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It's a Who's Who list

OU names **Creating the Future** task force chairs

Newly named task force chairs for **Creating the Future**, a partnership of corporate and civic leaders and university faculty and staff, include:

- **College of Arts and Sciences:** Richard E. Russel, chair and CEO, Butzel Long
- **School of Business Administration:** Charles McClure, president, Detroit Diesel; Garry Carley, vice chairman, Standard Federal; and Eddie Munson, managing partner, KPMG Peat Marwick
- **School of Education and Human Services:** William C. Brooks, recently retired vice president, Corporate Affairs, General Motors Corporation, and chair, Entech HR Consulting Services; and Mary Ann Miller SEHS '86, director, Economic Development, City of Auburn Hills
- **School of Engineering and Computer Science:** Robert T. Lentz, director, Vehicle Systems Engineering, General Dynamics Land Systems Division; and Bernard I. Robertson, general manager, Truck Operations, and vice president, Engineering Technology, Chrysler Corporation
- **School of Health Sciences:** Anthony R. Tersigni MPA '83, president and CEO, St. John Health System Inc., and OU adjunct faculty member
- **School of Nursing:** Gail Warden, president and CEO, Henry Ford Health System; and Ronald J. Palmer CAS '69, executive vice president, Standard Federal Bank.
- **Information Systems, Library and Learning Resources:** Michael W. Grieves MBA '79, president and CEO, Data Systems Network Corporation, and member, SBA Board of Visitors; and member, President's Technology Advisory Committee
- **Student Life:** Jane H. Abraham CAS '81, former deputy political director, Republican National Committee, and wife of U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham; and Julie L. Granthen CAS '81, MBA '87, chair, Social Science Department, Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills, and a 1994 OU Spirit Award winner
- **Market Positioning and Visibility:** Marianne Fey CAS '80, senior vice president and managing director, McCann-Erickson; president, OU Alumni Association; and ex officio director, OU Foundation Board

breaking NEWS

Committee exploring 5 names

After meeting December 18 to discuss focus group results on 10 semi-finalist names, the Mascot Advisory Committee has decided to pursue design exploration on five names. The names represent three mascot types:

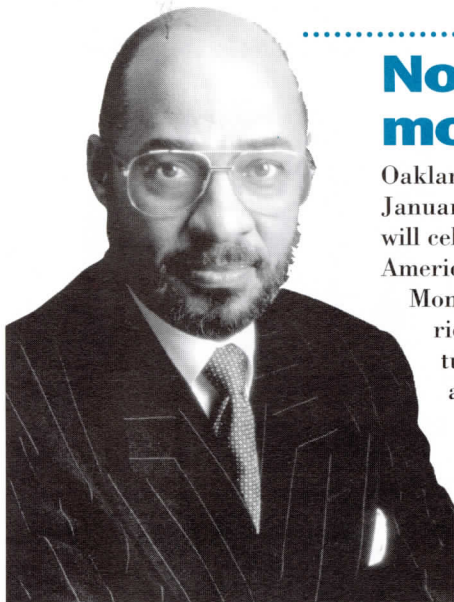
- Grizzlies and Golden Grizzlies (bears)
- Firecats and Sabercats (cats)
- Pioneers

The 19-member universitywide committee expects to receive five to 10 design roughs per name on January 14 from SME Design, the sports marketing design firm Oakland University hired to bring a new image to OU's athletic program.

The committee will give SME feedback on preferred design direction for each name. By the end of January, SME will return black-and-white designs for three to five names for review, focus group testing and eventually President's Cabinet selection.

When a final name is selected, detailed color design work will follow.

"It should get more exciting now, as we enter the visual phase of the process," says Geoff Upward, committee chair and director, University Communications and Marketing. "It's been somewhat abstract to this point, but the graphics should help people see the real potential in these images."



Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer

Noted author, mayor to headline monthlong celebration

Oakland University from January 19 to February 19 will celebrate African-American Celebration

Month, exploring the richness of other cultures with educational and social activities.

