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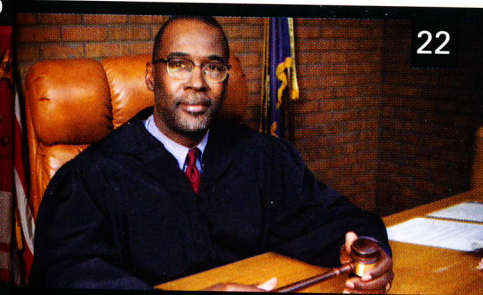
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Behind the Stories

Careers don't always proceed in a straight line. In fact, they are often more interesting and more rewarding when they meander a bit. In this issue of *OU Magazine*, several of our stories take a look at people moving purposely toward a goal, but getting there in their own time and in their own way.

One of our featured alumni, Gregory Walterhouse, knew he wanted to go into management, but wasn't too sure of exactly where that would take him when he enrolled in Oakland's business school in the mid-1970s. He got an unexpected answer in an unexpected way: When he was a senior, he took a part-time job with the Rochester Hills Fire Department as a firefighter. His intention was to get some professional experience, give something back to the community and earn extra money. He got a whole lot more than that. He discovered that he loved public service and spent the next 28 years with the department, moving eventually into the top position of fire chief.

You'll find others in these pages that made similar discoveries that helped them along the way. The Oakland County judge who, as a college student, had trouble getting to class, now uses his position to help youngsters in his community stay on the right road; the mayor who spent 24 years as an educator is now using that knowledge to help turn his hometown around; and the up-and-coming pop star who took a business degree and a lot of raw talent, established herself as someone to watch in today's music business.

Maybe it comes down to the idea that life takes unexpected turns, but fundamentally, college, no matter how straight away the curriculum, teaches you how to think. So if getting from A to B requires a hook and ladder, grab your hat, boots and hose and head on in — after all it's what you went to school for.

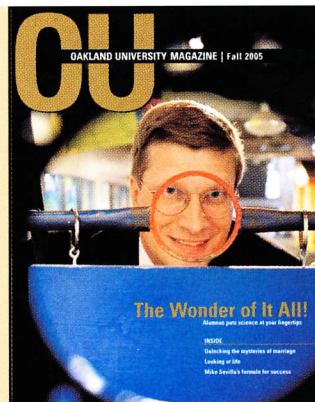
Lillian Lorenzi

Lillian Lorenzi, editor

Letters

Welcome to *OU Magazine's* Letters section. Our recent story on Distinguished Professor Mike Sevilla got several readers thinking about professors who made a difference in their lives and careers. One reader shares how his professor instilled a lifelong love of French and another tells of many hours of vigorous debate and warm conversations in the old Econ Lounge.

We'd like to hear from you, too.



My name is Andy Cardimen and I am a 1988 graduate. My original plan was to attend OU for two years, and then transfer to the University of Michigan. Fortunately for me, I met a professor in my freshman year who would inspire me to stay at Oakland and complete two separate undergraduate degrees, a bachelor of science in finance and a bachelor of arts in French.

Although I had never studied a foreign language before, I knew college would provide an opportunity to do so. So, in addition to my pre-core business classes, I enrolled in French with Professor Don R. Iodice. I had no idea this decision would impact the remainder of my OU experience, provide me an opportunity to study in France and drive me to completing a French degree.

Although I struggled those first few semesters to learn vocabulary, verb conjugation and proper dialect, Professor Iodice was always supportive. His style in the classroom and his sincere desire to have students not only learn, but love French, are his greatest skills. He combined humor, role playing, acting and repetition to teach the language. Several times during my time at OU, he and his wife opened their home to host an evening of French foods and conversation. From the moment students walked into his home, only French was permitted to be spoken. At his own expense, Professor Iodice would serve the

most spectacular foods, including escargot, French cheese, delicious breads, and a traditional continental entree (I remember the best coq au vin!)

Professor Iodice was an instructor who inspired his students to enjoy learning a new language and culture. I understand that he retired some years ago, but his impact on me and other students continues on. From all of us, merci beaucoup Monsieur Professor!

Andy Cardimen, CAS '88
Indianapolis, Ind.



Marc Briod

The professor who inspired me was Marc Briod of the education department. He consistently challenged me while remaining supportive. He was flexible with his time. Dr. Briod was eager to work with me on an independent project that was of interest to me. The two classes with Professor Briod allowed my program to be extraordinary instead of average!

Kirk Sattelmeier, MED '99
Royal Oak, Mich.

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Robbin Hough (charter class year book)

I am a graduate of the class of '69 and my fondest memory of OU was hanging around the old Econ Lounge behind Professor Robbin Hough's office in North Foundation Hall. The Econ Lounge was a place where some of the business and economics students would meet.

Back in those days, the econ department coffee pot was kept in the lounge. Mary Isabell (the department administrator) would start the first pot in the morning and Professor Hough and the rest of the staff (including professors Eleftherios Botsas, John Hurd II, Siddheshwar Mitra, Norton Seeber, and Edward Starr) would come into the lounge throughout the day. It was during these informal interactions that we would get into discussions (and sometimes heated debates) on various economic issues of the day. Sometimes these discussions turned into ad hoc classroom sessions. Through these interactions and learning experiences, we formed a closer relationship with the professors. Through these relationships, we learned how truly caring, engaging and dedicated our professors were toward furthering our knowledge and education.

What I learned most from Professor Hough and his staff was how to think and how to approach a problem. What I found out was that, when applying these skills to everyday work, the ability to lead just naturally follows. The skills learned from my OU education, and Professor Hough and his staff particularly, have carried me throughout my entire career.

While he is no longer with us, I want to recognize the unique and innovative teaching that Professor Hough and his staff applied in the development of so many business and economic students — especially those of us hanging around the Econ Lounge.

Curt Anderson, SBA '69
The Woodlands, Texas

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OU recognized for number of female engineering faculty

Oakland was ranked 19th nationally for its high percentage of female engineering faculty members by the American Society for Engineering Education study in the January 2006 issue of *Prism*. Oakland's engineering faculty is 17 percent women, well above the national average.

"It is rewarding to see that an Oakland University priority is receiving national attention," says Pieter Frick, dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science. "I hope this accolade will inspire more women to enter the field."

ASEE is a nonprofit association of more than 12,000 engineering faculty members, U.S. colleges of engineering and engineering technology, corporations and other organizations dedicated to promoting excellence in engineering and engineering technology education. ●



Oakland University's SmartZone Business Incubator, created to provide local businesses assistance in the development of intellectual property, officially opened this spring in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

OU INCubator helps budding businesses

Oakland University's SmartZone Business Incubator (OU INC) opened officially this spring to provide entrepreneurial resources and strategic business solutions to assist in the development of intellectual property. The incubator supports existing businesses and grows new technology-based and life science businesses with university resources, decision support technology, business counseling services and financial/capital acquisition assistance.

Through the incubator, Oakland University will involve faculty, students and research centers to assist applied research, technology development, commercialization collaborations and business incubation for a moderate cost while drawing on a wide range of expertise across the OU community.

Partners who have helped make this venture possible include the Automation Alley SmartZone/Great Lakes Interchange, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the City of Rochester Hills and Oakland County.

OU INC, with office space in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, differs from commercial property by requiring that clients graduate from the incubator after a certain period of time. The ultimate goal of OU INC is to develop sustainable jobs, generate client business profit and encourage technology development and innovation. As a nonprofit operation of Oakland University, OU INC reinvests surplus revenue into developing business assistance programs, projects and services for future clients. ●



Get ready to hit the links!

Beginning this year, OU's Golf and Learning Center introduces new golfing packages that provide a premier golf and social experience that meets each golfer's needs. With three new packages, golfers can choose from unlimited golfing on the Katke-Cousins and R & S Sharf Courses in the Gold Package or pay-as-you-play options in the Silver and Bronze packages.

For more information about the Golf and Learning Center or the golf packages available for the 2006 season, call (248) 364-6300 or visit www.ougolf.com. ●

James Earl Jones shares thoughts on culture

More than 600 people crowded into Meadow Brook Theatre and hundreds of others filled the overflow area in the Pioneer Food Court to hear legendary actor James Earl Jones speak in January. There also were two special guests in the audience, two cousins of Jones' who attended and graduated from OU years ago.

Jones' success as an actor and fame for his commanding voice are ironic since as a child he was nearly mute because of a stutter and only expressed himself through written word and poetry. He said he still hasn't overcome the stutter. Besides acting, Jones has many interests and one of them was the topic of his

lecture — *Culture Quest: How Culture Affects Us and How We Affect Culture.*

Jones said Americans are working through a culture minefield trying to define and explore which culture belongs to whom. He says the process is important because education into our cultural differences and similarities is a critical element in shaping the world. ●

Oakland University student Kristen Sommer got the chance to meet James Earl Jones during his appearance at OU in January.

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Dr. Susan Love says eradication of breast cancer is possible

Dr. Susan Love, M.D., MBA and author of *Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book*, is at the forefront of breast cancer research and believes that the eradication of the disease is closer than we think. She shared her findings during the third lecture in the Varner Vitality Series in February.

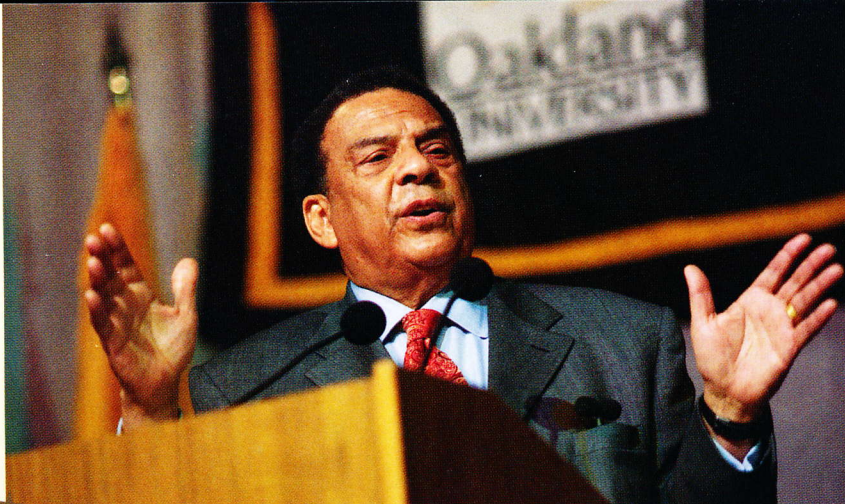
"We're close to being able to prevent breast cancer altogether. I would say in the next five years," Love said. "It's our job. We need to be the generation that stops breast cancer and we can do it."

By studying not only the cancer cells, but the environment in which they live and grow, Love said current research goes much further in identifying cells before they become cancerous. Her research has helped lead the way for more personalized treatment options. She has developed a procedure called Ductal Lavage that actually looks at the cells in the milk ducts of the breast, which is where all breast cancer begins. Love hopes to one day be able to identify precancerous cells and develop a treatment to prevent them from developing into breast cancer.



Dr. Susan Love, M.D., MBA, author of Dr. Susan Love's Breast Book and leading breast cancer researcher; spoke to a packed room at OU on Feb. 1 as part of the Varner Vitality Series. She told audience members that she believes the eradication of breast cancer is near.

For more information on Ductal Lavage or breast cancer research, visit the Dr. Susan Love Web site, www.susanlovemd.com. ●



Distinguished political activist Andrew Young delivered the keynote address at the 2006 Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet on March 8. In his remarks he spoke of the dream of striving for peace.

Andrew Young keynotes at Keeper of the Dream banquet

Oakland University honored the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by awarding four OU students \$5,000 scholarships at the 14th annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet March 8, at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Distinguished political activist and long-time public servant Andrew Young delivered the keynote address at the event. Young, an early adviser and colleague of King's, went on to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, U.S. congressman and mayor of Atlanta. In his current role as co-founding principal and chairman of GoodWorks International, he advocates for economic development to revitalize communities across the globe. In his remarks, he spoke of striving for peace.

"We have got to learn to understand each other and live together," he said. "It is possible, I think, that even out of the confusion that exists now, for us to form a peace that will exist for generations. The dream is that in spite of all the difficulties and challenges, we can live in peace."

This year's banquet also included heartfelt comments for Manuel Pierson, a member of the Oakland family who passed away on February 13. Pierson served as dean of student services and

assistant vice president for 28 years before retiring in 1993. "Although he worked to recruit more minority young people to the university, he was committed to the education and success of all students," said Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students. In honor of Pierson, the Oakland University Black Alumni Chapter is establishing a scholarship in his name. For information on supporting this effort, e-mail Anthony Thornton, president of the chapter at sarajohn1217@comcast.net.

Created in 1993 to fund student scholarships, the Keeper of the Dream Awards recognize students who demonstrate strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and promoting racial understanding.

A steady increase in corporate contributions made it possible to increase the initial level of awards from two \$1,000 scholarships in 1993 to several \$5,000 named scholarships. The Alice Gustafson Keeper of the Dream Endowed Scholarship Fund, Beaumont Hospitals, Ford Motor Company Fund and Oakland University Alumni Association contributed named scholarships this year. DaimlerChrysler Corporation sponsored the keynote speaker. ●



Macomb 2 Oakland: A partnership for success

In fall 2006 Oakland University and Macomb Community College will welcome students into the state's first concurrent enrollment program, dubbed Macomb 2 Oakland: Your Admission to Success. Eligible students will be able to earn an associates degree from Macomb while pursuing a bachelor's degree at OU.

