grieving person is that friends often shy away. This reaction stems from the friends' misinformation: They think grieving persons should get over their loss more quickly, and this leads to dissatisfaction. Grief following the death of a spouse or child could last three to five years, Jones says.

Another common mistake, Jones adds, is that people — including the grief-stricken — confuse normal grieving with mental breakdowns.

"My concern is that we see so much of this going on that we're missing the boat someplace early in life. We should help kids to understand that it's okay to be wrong, and it's okay to be smart, and it's okay not to lose. On the other hand, we do lose, and when we do lose, we do hurt. Let's recognize those as legitimate kinds of feelings, too," Jones says.

—By Jay Jackson

Nursing Professor on State Review Panel

A state Task Force on Minority Health Affairs will announce a series of recommendations for improving the health-care delivery system in Michigan.

The task force addressed such concerns as cancer, hypertension, drug abuse, and infant mortality and the health of young children. The Michigan Department of Public Health appointed the task force.

Anahid Kulwicki, an assistant professor of nursing, has worked with other experts from state government, education, business, labor and the health-care industry to review a draft report and suggest changes. The final report of the task force is expected in May.

Kulwicki said that although minorities share many of the same health concerns with the general population, each ethnic and racial group has specific problems that need to be addressed. They range from having hospital personnel speak foreign languages to getting established community agencies more involved in the health-care delivery process.

As for infant mortality, the aspect of the draft report that Kulwicki reviewed, the task force found a great disparity in mortality rates.

The report found that the mortality rate for infant blacks — per 1,000 births — was 22.5. Rates for all Michigan infants were 11.4 and for infant whites alone, 9.3.

The task force found that poverty was the underlying factor in infant mortality, regardless of race. Kulwicki described the task force recommendations concerning infant mortality:

- Improve the economic status of minorities, although that is not a specific responsibility of the Department of Public Health.
- Improve access to health care. Some doc-

tors refuse low-income patients because Medicaid reimbursement is insufficient.

• Improve infant care by seeing that follow up care is provided in the home. "It has to be comprehensive and not only meet the medical needs of the mother and child, but the psychosocial needs. We know the family-support system has an effect on the health of the child." Efforts to improve prenatal care must be made, too, she added.

• Inform pregnant women how good nutrition affects their babies. The best chance for improving the birth weight of children is to see that the mother is well-fed.

• Reduce teenage pregnancies through greater educational programs. Kulwicki said the task force also recommends that teenagers be recruited as advocates to teach their friends.

The cost of implementing the recommendations is estimated at \$17 million over the next five years. Kulwicki said for each \$1 spent on health care in Michigan, the state saves about \$2 to \$3 in future health-care costs.

Certain recommendations within the report must be approved by the Legislature. Kulwicki said the Department of Public Health is firmly behind the report and committed to seeing that the improvements in health care for minorities are achieved.

Poetry Reading Commemorates Collection

Milford poet Thomas Lynch will present a free public reading April 13 to announce the Maurice Brown Collection of Contemporary Poetry.

The reading will be at 3 p.m. in the Oakland Center Oakland Room. The reading and the collection honor the memory of Maurice F. Brown, professor of English from 1961 until his death in 1985.

Lynch attended OU from 1966-70. He is the author of *Skating with Heather Grace* (Knopf Poetry Series), acclaimed by the American Library Association as one of its notable books for 1987. The author is a Milford funeral director and the single father of four children, including the daughter to whom his title poem refers.

The late Maurice Brown was one of the founding members of the Department of English and took particular responsibility for the American literature curriculum. His book, *Estranging Dawn: The Life and Works of William Vaughn Moody*, culminated extensive scholarly work on the Harvard Poetic Renaissance.

Friends and colleagues say Brown was much loved as a teacher and remembered for the

whimsy and enthusiasm of both his course designs and classroom manner. They say the collection celebrates Brown's comprehensiveness of vision and his openness to novelty.

The Maurice Brown Collection of Contemporary Poetry significantly expands the university's collection of works by major poets of the past several decades and encourages acquisition of emerging literary figures. In addition to books, it includes teaching materials related to poetry — notably the videotapes of the *Voices and Visions* PBS television series featuring 13 modern American poets.

Most of the collection is housed in Kresge Library. Brown's widow, Judith, is professor of anthropology.

OURS Looks at OU

Leadership roles will be examined during the Oakland University Resource Sharing program.