The opening event January 19 will honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., beginning with the annual march that symbolizes the uni-

fication of all cultures on

OU's campus. Birthday celebration programs follow the march in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

Columbia University Professor and Detroit native Michael Eric Dyson will give a January 29 lecture; he wrote the book, *Between God and Ghangsta Rap*.

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer will speak at the university's Meadow Brook Theatre February 16. A question-and-answer session in the theatre and a reception in Meadow Brook Art

Gallery will follow.

The month's activities will conclude on February 19 with the sixth annual Keeper of the Dream Banquet featuring a keynote address by Robert J. Eaton, chair, Chrysler Corporation.

"Such an exploration and expansion of our experiences during this month will allow us to grow," says Felecia Bumpus, co-chair, African-American Celebration Month Committee.

African American Celebration Month

- MLK MARCH AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY**, noon
January 19, Vandenberg Hall and OC Gold Rooms
- UNITY DAY AND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**,
7 p.m. January 19, OC Gold Rooms
- COLLEGE BOWL: Test Your African-American Knowledge**, 8 p.m.
January 20, OC Oakland Rooms
- Meadow Brook Theatre, **THUNDER KNOCKING ON THE DOOR**, 8 p.m.
January 20
- SPIRIT OF DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR**,
11-3 p.m. January 21, OC
- ENDING RACISM: Working for a Racism Free 21st Century**,
noon-1 p.m. January 22,
OC Fireside Lounge
- SOUL FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA**,
7:30 p.m. January 22,
OC Heritage Room
- STORYTELLERS ALMA GREER AND IVORY WILLIAMS**, noon-1 p.m.
January 26, OC Fireside Lounge
- NAME THAT MOTOWN TUNE AND DIVERSITY TRIVIA GAME**, 10 p.m.
January 27, Hamlin Lounge
- COMEDY HIP HOP SHOW**, 7 p.m.
January 28, OC Gold Rooms
- HARPIST/STORYTELLER**, 2-3:30 p.m.
January 28, Varner Recital Hall
- MICHAEL ERIC DYSON**, author,
Between God and Ghangsta Rap,
3 p.m. January 29, Varner Recital Hall, admission will be charged
- TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE**,
9-4 p.m. February 2, OC Gold Rooms
- MULTICULTURAL FOOD, ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR**, 8-11 a.m.
February 2, Hamlin Lounge

See February's *Inside Oakland* for more activities

Making a dream come true

From small program to major event, banquet keeps growing

The growth of celebrating diversity is behind the explosion in popularity of Oakland University's annual Keeper of the Dream Banquet honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

So says Glenn McIntosh, director, Office of Equity.

"This year we're expecting between 800 and 900 people," McIntosh says. "People have really embraced the idea of the banquet, the spirit of King's vision."

The event culminates OU's observation of African-American Celebration Month January 19-February 20. In 1993, the first banquet drew about 350 people. Last



Robert Eaton, Chair, Chrysler Corporation

year, more than 700 attended.

Business and community leaders, representatives of local, county and state governments, and OU faculty, staff and students will attend

the February 19 event (doors open at 6 p.m.).

Capacity crowds since the banquet's inception spurred a move last year to Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Robert J. Eaton, chair, Chrysler Corporation, will deliver this year's keynote address.

Call Lauren Herrington at 4665 or Betty Green at 4404 for ticket information.

MTD's *Othello* goes on the road

Music, Theatre and Dance's production of *Othello*, recently shown on the Studio Theatre stage, has been nominated to appear at the Regional American College Theatre Festival in Indianapolis.

Six MTD students were nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship and will be appearing at this same festival. The students are Steven Price, John Michael Norman, Amy Smith, Anthony Dixon, Rebecca Sokoll and Allison Schubert.

Celebrate the Century, A Festival of Arts Saluting the 20th Century will

begin January 17 with a free concert where MTD's faculty, professionals and students will join in a gala performance of music, theatre and dance spanning the 20th Century. MTD's Meadow Brook Estate will perform a medley from *Grease*.

Celebrating the 1900s, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder and directed by Karen Sheridan, associate professor, Theatre, opens in the Studio Theatre January 22 and runs through February 1.