Announced last summer in response to county and state needs, as well as supporting the governor's goal of producing more college graduates, this unique program provides students many great benefits:

- joint admission through one application
- concurrent enrollment at OU and Macomb, offering the flexibility to take courses at one or both institutions at the same time
- maximizing financial aid by combining credit for concurrently enrolled students
- expanded course selection
- coordinated advising and course planning
- timely completion of both an associate's and a bachelor's degree
- access to the on-campus amenities at both institutions, including OU's residence halls

Applicants must meet certain admission's criteria to be eligible for the program. To learn more or to apply, visit www.oakland.edu/ouatmacomb. ●





Cheryl Angelelli, CAS '93, suffered a spinal injury while diving that left her a quadriplegic at age 14. She never gave up her dream of becoming a swimming champion, competing on the 2000 and 2004 U.S. Paralympic Swim Teams.

Alumna uses spotlight to raise awareness of Paralympics

Oakland University alumna and Paralympic swimmer Cheryl Angelelli, CAS '93, hopes to bring more attention to the Paralympics and the athletes through her film *Untold Dreams*, which premiered at Andiamo's Banquet Center in Warren, Mich., in March.

Angelelli suffered a spinal injury while diving that left her a quadriplegic at the age of 14. She didn't give up on her dreams of being a swimming champion. Fifteen years later, she returned to the pool and earned a spot on the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team and competed in the 2000 and 2004 Paralympic Summer Games.

In 2004, Angelelli suggested to a group of movie producers that they do a story about Paralympians, and before she knew it, a film crew was following her around to tell her story. "I hope it serves the purpose of promoting opportunities for people with disabilities," Angelelli says. ●

VP of Student Affairs receives distinguished service award

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of Student Affairs, received the 2005 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) IV-East Distinguished Service to the Profession Award. This award is presented to individuals to recognize outstanding achievement to the profession over an extended period of time, including leadership and service to NASPA at the regional or national level; contribution above and beyond the normal service required by positions of leadership and a minimum of 10 years in the college student personnel profession and as a NASPA member. ●



Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder was honored with the 2005 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Distinguished Service to the Profession Award.

Hold 'em or fold 'em

On Wednesday nights, in the lower level of the Oakland Center, nearly 25 students gather to bet, bluff and earn points at the All-In Poker Club's Texas Hold 'em weekly tournament. No money exchanges hands in this poker game, but it's a fun evening out. The students compete for points and the chance to represent OU at the College Poker Bowl.

Adam McChesney, vice president of the club, says All-In Poker isn't just for Texas Hold 'em aficionados; it's a way for all students to learn about the game and become better competitors. "Don't be afraid to have fun, because that's what it's all about," he says.

Texas Hold 'em has become popular on college campuses around the country after shows like *The World Poker Tour* on the Travel Channel and ESPN's *World Series of Poker* made their debuts in recent years. ●



Every Wednesday night in Oakland's Student Center, nearly 25 students gather to play Texas Hold 'em at the All-In Poker Club's weekly tournament. No money changes hands, instead students compete for points and the chance to represent OU at the College Poker Bowl.



Winter Sports Wrap Up

Basketball transfers make big impact

After a successful 2004-05 season, when the Golden Grizzlies clinched the Mid-Continent Conference title and made their first appearance in the NCAA tournament, the defending Mid-Con champions headed into the 2005-06 season slated to finish sixth in preseason polls. Considering Oakland lost three of its leading scorers and would not have a senior on the roster, the Grizzlies looked to their returning core of players to carry the season.

Despite their youth, the Golden Grizzlies jump started the season with the best November record (4-1) in school history, tallying consecutive wins over St. Peters (72-69), Norte Dame College (102-74), Duquesne (77-53), and Bowling Green (76-66). Oakland pulled out its biggest upset of the season with a first-ever victory over Valparaiso (95-89). The Golden Grizzlies ended their season with an 11-18 record and a seventh place finish in the Mid-Con.

Two of Oakland's newest players secured All-Conference honors for their quality performances during the season. Junior Calvin Wooten, the fourth leading scorer in the Mid-Con, garnered Newcomer of the Year and second team all-conference accolades; while junior Vova Severovas, with a nationally ranked .594 field goal percentage, earned a Mid-Con honorable mention selection.



Senior All-American Chris Sullivan

Men's swimming and diving continues Mid-Con dominance

Heading into the season with six consecutive team titles, the men's swimming and diving team battled to continue its reign atop the Mid-Con, while adding a seventh championship to the list. Along with sweeping their opponents at the Mid-Con championships, the Golden Grizzlies also controlled two of their other largest meets, taking first place in both the Quadrangular meet and the Miami University Invitational.

The depth of the Golden Grizzlies squad was evident all season as sophomores Chris Tansel, Zoltan Horvath, and Ryan Kish each earned Mid-Con Athlete of the Week honors. Senior All-American Chris Sullivan, one of the Mid-Con's most dominating swimmers, earned Athlete of the Week honors twice during the season, along with Athlete of the Month and Swimmer of the Year accolades. Sullivan reached the NCAA Division I finals in two events — the 100-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly — and finished eighth in both events, placing Oakland, as a team, 25th in the nation.

Women's swimming and diving earns seventh straight Mid-Con title

The women's swimming and diving team captured its seventh consecutive Mid-Con championship, winning every event in the competition and tallying a total of 970 points.

The Golden Grizzlies also ran away with the individual awards. Junior Melissa Jaeger completed her most successful season earning six Athlete of the Week awards, February's Athlete of the Month honors and also Swimmer of the Year. Strong performances from freshman Sophia Gustafsson resulted in her first Athlete of the Week award, along with being recognized as Newcomer of the Year. Rounding out the individual awards were senior Linda Keskey who earned Diver of the Year and head coach Pete Hovland who took Coach of the Year honors.



Junior Melissa Jaeger

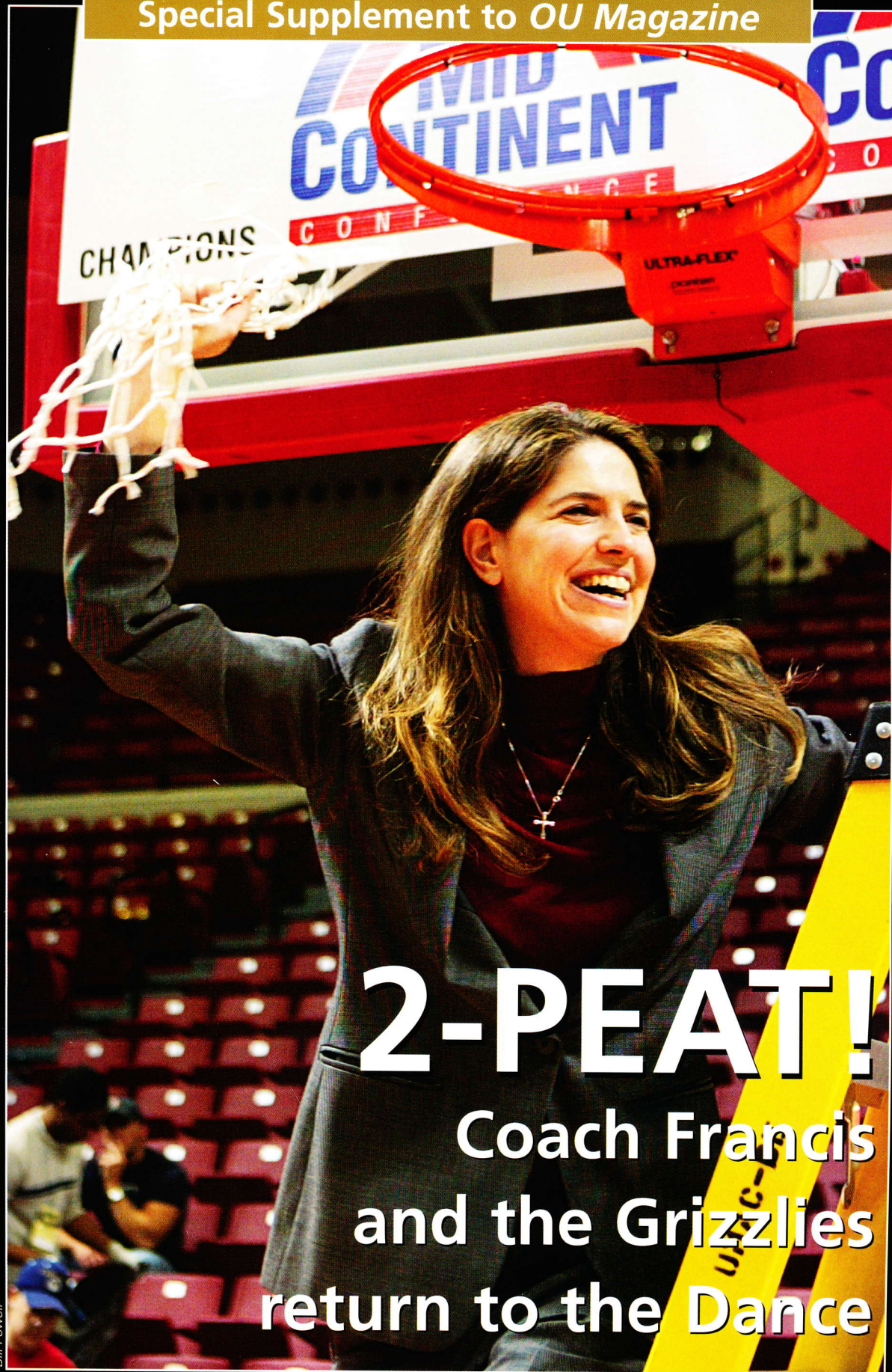
NATIONAL CHAMPS — AGAIN!

The OU men's club hockey team won the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II title this March in Rochester, NY, their second national title grab in three years. The Grizzlies were the No. 2 seed in the tournament. "I can't say enough about the heart and hustle in our guys," said Head Coach Sean Hogan. For more on the win, log on to www.oaklandhockey.org.



— Compiled by Kalee Iacoangeli, CAS '06

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2-PEAT!

Coach Francis
and the Grizzlies
return to the Dance

Mid-Con Tournament Champs



Bill Powell

The women's basketball team celebrates its Mid-Continent Conference Tournament victory over top-seeded Western Illinois. The Golden Grizzlies defeated the Bulldogs 65-56 to capture the championship for the second time in the program's history.



George Preisinger

Junior forward Nicole Piggott powers up a shot against an Oral Roberts (ORU) defender. Piggott had 10 points and five rebounds in the Mid-Con quarterfinal game, helping OU to a 50-37 win.

Oakland Women GO DANCIN'

Slated sixth entering this seasons' Mid-Continent Conference tournament, the women's basketball team had the odds stacked against them to pull off upsets over three of the league's top teams. The Golden Grizzlies, guided by returning head coach Beckie Francis, overcame their looming obstacles, stunning Oral Roberts (50-37), IUPUI (66-54) and top-ranked Western Illinois (65-56). The Grizzlies' three consecutive Mid-Con tournament wins marked the first time in conference history that any team, men's or women's, has defeated each of the top three seeds to win the championship.

Along with taking home the Mid-Con trophy, Oakland earned a ticket to the NCAA tournament for the second time in school history since Oakland made the move to Division I. The first time the Grizzlies made an appearance at the Big Dance was in 2002, also under the wing of Francis.



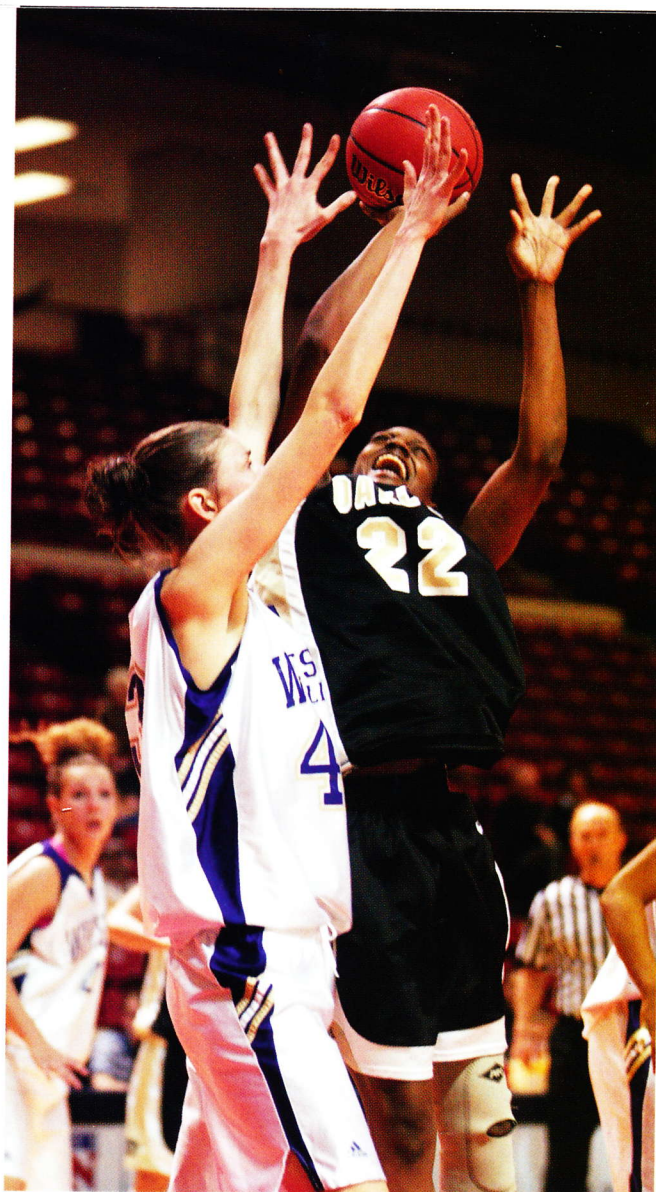
Bill Powell

Senior Anne Hafeli led the Grizzlies to a first-round win against Oral Roberts with 17 points and 8 rebounds. She scored 25 with eight boards in the final, earning MVP honors.