Provost Keith R. Kleckner will speak from from noon-1:30 p.m. April 12, and President Joseph E. Champagne will speak from noon-1 p.m. April 20.

Both programs will be in the Oakland Center West Crockery. Call 370-3245.

Events

CULTURAL

Until May 15 — *Japan Yesterday* at Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Free. Call 370-3005.

Until April 17 — *Deathtrap* at Meadow Brook Theatre. Call 370-3300.

April 9 — Oakland Chorale concert, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Call 370-3013.

April 9 — One-Act Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 133 Varner Hall. Free. Call 370-3013.

April 10 — Pontiac-Oakland Symphony and Oakland University Chorus, 3 p.m., Pontiac Central High School. Call 334-6024.

April 14-16 — Meadow Brook Estate Spring Concert, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Saturday, Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Call 370-3013.

April 17 — Pianist Eugene Istomin's concert has been canceled. Call 370-3013 for refunds.

April 18 — Concerts-for-Youth with The Storytellers, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Call 370-3013.

April 21-May 15 — *Harvey* at Meadow Brook Theatre. Call 370-3300.

May 5 — 27th annual Piano Teachers Institute at the Center for the Arts. Call 370-2035.

ETCETERA

April 8-9 — *Integrating Science, Technology and Human Values Applications in Research, Health and Health Care*, a two-day conference sponsored by the School of Nursing and the GTE Foundation Lectureship Program. Speaker Anne J. Davis of the University of California-San Francisco will speak. Free. Call 370-4070.

April 11 — Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Observance, noon, Oakland Center Gold Rooms. Sponsored by Hillel/Jewish Students Organization, Catholic Chaplaincy and United Ministries in Higher Education. The Rev. James R. Lyons, director of the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Relations, will speak. Members of various faiths will light candles to commemorate the holocaust.

April 12 — OURS Program, *The University Provost*, with Provost Keith R. Kleckner, noon-1:30 p.m., Oakland Center West Crockery.

April 13 — OU Board of Trustees meeting, 5 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge II.

April 13 and 15 — *Personal Safety Awareness* with Mel Gilroy, assistant director of the Department of Public Safety, noon-1 p.m., 128-130 Oakland Center. Sponsored by the Women of Oakland.

April 13 — Button Day in the Oakland Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Create your own button. Free.

April 13 and 15 — AP Management Training and Development film, *Coaching*, from noon-1 p.m. April 13 in 363 SFH and 1-2 p.m. April 15 in 126-127 Oakland Center.

April 14 — Labor leader Cesar Chavez will lecture at 1:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center. Free, but obtain tickets in advance. Call 370-3124. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Program.

April 15 — Forum, *Minority Problems and Racial Differences in Michigan Higher Education*, 9-11 a.m., Oakland Center East Crockery. Judge Cynthia D. Stephens of the Wayne County Circuit Court will chair the panel. Free.

April 20 — OURS Program, *The University Presidency*, with President Joseph E. Champagne, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center West Crockery.

April 20 — Women of Oakland University annual spring meeting, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

April 21 — Microcomputer User Group, 3 p.m., 128-129 Oakland Center.

April 25 — *The Unorganized Manager*, a four-part video on organizing yourself and others. Parts 3 and 4 (shown twice) at 10 a.m. and noon, 112 Varner Hall. Registration not necessary. An AP Management Training and Development program.

ATHLETICS

April 8 — Baseball with Northwood Institute, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.

April 9 — Baseball with Wayne State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.

April 15 — Baseball with Olivet College, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.

April 17 — Baseball with Hillsdale College, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.

April 23 — Baseball with Ferris State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.

TOURS

Meadow Brook Hall is open Sundays, no reservations needed. Stately Dinners are held monthly, reservations required. Call 370-3140.

COURSES

The Division of Continuing Education offers classes. Call 370-3120.

The Continuum Center has workshops and seminars. Call 370-3033.

The Ken Morris Center for the Study of Labor and Work has released its winter and spring schedule. Visit 270 SFH or call 370-3124.

FILMS

April 8 — *Terminator*, 7 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall. Admission.

April 8-9 — *Predator*, 9:30 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall. Admission.

April 9 — Women's film festival, *The Official Story and Women of Summer*, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 156 NFH. Admission, lunch included. Sponsored by Union Minorities/Women Leadership Training Project in the Ken Morris Center for the Study of Labor and Work. Call 370-3124.

April 10 — *Terminator*, 7 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall. Admission.

April 15-16 — *Roxanne*, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday in 201 Dodge Hall. Admission.

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