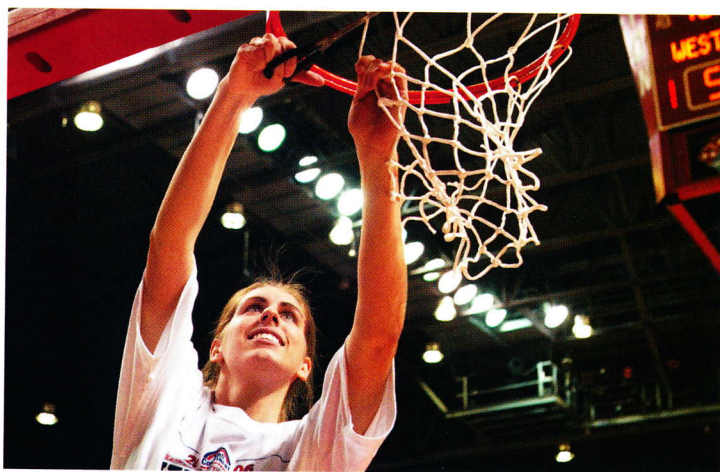
Bill Powell

Senior guard Jayme Wilson moves past Western Illinois guard Zane Teilane. Wilson earned first team honors for the third straight year and finished out her Oakland Career with 1,785 points, which ranks sixth all-time in OU history.



Bill Powell

Senior forward Lakeshia White leaps for a shot over Western Illinois' 6'7" Zane Teilane. White, one of only three seniors on the team, contributed eight points and eight rebounds during the championship game.



Bill Powell

After winning three consecutive tournament games to claim the Mid-Con championship title, freshman Jessica Knurick takes part in the cutting of the net tradition. Knurick saw action in 23 of the Golden Grizzlies' 31 games as a freshman.



Rick Smith

Oakland University cheerleaders perform during the Selection Monday event held in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. The cheer team is comprised of 21 women who cheer at all the men's and women's home basketball games.



Rick Smith

Members of the women's basketball team react as their match up for the Big Dance is announced on ESPN. The Golden Grizzlies entered the tournament as a 16-seed and were paired up with top-seeded Ohio State.



José Juárez

The women's basketball team was recognized for its accomplishments at the Palace of Auburn Hills during a Pistons' home game. "All of the attention we have been getting helps us appreciate being where we are and having won the conference tournament," senior Jayme Wilson said after being honored at the Palace. "It puts an exclamation point on a year and on our careers."

"I am going to enjoy the experience a whole lot more this time around," said Francis, who retired after her 2002 campaign due to health concerns, after the win. "I'm not as stressed, and I am much healthier than I was the last time. I am just going to enjoy everything about this."

In honor of the women's Mid-Con championship and NCAA tournament bid, Oakland held a Women's Basketball Selection Show celebration where the team and hundreds of Grizzly fans anxiously awaited the tournament brackets to be announced on ESPN. After much anticipation, the crowd burst into cheers and applause when it was revealed that Oakland would be matched up with top-seeded Ohio State, then ranked second in the country.

"We couldn't be happier to be playing Ohio State," said Francis. "Jim Foster was the head coach at Vanderbilt when we played in the national tournament there in 2002, so I'm very familiar with him and I think this will be an exciting match-up."



Kalee Iacoangeli

Head coach Beckie Francis waves as she boards the plane headed for the NCAA tournament in West Lafayette, Ind. The NCAA first round game was held at Mackey Arena on the campus of Purdue University.



Kalee Iacoangeli

Sophomore Bethany Jury, freshman April Kidd and senior Anne Hafeli make their way off the charter flight after it lands in Indiana. The players and coaches traveled to the tournament along with members of the pep band, dance team and support staff.

Preparation is Half the Battle



Kalee Iacoangeli

Using some of their free time, freshmen Kelly Lyons and Jessica Pike shop at the mall in West Lafayette, Ind.

Jayne Wilson, senior guard and three-time first team All-Conference standout, was in awe watching the selection process. "This is all amazing, I can't even put it into words," she said. "I watched all the selection shows growing up, and now we're here, too."

Matching up against Ohio State was a daunting task for OU, especially with the Buckeyes' height advantage in 6'5" Jessica Davenport. The Grizzlies, led by junior Nicole Piggott's 14 points, fought hard despite never having a lead in the game. The Buckeyes eventually claimed a 68-45 victory over the Golden Grizzlies in NCAA first round action. Senior Anne Hafeli also tallied double figures with 13 points in the effort.

Regardless of their on-court struggle, the Grizzlies played with the same passion and determination that won them a tournament bid in the first place, leaving the team with a feeling of pride and accomplishment.



Geoff Upward

OU Associate Coach Eric Stephan and Assistant Coach Ayesha Whitfield join Coach Francis to scout the Boston College vs. Notre Dame game before OU's tipoff.



Geoff Upward



George Praisinger

Junior Joya Puryear stretches after a Saturday practice at Mackey Arena. Puryear played in every game for the Golden Grizzlies and tallied 46 points and 39 rebounds during the season.



Geoff Upward

President Gary Russi talks courtside about OU and the Grizzlies to a national ESPN audience.

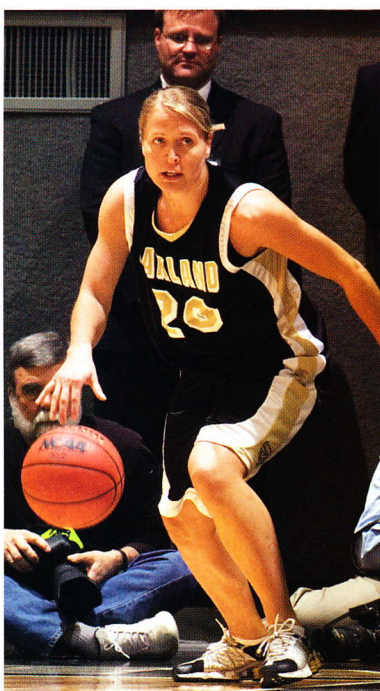
Time to Bring Your Game



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Above: Golden Grizzly fans cheer on the women's basketball team as it takes on Ohio State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. A busload of students, along with players' parents, family and friends, traveled to Indiana to watch Oakland take part in the Big Dance.

Freshman guard Riikka Terava played a total of 31 minutes in the first round game, more than any other freshman on the team.



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Nicole Piggott powers for a shot over Ohio State's Jessica Davenport. Piggott paced the Golden Grizzlies with 14 points and eight rebounds against the Buckeyes.

"There was a height disadvantage and at times I felt it was a little unfair, but it happens," commented Francis. "I just want to say I'm really proud of our team and especially our seniors for taking us out as champions."

Wilson and Hafeli both ended record-setting careers, and earned All-Conference honors for their exemplary play throughout the season. Wilson warranted first team honors for the third straight year and finished out her career with 1,785 points, which ranks sixth all-time in Oakland history. Hafeli received second team honors along with being named MVP of the Mid-Con tournament. She finished out her Oakland career with 1,469 points to secure eighth place in OU's record book, while also ranking second all-time in three-pointers with 235. Piggott also made the All-Conference list as an honorable mention selection.

With Wilson and Hafeli finishing their careers, Francis will now focus on developing her younger core of players like April Kidd, Jessica Pike and Riikka Terava.

"We're going to need some of our younger girls to develop quickly," Francis said. "Fortunately, I think we have some of those girls in place."

Francis is also looking to Piggott and junior Bonnie Baker to continue their dominance and lead next year's squad. For now, however, Francis and the rest of the women's basketball team will take some time to celebrate their successful season.

"We're going to enjoy what we've accomplished this year," she said. "I'm so proud of this team and how they handled everything. It's been such an exciting season."

Oakland's Lakeshia White (22) and Nicole Piggott (5) battle against Ohio State's Jessica Davenport. Davenport, a 6'5" All-American, combined with teammate Debbie Merrill (31) for a total of 42 points. Despite OSU's overwhelming size, the Golden Grizzlies defense held their opponent to under 70 points for the 15th time during the season.

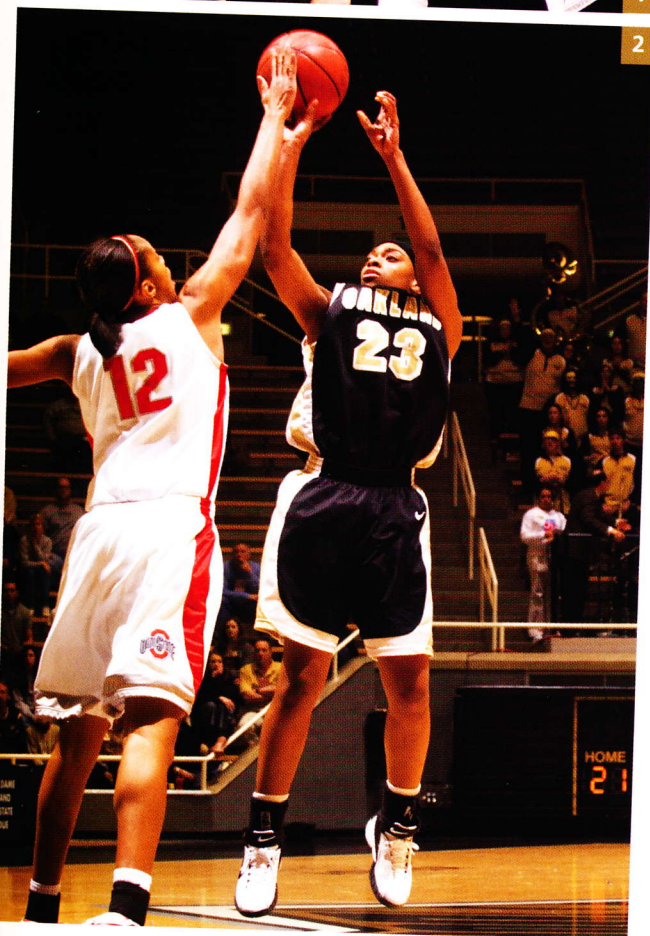


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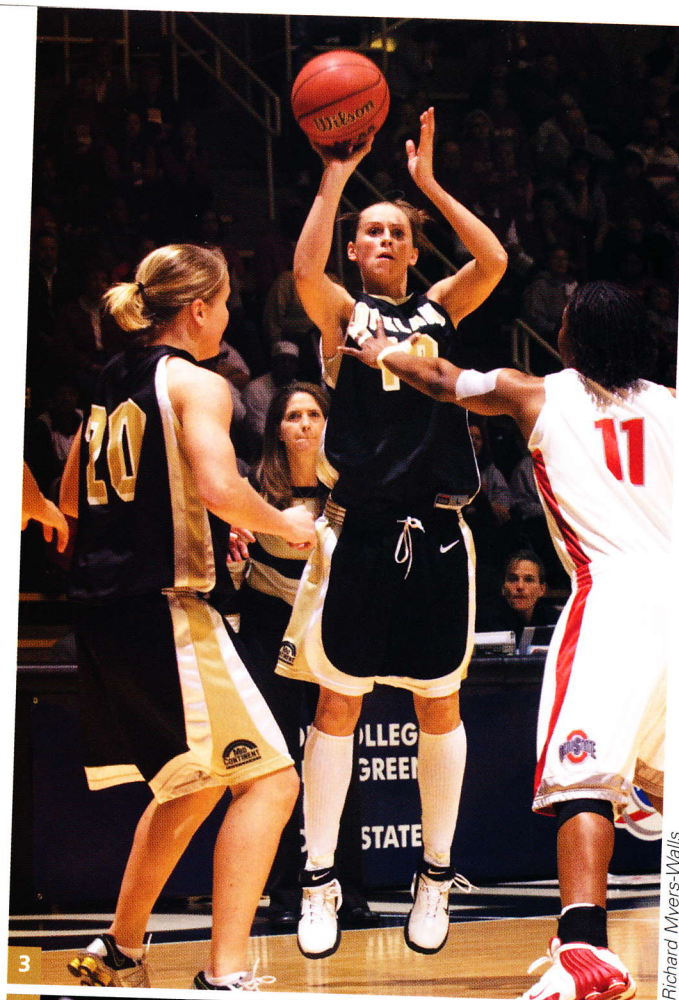
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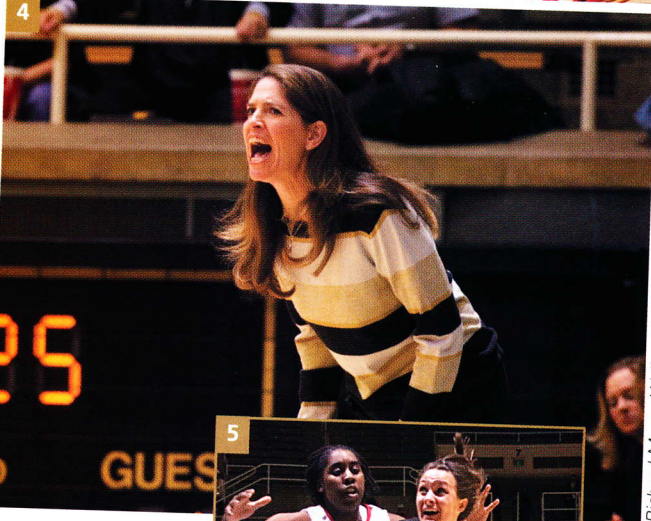
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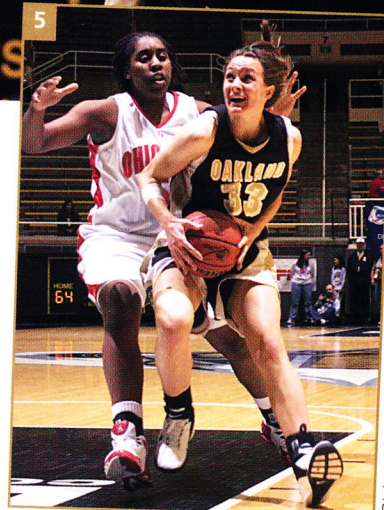
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1 Senior Jayme Wilson scored six points before having to leave the game late in the second half when she was cut above her right eye after being elbowed.

2 Freshman April Kidd takes a shot over Ohio State defender Tia Battle. Kidd brought tremendous energy to the team against OSU as she had all year, finishing the season with a total of 179 points and 88 boards.

3 Senior Anne Hafeli launches a shot from the perimeter. The Mid-Con MVP sunk three shots from beyond the arc, along with a pair of field goals for a total of 13 points in her NCAA tournament debut.

4 Head coach Beckie Francis' spirit carried her team to new heights.

5 Junior Bonnie Baker steps in front of her Ohio State defender ready to put up a shot. In her role as defensive forward, Baker notched six points in the contest.

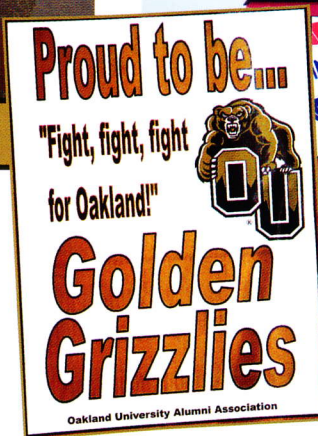


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Celebrate!

Above the Grizzlies, the Oakland University basketball team's first NCAA Tournament berth. A building alone prepares for the Friday night Oakland game.

The success of the women's basketball program was the cause for much celebration both within and outside of the Oakland University community. Top left: Students and staff line up in the Oakland Center to get their NCAA Tournament t-shirts. Top right: The Palace of Auburn Hills displays its support for OU on the marquee sign visible from I-75. Right: Members of Images dance team show their spirit and support during the Selection Monday festivities. Bottom left: The OU Pep Band shows their spirit at the first-round game against Ohio State. Bottom right: A donated billboard along I-94 pays tribute to the Golden Grizzlies and their NCAA tournament berth.



Rick Smith



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Scholarship honors dedicated nurse

Long after graduating from the School of Nursing in 1982, Sharon (Desot) Goulette talked about the strength of Oakland University's program and the excellent training she received here. As an intensive care nurse at Mount Clemens General Hospital for nearly 20 years, she trained generations of nurses in the skills and methods she learned at OU. Well loved at Mount Clemens, her dedication to the field and her patients was recognized by the physicians she worked with, her colleagues and those she treated.

When Sharon passed away in January of 2005 from lung cancer, her husband, Dan, CAS '86, decided to honor her memory by creating a scholarship endowment for OU's School of Nursing. "Addressing the shortage of nurses was one of her biggest issues," he says. "She often spoke of wanting to do something to enhance the nursing experience and to encourage more people to go into nursing."

Sharon completed her RN/BSN at Oakland and felt that the bachelor's component of her training was especially valuable. "Sharon felt that if more people knew about and enrolled in OU's bachelor of nursing program, they would be motivated to complete their RN and be better prepared upon entering the workplace," says Dan.

Sharon's colleagues at Mount Clemens joined Dan in raising \$26,000 for the Sharon J. Goulette Scholarship Endowment. The first \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded this fall to a nursing student with demonstrated financial need. For Dan, it's a way to carry on his wife's legacy. "To me, there's no better way to honor her memory and the cause that was so important to her than to help train more nurses." ●

For questions regarding philanthropic gifts to Oakland University or to connect with the appropriate development officer, contact Susan Goepp, Vice President for University Relations, at 248-364-6150.

— Compiled by Amy Barker



John Mills, CAS '72, and his wife, Kathy, MAT '76, are longtime supporters of Oakland University. They recently decided to contribute a percentage of their estate to OU through a planned bequest.

New scholarship helps local students

"Alumni should help the school that gave them the tools to be successful," John Mills, CAS '72, explains quite simply. It's a belief that has taken him from serving as president of the Oakland University Alumni Association to serving as a director of the OU Foundation. In addition to his 30 years of service to his alma mater, John and his wife, Kathy, MAT '76, have contributed financially over the years. Their most recent gift is a planned bequest: They intend to contribute a percentage of their estate to OU.

John and Kathy wanted to make a significant gift to Oakland's comprehensive campaign, "Innovation and Opportunity—The Campaign for Oakland University," but had other financial commitments like paying for their two sons' education. In addition to continuing their annual gifts, they decided to plan a gift from their estate, which would allow the university to count on future funds. "Making a gift

to the university is a way we can show our commitment to education, and I like knowing that future students of OU will have opportunities similar to John's and mine," says Kathy.

Planned gifts are an often overlooked way of helping the university. "People think of how to come up with money right away, and they may be facing other financial pressures. If more people thought about it, the university will be around long after we are, and a planned gift ensures the university is supported over a longer period of time. It helps build the endowment," says John.

The Mills have not yet decided where in the university they will direct their gift, but they are satisfied knowing that their support will help Oakland continue to prepare exceptional graduates. "OU has never been more exciting than it is now. It's a good place to direct your resources, and you know when you do it's going to make it an even better institution," he adds. ●

Capital Campaign Update

Since the April 2005 launch of Oakland University's first ever comprehensive campaign, "Innovation and Opportunity—The Campaign for OU," good progress has been made toward the campaign goal of \$110 million raised by 2010 with \$69,037,665 in pledges and commitments as of March 31, 2006.

Among the campaign's many priorities is a new Engineering Design Center to provide laboratory, design and technology space to students and faculty; research endowments; faculty chairs and professorships; expanded classroom space; student scholarships; a career and first-year student advising center; and academic program and facility support for a new writing center dedicated to effective writing and communication. ●

Former dean committed to promoting graduate studies

G. Philip Johnson has a long history of service to Oakland University and an abiding belief in the importance of graduate education. He came to Oakland in 1965 as professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics, and later served as the first dean of the Graduate School for 12 years.

"When I came here in 1965, we were beginning six master's programs. Woody Varner convinced me that any path to distinction for us required an emphasis on graduate education, not an easy path but the one most likely to succeed," Johnson says. During his tenure, Oakland became an accredited doctoral granting university, and he oversaw the formation of several master's and doctorate programs, many of which continue to be offered today. Currently, administration of Oakland's graduate programs is returning to a central mode in the appointment of David Downing as interim vice provost for graduate education and academic administration.

Johnson hopes to raise awareness of and support for graduate studies, which he says remains a sector of continuing

and critical importance for Oakland, "not only in terms of its accounting for nearly a quarter of our student body, but also its role in maintaining and enhancing the quality of our undertaking overall."

To help cultivate graduate studies and strengthen programming and research opportunities for graduate students, Johnson and his wife decided to make a gift to OU and enlist the support of others to follow their lead. The G. Philip Johnson & Marvel M. Proton Charitable Trust was established in 1999 to provide aid for student research projects, stipend enhancement, and special departmental needs in graduate education. Grant awards for the endowment will be made by Downing in consultation with Provost Virinder Moudgil.

The Johnsons are also calling on other faculty, alumni and friends to support graduate studies at Oakland. "Our purpose in all of this is obviously to provide help to areas close to my heart. It is also to help give the graduate sector a more prominent place in the Oakland sun," Johnson says. ●



G. Philip Johnson, former chair of the Department of Mathematics and dean of the Graduate School, and his wife, Marvel, established a charitable trust to provide aid for student research projects, stipend enhancement and other departmental needs in graduate education.



The Johnsons' constant companion, Boito.

Dedicated group of OU alumni and friends step up to lead

Members of the President's Campaign Council (PCC) gathered at Meadow Brook Hall on April 18. The group is comprised of distinguished alumni and friends who provide philanthropic leadership, guidance and support to Oakland University and its various schools, colleges and programs throughout the university's five-year capital campaign. The PCC's focus during the campaign is to raise leadership gifts for OU. ●



Members pictured are: (back row, left to right) David Baker Lewis*, chairman of the board of Lewis & Munday, PC.; Walter Young, consultant; David Fischer, president of The Suburban Collection; Gary Russi, president of Oakland University; Joan Rosen, retired OU English emeritus professor; Kenneth Rogers, deputy county executive for Oakland County and executive director of Automation Alley; Gary Pilibosian*, president and CEO of Microbeat, Inc.; Ron A. May, senior vice president, DTE Energy; (front row, left to right) Susan Davies Goepf, vice president for University Relations; Janet Bennett*, consultant; Dennis Pawley*, chairman and CEO of Pawley Enterprises, LLC; Maggie Allesee, retired teacher and journalist; Stephan Sbarf, president of Sbarf International Consulting Association; Frederick Adams, chairman, Northern Trust Bank. *OU Alumnus



Sue Cischke, SECS '76, Ford Motor Company

In the driver's seat

OU alums make list of top 100 women in auto business

By Tom Schram

They are the corporate leaders. They make the tough decisions. They give the significant input. And they are women.

Last fall, *Automotive News* published its second listing of the 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry. These top leaders in the automotive field work for a variety of companies and come from a number of places — including Oakland University.

We profile here three of these women — Sue Cischke, Marianne Fey and Carolyn Woznicki. All are smart, engaging and driven — and proud alumnae of OU. ■

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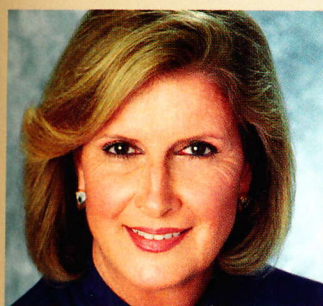


Marianne Fay, CAS '80, McCann-Erickson



Carolyn Woznicki, MBA '91, Johnson Controls Inc.

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Bette Walker



Jan Bertsch



Susan Kampe

Bette Walker, Jan Bertsch and Susan Kampe, although not alumnae of OU, are all also part of the Oakland University family and were among those named to the prestigious *Automotive News* list. Bette Walker, vice president and chief information officer at Delphi Corporation, serves on the School of Business Administration (SBA) Board of Visitors, providing guidance and input; Jan Bertsch, vice president, sales

and marketing finance, for DaimlerChrysler, serves as OU's executive sponsor at her company, acting as a primary contact and OU advocate within the corporation's executive staff; and Susan Kampe, vice president and general manager of informational technology at Johnson Controls, Inc., served on the OU Foundation Board of Directors and currently serves on the SBA Board of Visitors.



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Breaking down barriers

By Tom Schram

Susan Cischke tells a story about her nephew's first visit to the Chrysler Proving Grounds when she directed that facility in the 1990s.

"His name is Brad, and he was about 5 years old at the time. After a marathon tour of the grounds and all the test tracks, I truly thought he was impressed by the work I was doing. He inspected my corner office, and then began searching the area with a confused look on his face. 'Aunt Sue,' he asked, 'Where does the man boss sit?'"

Cischke, SECS '76, now vice president of environmental and safety engineering for Ford Motor Company, can look back and laugh at the incident, but not at the issue. While she is adamant that things have improved for women since she broke into the automobile industry some 25 years ago, she believes equality is a journey, not a destination.

"The culture sometimes does not encourage women," she says. "The automotive industry is still very much male-dominated. Things are not as blatant as when I first started. Now I think it's much more subtle, but sometimes just as damaging because there are micro-inequities where people are slighting you and you don't feel part of the team. And it's so important that we break those barriers down."

Cischke grew up in Harper Woods, did well in math and the sciences in high school and chose Oakland University because of its reputation and faculty. She didn't know much about engineering and she says she lacked confidence coming out of high school despite a sparkling GPA.

"I was very fortunate that when I went through the orientation at Oakland, there was a counselor there who said, 'Why don't you try some of the engineering courses?' That was great advice."

It's advice that she tries to pass on.

"That's something that I try to share with young women in school. Don't block off things because you don't know very much about them. Have confidence in your own abilities."

Her own abilities have taken her to the top level of her company where she oversees issues that are on the cutting edge of the industry. She has also stayed involved with her alma mater, currently serving as co-chair of the university's comprehensive Capital Campaign, "Innovation and Opportunity."

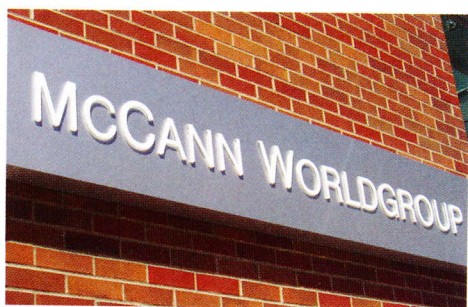
"Safety innovation is a pillar of what we're doing at Ford," she says. "It's really an exciting time to be in this job when fuel economy is also so important, and the environment and safety are top priorities for us."

And she's even won over her nephew, Brad.

"Several years later he had to write a paper on who he admired and his big hero at the time was Michael Jordan. So he said to me, 'I was going to write about Michael Jordan but I decided to write about my Aunt Sue because she proved to me that women can be just as good as men,'" she says with a smile.

The boss, Brad has learned, is not always the man boss. ■

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All about automobiles By Tom Schram

Marianne Fey does not adjust carburetors, manufacture accessories or work the sales floor at a dealership.

But ask the executive vice president and group managing director for the giant marketing and advertising agency McCann-Erickson what she does for a living and she'll tell you it's all about autos.

"I consider myself in the car business. The car business first and advertising second," she says. "I love the car business. I just do."

It is a matter of her environment and her history, she says. And when the subject came up when she interviewed for her first advertising position in the automotive field she explained it this way.

"Someone asked me 'Why is it that we should believe that you're interested in and know about cars?' And I said, 'Because I was born and raised here because I live cars.'"

Fey, CAS '80, grew up loving cars in Detroit's eastern suburbs. At an early age, she became aware of the connection between the automobile industry and families in southeast Michigan. "My father was a builder," she says. "And if the car business wasn't doing well, my father didn't get to build as many houses that year."

She arrived at Oakland University in 1976. When she graduated four years later with a degree in communication arts, Fey hit a roadblock.

"Check the business environment in 1980," she says. "It was horrific. I could not find a job and I took a job with an employment agency. I thought 'what better place to be working than an employment agency when you're looking for a good job.'"

She was right. Soon after starting at the agency, Fey got

that first advertising interview and was hired to open a Detroit field office for an advertising agency based in Albuquerque, N.M. After rising to president and building the agency into a major company in 10 years, the agency was sold to McCann-Erickson, a global leader in advertising and marketing.

"There was trepidation (after the sale) and I struggled for about two years," she says. "But then I kind of hit a stride and realized the huge advantages of working for a large organization. Now I love it."

The feeling is clearly mutual as Fey has become a key cog in the worldwide advertising machine that is McCann-Erickson. She also contributes to her alma mater as former chair of OU Alumni Association and current chair of the College of Arts and Sciences advisory board. Her husband, John Miller, is also close to OU, currently serving as chair of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery advisory board.

And while Fey may not be able to expound on the intricacies of intake manifolds, EGR valves or rack and pinion steering, she knows her business and why she's so passionate about it.

"I like the car business because I love cars," she says. "I like car dealers because they tell it like it is. Car dealers know when something works and something doesn't work. It usually isn't clouded by politics or any other kind of chaos. It's all about when business is good, things are good. When business is bad, we need to go back to the drawing board and fix it. It's all about the sale. It's so simple."

And for this advertising executive, it's always simply been a matter of being part of Detroit's economic base — the automobile. ■

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Marianne Fey always knew she wanted to be in the automotive business and as a top level executive for McCann-Erickson working on the GM advertising account, she's right where she wants to be.





Carolyn Woznicki, who attributes her professional successes to a strong work ethic, has become adept at juggling family, career — and a lot of travel.

Photo by: Doug Edmunds



Just in time By Tom Schram

Time — and timing — is of the essence for Carolyn Woznicki.

As for time, there is just not enough of it. As global vice president of procurement and supply chain at Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI), for the Building Efficiency group and a mother of three young boys, every hour is important.

"If there were 48 hours in a day, that would be a good thing because then I could spend the right amount of time with my family," she says.

In her meteoric rise to the top management level at Johnson Controls, Woznicki, MBA '91, has gotten the job done, but always kept her priorities in order.

"Every day is a challenge to try to fit in everything," she says. "But if there is a day that I need to be at a school conference, that's where I will be. So you just have to be flexible enough to figure all that out."

She's good at that. After graduating from Redford Union High School, she had aspirations to go to law school, but she chose General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) instead because of its good reputation and because she could work her way through school there. She then moved to Oakland University, taking classes in the evenings and earning her MBA in 1991. She spent some time looking at her options and eventually made the auto industry her career choice. She came to love it.

That's where the timing comes in. After nearly two decades of steady promotion at GM, she took what she describes as a "measured risk" and moved to JCI in 1998.

"It was one of the toughest decisions I had to make in my life," she says. "But my view was that GM's market share

was declining, that they needed to do some structural downsizing to compete globally and that all of those things were going to cause the company to shrink. I thought that my opportunities to grow in my profession would be greater if I was with a company that was growing."

She was right and her upward path at JCI has been mercurial. Woznicki attributes her rise to plain old hard work. "I have a pretty strong work ethic and I want to work hard at doing the right thing," she says.

Her latest promotion forced a move from Detroit to JCI Building Efficiency headquarters in Milwaukee, Wis. Time with her family is even more precious — she spends every weekend as a commuter mom. It's worth the trip.

"The boys are pretty happy when I come home on Friday nights," she says.

Woznicki is in the process of relocating to the Milwaukee area and will move this spring, ending her days as a frequent flyer.

What will not end is the dilemma presented by days with only 24 hours in them. Woznicki believes that equilibrium is the key.

"I feel that this is really an individual issue and I'm sure there are some individuals who can't get it all done," she says. "I feel in my case I strike a pretty good balance."

And as for the future, Woznicki plans to keep applying the same formula that has worked so well for her thus far.

"Time is precious, but I'm going to keep plugging away." ■

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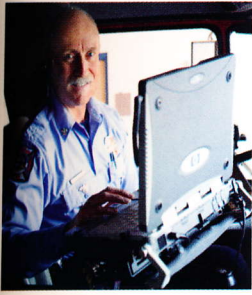
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Fire chief uses management skills to keep communities safe By Tim Moran

Back when Gregory Walterhouse, SBA '77, decided on his business management and human resources

major he knew this much: that no matter where and how far his career would take him from his service station job as a tire buster, the wheels he was ultimately looking to put in motion were going to take him to where people most needed him.

Today, tens of thousands of local residents owe their well-being and (in some cases) their lives to Walterhouse's journey — to the teams of specialists he has assembled, encouraged, trained and led during a career of more than 28 years as a Rochester Hills firefighter. He spent his last three years with the department as fire chief.

New bells and whistles

Retired from Rochester Hills last year, the 52-year-old Walterhouse turned right around and accepted a 2005 offer to become fire chief in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. The slower pace put him more one-on-one with his crew, something that burgeoning Rochester Hills had grown past. It was an important reconnect.

"Being in Mt. Pleasant has given me an opportunity with a smaller department, which has allowed me to work closer with the people. I try to get out on some incidents and go with my staff to some of the training," Walterhouse says. "I'm not the kind of manager who likes staying behind the desk all the time. You've got to get out there with your people to stay in touch with what's going on."

He's the kind of fire chief who will grab a towel to help wipe down an engine that's just returned from a fire run.

Hooks, ladders and leadership

"They know you're not requiring them to do anything you wouldn't do, and they still feel confident that the chief has the skills to get out there and do the job if that needs to happen," Walterhouse adds. "If you want to be an

effective manager of people, you can't let yourself get out of touch with what your staff faces everyday."

At the same time, it's clear he took notes in college, employing skills in analyzing organizational behavior, using information technology and applying OU-taught management theory. His instructors seem to have come from the same bolt as Walterhouse.

"The most important thing is many of my professors were working in the fields that they taught. They brought these real-world experiences to the classroom, and as they were teaching theories they could also give you examples of where they had applied them," he says. "It wasn't just theory, they knew how it worked in practice."

Answering the calls

Leaving the Rochester area to take on his new role has been hard for Walterhouse; among other reasons because it takes him away from friendly competition with the fire department of Auburn Hills, headed by his brother, Mark Walterhouse. But the challenge of helping improve public safety for another community makes up for the move, he says. Like the tires he once put on the road, his outlook is always toward the long haul still ahead. The chief's philosophy for that distance though is best described as life affirming.

"I've been of the opinion that you should learn something every day. When you're not learning something, it's not because there's nothing new to learn; it's because you've lost touch. In public safety, we're constantly learning. The technology and practice is always changing. We always hope that, as good a job as we may have done on the last call, the next time is better." ■

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Gregory Walterhouse, SBA '77, has spent more than 28 years in public service, using his management skills to build teams and keep communities safe.

GAVEL TO GAVEL SUPPORTER

Judge rules in favor of his alma mater



By Alice Rhein

Judge Leo Bowman, 51, hasn't worn his Oakland University class ring for a long time now. It's not that he has distanced himself from the university. In fact, the lifelong Pontiac resident is the current chair of the Oakland University Alumni Association board of directors, serves on the advisory board of the political science department and is constantly available to students considering a future at Oakland.

No, the reason he no longer wears the diamond-stud class ring is that its prongs are loose, and Bowman doesn't want to risk losing it before he can find the time to get it repaired.

"I've worn it everyday for so long, the prongs are all worn down," teases Bowman, CAS '76, chief judge of the 50th District Court in Pontiac.

Finding time hasn't been easy. A judge for 18 years, Bowman was elected to the 50th District court in 1988, and re-elected in 1994 and 2000. In 1998, he was appointed Chief Judge.

Scared smart

And then, there's the kids. Bowman's commitment to representing what's right extends beyond the walls of the courthouse, and he has often opened his courtroom to local schools in an effort to show youngsters justice in action. On those occasions, he makes sure there are traffic cases, alcohol- and drug-related offenses and robbery cases to make school-age children really think about their choices.

"We believe here at the 50th that we are a teaching tool. We hope we can help students avoid these mistakes," he says.

Some lessons of his own

Bowman is no stranger to the difficulties of high school pressure. Though he's proud to have attended both Pontiac Northern and Pontiac Central, he actually graduated from Pontiac's alternative school because, as he puts it, he had trouble avoiding the temptation of skipping classes after lunch.

Still, he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class, and was all set to go to Valparaiso in Indiana when he got his letter of acceptance from OU. "I dropped all plans of going away to come here," he says.

Yet in his first semester living in Oakland's Vandenberg Hall with roommates, he knew the temptation of campus life outside studying was too great for him, so he packed up and moved back home.

"I often say that it was a crucial decision to commute. Over the next four years, I grew so much academically. It gave me the foundation for graduate school and law school. Oakland made everything I've accomplished since possible," says Bowman, who earned his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School, served as legal adviser to the Pontiac City Council and was its deputy city attorney before being elected to the court.

He has also initiated several programs in Pontiac that work to decrease domestic abuse and increase drug awareness, and is hopeful that his city is on the right track to meet its current economic and social challenges.

"What I like to share with young people is that they have got to be flexible. Even the best plans take detours," he adds.

Taking it to other streets

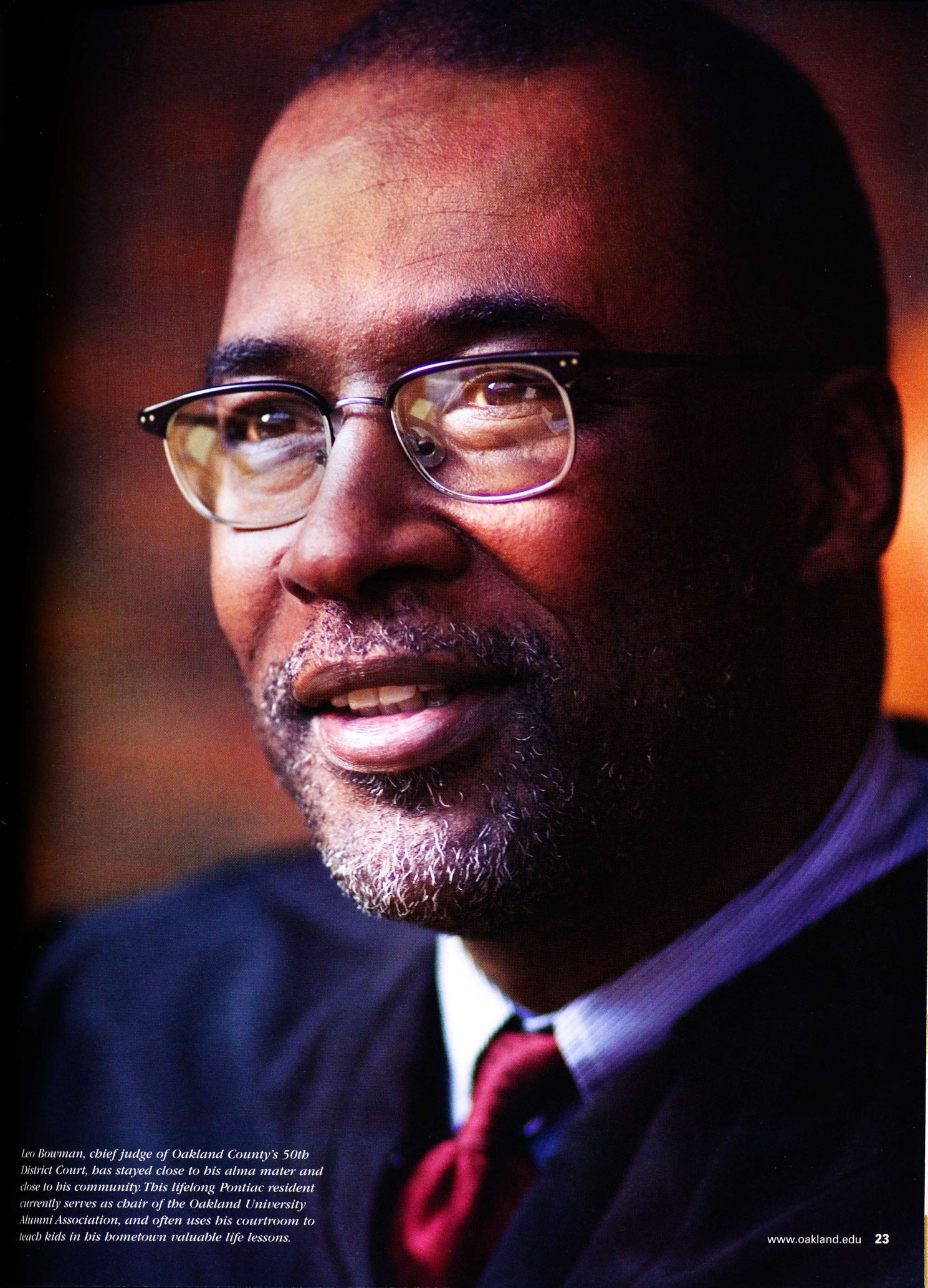
Speaking of going in different directions, Bowman, who has probably heard his share of bull in his courtroom over the years, decided last year to run with them — bulls that is — in Pamplona, Spain.

"In that plaza standing there with about 10,000 other people, it was like nothing I'd ever experienced. I remember thinking if life can get any better than this I couldn't handle it. Other than the birth of my children, it was one of the highest points of life," says Bowman, who is married to Clara, an emergency room nurse. They have three sons — Leo Jr., a Michigan State graduate; David, a Florida State graduate; and Kendal, a junior at the University of Michigan — and one grandchild, Cailey Madison.

Away from those castles in Spain but just as heady in its own right, Bowman looks back on his decision to attend OU as a pivotal point in his life. "It is such a phenomenal thing that given its size, OU can constantly deliver a high level of academics," he says. "It allows students to dream those big dreams. That has sure been true of me."

Broken prongs aside, OU couldn't ask for a better ring bearer. ■

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Leo Bowman, chief judge of Oakland County's 50th District Court, has stayed close to his alma mater and close to his community. This lifelong Pontiac resident currently serves as chair of the Oakland University Alumni Association, and often uses his courtroom to teach kids in his hometown valuable life lessons.

Shortchanged

Are teachers underestimating
small boys? By Liz Lent

It's an iconic image — a small child heading off for his or her first day of school. As that child steps through the classroom doors, letting go of a parent's hand for the first time, he will be met with a world of new challenges — making friends, being away from home, meeting teachers and most importantly, learning how to learn. For too many young boys, these challenges are compounded by a seemingly inconsequential matter: their height.

Smaller boys often are the recipient of academic bias based solely on their size, say Oakland University Educational Leadership Professor Julia Smith and co-researcher and past student Professor Nancy Niemi, Nazerth College. Their recent paper, *Body Size and Teacher Bias: Exploring Teacher Ability and Perceptions of Short Boys at the Start of School*, explored data from more than 10,000 kindergarten age boys and uncovered a troubling trend indicating that smaller boys are held back and deemed unprepared for academic advancement far more frequently than their taller, physically larger counterparts — often regardless of their actual academic abilities.

“Both girls and boys are subject to gendered expectations from school adults, and both suffer consequences as a result of these expectations,” says Smith. Just as past research has suggested that overweight girls are perceived negatively, so too, are boys who do not fit society's preconceived notions about what a boy should look like. “Boys are being kept out of (the higher grades) until they're big enough, not smart enough,” she says.

Perception is reality

Smith and Niemi took their data from a national study that looked at 21,399 children at the start of kindergarten in 1998. They began looking for unusual relationships among key data points and soon found a correlation between the academic assessments of kindergartner boys under the national height average of 44.58 inches. While teachers believed that many of these students



were performing at a sub-par level, actual test scores showed that the boys actually were doing better than their instructors thought. "There was no relationship between height and performance at the beginning of kindergarten, but there was at the end," Smith says. The researchers found that the differences in teacher perceptions of achievement versus the actual achievement were pronounced enough to be noticed by the child — and to impact performance.

"This research has anecdotal support," says Smith.

"When teachers give reasons for holding a child back in kindergarten, the most common rationale is immaturity. Teachers are looking at boys and saying they're not big enough."

While a slow start in school may seem inconsequential, in truth, it can have a startling impact on a child's future success or failure. "We've followed these kids through third grade," says Smith of the study, which is ongoing. "By the end of kindergarten, they're learning down to the teacher's expectations. And studies show that students who get held back in kindergarten are three times more likely to drop out of high school."

A cultural stumbling block

This attitude toward smaller boys is most likely cultural bias, something that has arisen through society's deeply ingrained perceptions more than anything else.

"There's the expectation that big equals good for boys," Smith says. "When they don't measure up to that, all sorts of determinations arise. Our society has never challenged itself over our gender perceptions of males."

Parents and teachers need to be aware that this can become an issue in any classroom, no matter how well meaning the instructor may be. "We have to look carefully at the kind of judgments teachers are making," Smith says. "And parents have to be willing to challenge them. Teachers will make arguments about bullying and sports, that things are unsafe for smaller children, but that's not true. Keeping a child out of school until he's bigger is detrimental."

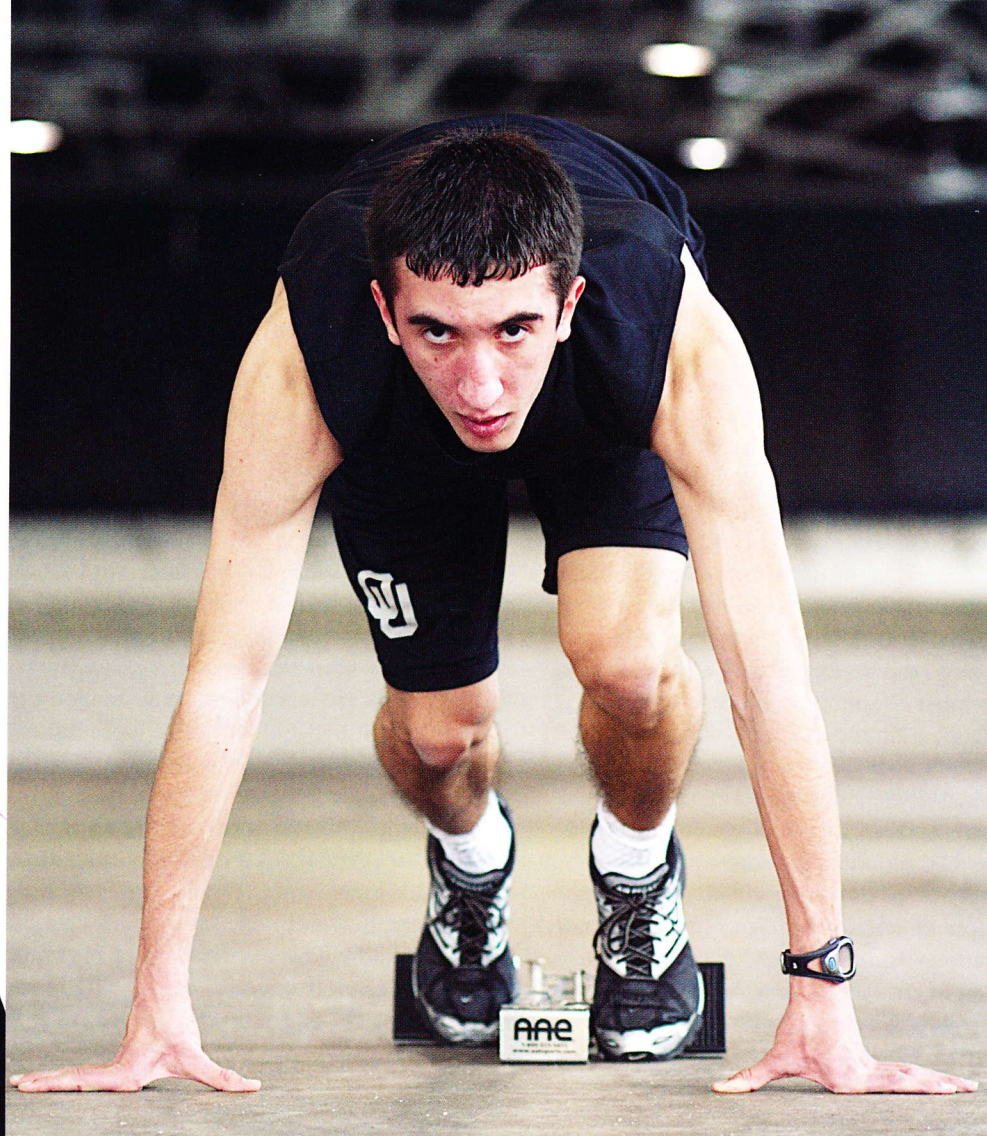
Taking the guesswork out of student preparedness can help. "We have to reduce the areas where personal expectations are being applied," Smith says. "We have to train teachers to use specific, non-judgmental criteria. With accurate, reliable assessments, chances are better that a child will be recognized for his understanding and nothing else."

And very often, a level playing field is all a child needs to succeed. ■

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Freshman sprinter Joe Goike gets ready to run. Goike thought he'd have to bang up his cleats when he chose OU, but arrived just in time for the university's first track season.



UP AND RUNNING

**OU jump starts a new
Track and Field program** By Tim Moran

Paul Rice may be the happiest NCAA Division I coach in **Michigan**: Before the first starter's pistol was fired this season, Oakland University's varsity track program had already won big while still in the blocks. That's because OU, which has long been a competitor in cross-country running, broad jumped in with both feet, officially adding outdoor track to the school's lineup.

The decision, made by the university's Athletics department last year, means that student athletes can now compete in sprinting, hurdling or closed-course running for the school. For Rice, an OU cross-country team member from 1990 to 1993, a coach three years later and head coach since 1997, the addition provided a finish line that he had been running toward from some distance.

"It's been something I've been working on for several years," he says. "The good thing is that we've got a pretty good core of athletes in place already with our cross-country program, a core we can build from."

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A fast start

He says for this year there are about 50 athletes competing for OU, with an anticipated 80 to 100 by the 2007 season. That's because southeastern Michigan is a hotbed of high school track activity with a large student talent pool to draw from. Rice anticipates that the new and expanding track program will bring academically and athletically accomplished students to the OU campus.

"There's a really nice mixture of athletes that come in for track. People don't realize it, but there's a lot of great youth track clubs in the southeastern Michigan area. In most sports today, running is part of the training and sometimes athletes from other sports fall in love with it — and that makes them candidates for track," Rice adds.

While there is a real emphasis on track in high schools, few students get the specialized training necessary

Distance runner Kim Schultz is captain of OU's cross-country team.



to make them outstanding in a particular event such as sprinting or hurdling. That's where OU's program can take raw talent and refine it. Rice says that specialized coaching in plyometrics (strength training) and agility training at OU will build on student interest and abilities to forge a team of dedicated athletes.

Fresh legs

"It's exciting to watch them make that transition from high school runner to having a full dedication to the sport," Rice says. Oakland's program has runners like freshman sprinter Joe Goike and senior distance runner Kim Schultz feeling fired up.

Schultz, an elementary education senior double majoring in social studies and language arts, is captain of the women's cross-country team. She runs the 5,000-meter and the 3,000-meter races, and says the track program brings the university more coaches who can help runners develop better form, specific muscle strengths and a better knowledge of athleticism for life. "For me, as a runner, I now feel we have the complete package," she says.

Goike, who came to OU from metro-area Stevenson High School, can't believe his good luck to have arrived on campus just as the team was forming. He was a skilled 400- and 800-meter runner who chose OU for its program in physical therapy even though he thought it meant hanging up his cleats.

"Coming out of high school, I thought I wouldn't be able to compete any more. I was so happy to find that OU was putting together a track team," he says. "I'm looking forward to seeing some of my high school coaches at a couple of our meets."

Heading for home

While OU doesn't yet have facilities to house the track program, meets will be held at venues close enough for supporters to be able to see their team in action and training will take place at nearby high school facilities. Rice anticipates that the track program, with the eventual addition of field events like throwing, shot put and jumps, could account for one-quarter of all athletes on campus. The interest is certainly there.

"I've had to turn away probably five to 10 athletes this year who are already on campus and wanted to be part of field events. We'll probably add field events next year," says Rice.

In the meantime, there's more than enough excitement this spring as the newly minted program takes its first running steps. "The fact that we aren't familiar faces will actually get us noticed in a big way," says Schultz. "That, and we've got the big Golden Grizzly on the front of our singlets!" ■

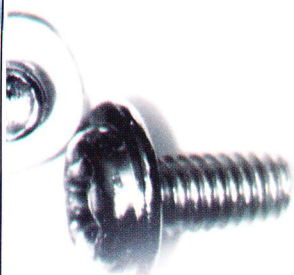
For more on OU's track team, log on to www.ougrizzlies.com

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Fascinated by *fasteners*

One-of-a-kind research institute takes on unique engineering challenges **By Tom Schram**



FAJRI founding director and OU associate professor of engineering Sayed Nassar (left) with Ph.D. engineering student Ali Alkelani at the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant near Monroe, Mich. FAJRI was called upon last summer to solve a problem with a bolted joint that had shut down the reactor for several weeks. Inset: Nassar with U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, who visited FAJRI in April. Nassar is holding a model of a human spine to illustrate on-going FAJRI research on the special titanium screws used in spine and neck surgeries.

Most people don't spend much time thinking about nuts and bolts. But in the engineering building on Oakland University's campus, there's a lab on the first floor where a small, intensely dedicated group of students and professors spend their days analyzing nuts, bolts, joints and just about any other type of fastener you can imagine.

Why? Because pretty much everything is connected by some kind of mechanism or adhesive. You just don't think about it unless it fails. And that's where the experts and students at OU's Fastening and Joining Research Institute (FAJRI) enter the picture.

A unique and critical educational outlet, FAJRI is a one-of-a-kind academic, nonprofit research facility dedicated solely to the fastening and joining of materials. The institute is cutting new inroads into an engineering area that most outside of the field never give a second thought.

"At the beginning, nobody comprehended it," says FAJRI founding director and OU associate professor of engineering Sayed Nassar. "Who needs an institute about nuts and bolts? Like the dean said, 'I thought I knew what there was to know about nuts and bolts.' But there is a bolt or assembly in almost every product. And depending on how critical the product is, the criticality of that bolt or joint or the consequence of the bolt coming loose will become important."

Think airplane. Think spinal surgery. Think power plant.

Congressional connections

Early this decade, Nassar started working to convince the federal government that a project like FAJRI had important military, governmental and commercial applications. With the help of several congressmen and both Michigan senators, a line item for the institute was placed in the federal budget, and in 2003 FAJRI was born. This past February, Nassar traveled to Washington, D.C., with a \$6.9 million proposal to fund the institute in 2007.

Now FAJRI, which is part of the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), is comprised of Nassar, about 10 contributing professors and a like number of students, almost all of whom are Ph.D. candidates. When they complete their doctorates, they will emerge from the institute immediately ready to put their uniquely marketable skills to work in corporate, governmental and academic settings. FAJRI students and faculty take a systemic approach to the myriad of engineering problems associated with fasteners.

"What causes fastener failure is not only the fastener," Nassar explains. "There are many, many issues. If you have the best quality fastener but you have a poorly designed joint, the bolt is going to come loose eventually. So you have to look at the whole system."

Nassar said the institute's work could be divided into four distinct areas: Nuts and bolts, rivets, welding and adhesive bonding of similar or dissimilar materials. The institute's work has plenty of commercial applications and works closely with DaimlerChrysler Corporation, a company that has been a longtime supporter of FAJRI. The aid has been reciprocal.

In tight with industry

FAJRI recently filed a joint application with DaimlerChrysler for a patent on an assembly tool that sends ultrasound waves through a bolt on an assembly line. The tool determines when the bolt is connected with the proper force or torque. FAJRI was also called upon to study the reliability of a lug nut tightening strategy for Jeep Liberty before it went into mass production to reduce the potential for premature wearing of rotor and brake pads.

The institute has collaborated with DaimlerChrysler, General Electric, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research and Development Engineering Center (TARDEC) on the issue of ultrasonic control of bolt tightening.

Such real-world applications make the relationship a win-win situation for the institute and the company, says John Felice, SECS '76, vice president for manufacturing technology and global enterprise for DaimlerChrysler.

"The institute has helped us both on developing technology and actually using it in industrial applications," he says. "There's always research for research's sake. The difference in this program is that we have actually created tools that we use in production."

When the Fermi 2 nuclear power plant near Monroe, Mich., was forced to shut down for several weeks last summer at a cost of \$1 million a day, FAJRI was called in.

"For the first time we saw a bolted joint solely responsible for shutting down a plant," Nassar says. "We brainstormed for the entire day about what could be wrong. You can't really go into the reactor. So we were in what was like a war room. They were updating things hour by hour."

Nassar took Ph.D. student Ali Alkelani with him to Fermi to help solve the problem. "I had to create a type of model of the problem joint in the FAJRI lab at Oakland. From there it was a matter of figuring out what was going wrong," says Alkelani. A solution to the problem was found and four days later, workers started bringing the Fermi reactor back online.

Uniquely qualified

Of course the mission of Oakland University is education and, to that end, preparing students to become highly qualified and productive engineers is the main goal.

Alkelani can attest to that.

"A lot of problems in the automobile industry are related to this area," he says. "In my research here, I get to work on many different projects. The main problem I'm working with now is the elastic interaction between fasteners and gaskets in bolted joints. That's why Professor Nassar took me with him to Fermi. I'm getting experience here — like the project with Fermi — that I wouldn't get anywhere else."

In sum, the Fastening and Joining Research Institute has become an integral part of the engineering world and Oakland University. It continues to grow in size and national reputation.

Even among those who don't find rivets all that riveting. ■

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2006 Alumni Awards Banquet

Honoring our finest

Mark your calendars for the 2006 Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 4, 2006, in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. Please join us as we recognize outstanding alumni and friends for their service to Oakland University and the community at large. This is always a special event, and a perfect time to remember how much of a difference one person can make. Watch your mailbox for details and an invitation in the coming weeks. ●

Batter up at Comerica Park



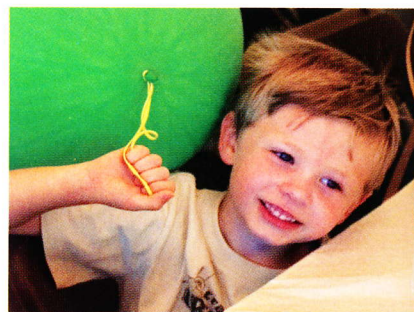
What better way to spend a beautiful summer evening than with your fellow Grizzlies, watching the Detroit Tigers take on the defending world champion Chicago White Sox? Bring your family and join us for the second annual OU Night at Comerica Park on Wednesday, August 23, a special evening set aside just for OU alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff. Wear your black and gold and get there early for a private pre-game reception in the Upper Deck

Lounge, starting at 5:30 p.m. Beginning in June, alumni and friends will have the opportunity to enter a raffle drawing featuring more than \$3,000 in prizes to be awarded at the pre-game reception. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or two for \$40 with all proceeds benefiting the OUAA Scholarship Fund.

Tickets to the Tigers game are \$15 per person. For more information and to print out your order form, visit the OUAA Web site at www.oualumni.com. ●

An event so nice we're doing it twice!

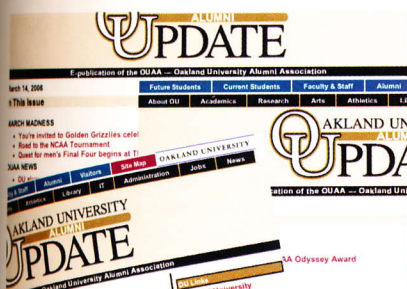
Last year's Family Festival proved to be such a hit that the OUAA is gearing up for another Festival this October, timed to coincide with Oakland University's annual Week of Champions. This family-friendly event for alumni, students and members of the OU and Rochester communities will feature games, food and entertainment for all ages. Check out www.oualumni.com for more details, coming soon! ●



Something "Wicked"

Dozens of lucky alumni will have something to smile about this June when they head to the Masonic Temple in Detroit to see the Broadway smash, "Wicked." Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) members were given the chance to purchase tickets early to this show, which sold out in hours. The Alumni Association was lucky to get this special offer for its members — one of many benefits available to Oakland University alumni.

If you would like to join OUAA and get this same red-carpet treatment, visit www.oualumni.com and fill out our online membership form. ●



Stay in touch

There's no better way to stay in touch with all the latest Grizzly news than through the OUAA e-newsletter. If you haven't already signed up, now is the time. Just send your e-mail address with the subject line: "Add to e-newsletter" to ouaa@oakland.edu. Soon, you'll be receiving up-to-the-minute information on alumni events, lectures and achievements. And that's the best news of all! ●

Alumni spoke, we listened

This past winter, the OUAA conducted an in-depth survey to get alumni ideas and feedback in an effort to learn how we can create an even better experience for our graduates and other members. More than 600 people participated in the survey, a terrific percentage that provided us with a significant sampling of data. As a special thank you, the OUAA office randomly selected five respondents to receive \$100 VISA gift cards. Congratulations to Michelle Denzer, SECS '04 of Burton, Mich.; Thomas Dick, SHS '85, of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Lanette Sessink, ME '93, of Olathe, Kan.; Larry Gustafson, MA '88, of Troy, Mich.; and Tracy Schweihofer, CAS '02, of Port Huron, Mich.

Survey results will be published this summer at www.oualumni.com. Be sure to come back and read them — they'll help shape the way OUAA serves you in the coming years. ●



Save a bundle...just for being a grad!

Now OUAA members, faculty and staff will be able to take advantage of the same great discounts OU students have enjoyed for years, thanks to the Future Alumni Network and the OU Communications and Marketing Department. Called the OU Community GO ("Golden Opportunity") Discount Card, this new program will debut in May and will provide valuable savings at numerous retailers, restaurants and service providers throughout Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills and Pontiac. More than 40 merchants currently are involved in the program, which was designed to build close ties between OU students and the local business community.

As part of the program, OUAA members, faculty and staff will be issued easy-to-carry reference cards listing participating businesses. Either the GO cards or OUAA membership cards must be shown at each store to take advantage of the discounts. For complete information, visit www.oakland.edu/gocard. ●

Shop with Grizzlies pride

Few things are better than shopping, unless, of course, it's shopping to benefit the students of Oakland University. Coming soon, the OUAA will introduce a new and improved affinity credit card program, open to all OU graduates and friends. Available through the MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU), the card will provide valuable support for student scholarships and alumni programs at Oakland.

"We are very proud to introduce the new Oakland University affinity card through the MSUFCU," says Leo Bowman, OUAA board of directors chair. "The MSUFCU has been a long-time partner of OU, supporting us on everything from the OUAA

Scholarship Fund to our annual golf outings. This card is another important chapter in what we hope will be a long and healthy future between our two organizations."

As part of the new program, there will be an added gift incentive to switch to the new MSUFCU affinity card, along with new card designs — it's one-stop shopping for Grizzlies supporters! The MSUFCU is located at 3265 Five Points Drive in Auburn Hills, Mich., right next to the OU campus. So watch your mailbox, OUAA e-newsletters and the future OUAA Web site at www.oualumni.com for the start of this exciting new program. ●

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For those who have received a degree from OU.

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Two graduates return as OUAA's newest board members

This spring, the OUAA Board of Directors welcomed Dr. Lisa Flynn, CAS '89, and Adam Kochenderfer, CAS '02, as its two newest members.



Dr. Lisa Flynn



Adam Kochenderfer

After graduating from Oakland University with a degree in biochemistry, Flynn went on to medical school at Wayne State University.

She has worked at the Detroit Medical Center and St. John Hospital and recently returned from her second tour of duty using her skills as a vascular and trauma surgeon to save lives in Iraq. As a supporter of the College of Arts and Sciences, Flynn has returned to campus numerous times to take part in panel discussions and career talks for the department of chemistry and also participated in a recent International Women's Day lecture series.

An active participant in campus activities as a student, Adam Kochenderfer plans to continue that trend as an OUAA board member. After earning degrees in political science and English from OU, Kochenderfer received his law degree from the University of Michigan. The recipient of an OUAA Scholarship, he hopes to work toward increasing membership in the association and creating more opportunities for students at OU. Kochenderfer is also a member of the Detroit Economic Club. ●



Dinner with your fellow alumni

One of the best things about Oakland University is the friendliness of its people. The Future Alumni Network (FANS) has made getting to know all these friendly folk a lot easier with their new Dinner with a Dozen Grizzlies program. The dinner is based on a simple idea: alumni volunteer to host an evening meal in their homes for students, faculty and fellow graduates, providing an ideal opportunity for networking and good conversation. Two dinners already have taken place with great success, and the Future Alumni Network is looking for eager OUAA members willing to take on hosting duties. If you would like to learn more or volunteer, send an e-mail to fans@oakland.edu. ●

Interactive alumni Web site coming soon!

The OU Alumni Association is launching an interactive alumni Web site this summer that will connect you to alumni friends, jobs, events and more. The site will also make it easy to connect to other OU alumni through "blind e-mail!" You can keep in touch with friends around the world through the searchable alumni directory; post your business card, your resume and employment opportunities; view online class notes and photos; update your records; search job openings and much more!

To connect to the Alumni Online Community you need an ID number, which we have included on your mailing label on the back of this magazine. Look for the ID number after the # sign and before the ///s directly above your name. You will use this number and your last name to securely login as a "First Time User."

Save the mailing label on this magazine and watch the alumni Web site (www.oualumni.com) for more information on the exact launch date and login details or send an e-mail to ouaa@oakland.edu and you will be notified when we launch the Alumni Online Community. You can also call Linda Oliver in Alumni Relations at (248) 364-6138 with questions. ●

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Holmes Rolston III

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The inaugural Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society was held on campus in March. Invited speaker, Holmes Rolston III, distinguished professor of philosophy at Colorado State University and a distinguished visiting professor of bioethics at Yale University, discussed "Challenges in Environmental Ethics." His lecture provided a deeper look at the new and pressing issues of environmental ethics, including the responsibilities we have toward other people, the ecosystem and the earth. The Burke Lecture was made possible by a gift from professor emeritus Richard Burke, who wanted to encourage philosophical discussion on campus and provide students with opportunities to take part in thought-provoking dialogue with influential scholars and thinkers.

The lecture complemented the College of Arts and Sciences' 2005-2006 program theme of "Environmental Explorations." Other program events included a presentation from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., on politics and the environment, and an educational trip to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park.

SBA

The School of Business Administration continues to demonstrate its responsiveness to helping students easily retool their career paths. The SBA has announced a redesign to the Certified Financial Planning (CFP) program, streamlining the curriculum from seven required courses to five.

Topics from all seven courses will continue to be covered in the five classes, allowing students to complete the program quicker and save tuition dollars. Even before the curriculum change, Oakland's program was widely recognized as among the most efficient and concise in the area, providing students with the core knowledge they need for a career in financial planning.

Students who complete the program will be awarded a Certificate in Personal Financial Planning. Qualified program graduates are also eligible to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination. For more information about the Certified Financial Planning Program or CFP test prep programs, please contact Carrie King in the SBA's Center for Executive and Continuing Education, (248) 370-3128.



Aiyesha Ma (left), who participated in UnCoRe as a graduate student, with professors Isbwar Sethi (center) and Fatma Mili.

SECS

The National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health awarded the School of Engineering and Computer Science three grants to support student research, with an emphasis on helping women and minorities. The grants support three 10-week summer research programs that will enroll a total of 31 students (23 undergraduates and eight graduates) under the mentorship of OU faculty. The Undergraduate Computer Research Program (UnCoRe), now in its fifth year, focuses on topics in intelligent information engineering. Undergraduates accepted into the Automotive Research and Industrial Mentorship Program will conduct research in the areas of fluid mechanics, heat transfer and thermody-

namics. And the Summer Institute in Bioengineering and Health Informatics (SIBHI) will immerse undergraduates and graduates in research, led by an interdisciplinary group of OU faculty.

Students were selected through an application process, and admitted students will receive a stipend to support them during their research. More information about the research programs can be found at www.oakland.edu/secs.

SEHS

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) recently recognized the School of Education and Human Services for its development and implementation of a gender equity assessment tool for student teachers. The AACTE awarded OU its 2006 Best Practice Award for Gender Equity, bringing national attention to SEHS.

OU's gender equity program began in 1996 with the implementation of the Gender Equity Observation Form (GEOF) in the elementary education program. The purpose of GEOF is to raise awareness about gender equity issues before student teachers set foot in a classroom. The program encourages gender-fair teaching by making student teachers aware of the attention they give to boys and girls through instruction, praise, questioning and verbal criticism, as well as their proximity to students. The AACTE award was officially given to OU in February at the awards ceremony of the AACTE's 58th Annual Meeting and Exhibits in San Diego, Calif.

SHS

A new Master of Science in Safety Management (MSSM) degree will be offered this fall through the School of Health Sciences' Occupational Safety and Health Program. A cooperative program between SHS and the School of Business Administration, this two-year program is designed to provide students with the business analytical skills necessary for making sound management decisions related to occupational safety, health and environmental issues in the workplace.

The curriculum is flexible enough to accommodate students coming from a

variety of undergraduate programs, such as business, engineering or human resources development. It includes 17 credits in health sciences courses and 15 credits in business administration courses.

The program will begin accepting students for the fall 2006 semester. For more information, contact Charles McGlothlin, director of the Occupational Safety and Health Program, at (248) 370-2664.

SON

OU's School of Nursing has developed a new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree that will be available in fall 2006. OU will be the first university in Michigan to offer this unique degree. The program, made possible by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, will prepare nurses for leadership positions as professors in academic institutions, administrators in health care systems, policy makers in government and entrepreneurs in the health care industry. For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/nursing.

HC

Oakland University's chapter of Amnesty International, which has three Honors College students on its executive team, held a Faith in Action Death Penalty Discussion in February. The purpose of the discussion was to create an open forum for both students and professors to share opinions on the death penalty and the role one's faith may play in these opinions. Honors College Director Jude Nixon and political science Professor Pat Piskulich attended the discussion, and the group engaged in a lively conversation that examined both sides of the death penalty argument.

Approximately 100 OU students are members of the university's chapter of Amnesty International, which was started a year and a half ago. The group holds two to three events on campus each semester. ●

—Compiled by Amy Barker



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CAREER / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1960s

Jonathan Bensky, CAS '66, is serving as commercial minister-counselor at the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium.

Michael Chamberlain, CAS '68, retired from his position as president and CEO of SunGard SCT in December.

Robert J. Deneweth, CAS '63, was recently awarded the prestigious Friend of Schools Award by the Macomb Intermediate School District for his work in leading United Way for Southeastern Michigan in Macomb County. His work was directed toward helping children and their families.



Martin Reisig, CAS '67, was named in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006* for *Alternative Dispute Resolution*. Reisig is a full-time mediator

who works to assist individuals and businesses in resolving conflicts. He serves as an adjunct professor of mediation at the University of Detroit-Mercy Law School, is immediate past president of the Board of Trustees of the nonprofit Oakland Mediation Center and a past chair of the Oakland County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

William Stamps, CAS '66, is a retired special education teacher and computer technician. He serves as his family's genealogist. He enjoys collecting classical/Spanish guitar music and loves to play on his Ramirez. He has lived in the mountains of Utah for nearly 30 years, spending part of the year in Broken Arrow, Okla.

1970s

Joe Ballor, CAS '77, associate editor at the *Daily Tribune* in Royal Oak, Mich., was honored in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2005 Editorial Contest. *Ballor's Diversions* entertainment section placed second in the "Best Entertainment/Features Section" category, competing against newspapers from across the nation. He is a musician in his spare time and recently recorded two songs for a pair of Hurricane Katrina relief CDs with his band, The Tones for the No Cover Label.



Susan Brakke, MA '76, retired from 35 years of teaching senior English at Waterford Mott High School and has now ventured into the foreign currency exchange business along with her sister. American Currency Exchange, located in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., buys and sells all major currencies for international travelers.

Sallylou (Rasmussen) Cloyd, SEHS '70, recently retired from her position as president and CEO of the South Oakland Credit Union after a 31-year tenure. While employed there, she successfully engineered the merger of SOC with the Macomb Schools and Government Credit Union. She and her husband have relocated to Virginia.

Elizabeth (Houdek) Cooper, SEHS '76, is serving as president of AACIS, a professional organization for those in the field of distance education, including curriculum and course development, student services and program administration. In February 2006, she will mark 26 years as a course designer for distance education at Ohio University.

Robert Coulton, CAS '75, was recently named the Environmental and Science Civilian community leader at the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. His office's mission is to attract, develop and sustain a diverse civilian environmental workforce that will meet the Department of Navy's evolving mission requirements.

William Horton, SEHS '71, retired from teaching high school theatre and English after 26 years. During that time, as director of theatre, he helped to develop a summer pre-professional music theatre program for gifted high school students called Class Act. During his tenure as theatre educator in Oregon, Horton served 10 years as secretary of the Oregon Theatre Arts Association and was on the board of directors for the Oregon chapter of the International Thespian Society. Before his final year as a teacher, he was named recipient of the 2004 Melba Day Sparks Memorial Award, a life achievement award for his contributions to educational theatre in Oregon. He credits his passion for theatre to Oakland University's Barn Theatre and his mentor MTD coordinator Thomas A. Aston. In retirement, Horton plans to enjoy travel, sailing, spending time with his two children, and the company of Sheila, his wife of 30 years. Theatre will continue as a part of his life, and he intends to seek relationships with commercial and community theatres in southern Oregon.

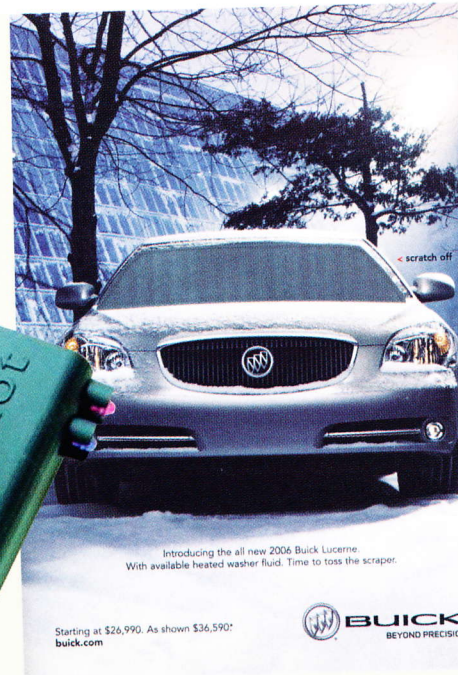
Bernard Kent, CAS '72, has been selected one of the nation's Top 100 Wealth Advisors by *Worth Magazine*. He is employed as partner and leader of personal financial services at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.



Leonard Kniffel, SEHS '70, recently published a travel memoir of his life in contemporary Poland and his journey into the life his grandmother had left behind when she relocated to the United States in 1913. The book, *A Polish Son in the Motherland*, is available in stores. Kniffel is the editor and publisher of *American Libraries*, the magazine of the American Library Association. He holds master's degrees in English and Library Science from Wayne State University. He now lives and works in Chicago, Ill.



Gary Pilibosian, ME '86, SECS '84, heads up Microheat, a company that's looking to make ice scrapers obsolete.



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The Big Thaw

Engineering alumnus markets a real icebreaker

It's a long way from analyzing armored tank treads in a basement laboratory to launching a product that promises to make ice scrapers obsolete for luxury car owners, but Gary Pilibosian, ME '86, SECS '84, has made that journey.

President and CEO of Microheat, Inc., Pilibosian heads a company whose product is featured on leading General Motors vehicles including the Cadillac DTS, the Buick Lucerne and GM's new line of sport-utility vehicles and trucks. The automotive giant relies on customer satisfaction to move these high-end vehicles, and Microheat's "HotShot" provides a feature drivers are sure to notice.

HotShot creates a precisely measured burst of heated windshield washer fluid and applies it in just the right volume, and over just the right time, to clear ice and frost from the windshield. The idea was patented by Israeli inventor Solomon Franco, but it took Pilibosian's engineering and automotive industry knowledge to bring it to the market.

"I really came in to help transition the company from a research firm to a Tier One automotive supplier, one that provides systems directly to the automotive manufacturers themselves," Pilibosian says.

To do that, he not only had to build manufacturing operations efficiently, but he also needed to work directly with design and manufacturing engineers around the world to help them see how HotShot devices could work smoothly with their newest car and truck plans.

"My job is working with the people doing the work — the engineers — to integrate our system," he says.

Like the vehicles his products go into, Pilibosian, 42, comes fully equipped for the job, a happy fact he credits in part to his engineering education at Oakland University. As a student, he worked with engineering professors including the late Joseph Hovanesian and Michael Y.Y. Hung on some of the newest analytical methods being used by automotive engineers at the time, including laser holograph and shearography, the science of analyzing stress in parts. He gained practical experience while working on a project the university was handling for TACOM, the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command, to analyze tank tread durability.

"I look at people from all over, and there really is no better engineering education anyone can get than from Oakland University," he says.

He'd know. In a career that has included stints at Sanden International, Robotic Production Technology, the Dan T. Moore Company and General Motors, Pilibosian has had plenty of opportunity to judge his contemporaries.

Although obviously global in its reach, Microheat, headquartered in Farmington Hills, Mich., is dedicated to keeping jobs and manufacturing in North America. The company employs 70 people and, using the lean manufacturing methods Pilibosian promotes, can build 3 million units per year in its existing facilities.

"We're doing the reverse of what the rest of the world seems to be doing; we're exporting from North America into Asia and the Far East," Pilibosian says of the company's reach.

Along the way he's also exporting that old fashioned American ethos: keeping up with the Joneses. As he points out, nobody buying a luxury car will feel happy wielding a scraper while their neighbor's car clears its own windshield. ■

By Tim Moran, a freelance writer from Grosse Pointe, Mich.

1970s *continue*

Michael Mansour, MAT '72, traveled to China last October as a volunteer for Earthwatch Institute (www.earthwatch.org) to research the Asiatic Black Bear in Schwan.

Christopher Reggio, SEHS '79, has been appointed book publisher for T.F.H. Publications, America's leading publisher of pet care titles. Prior to joining T.F.H., he was associate publisher of Reader's Digest Adult Trade Publishing.

1980s

Joe Belliotti, SBA '86, is completing his second year as president of the National Institute of Technology, a proprietary school in Dearborn, Mich., specializing in training medical assistants, medical billers, networking specialists, pharmacy technicians and massage therapists.

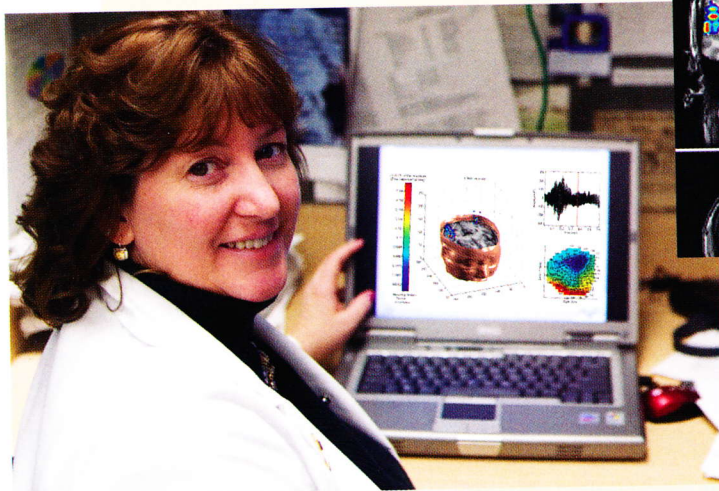
Ralph R. Echinaw, CAS '88, has established a Web site (www.hoopmatch.com) for his sports photography business

where parents of college athletes can purchase pictures of their kids in action.

Terrie Finston, CAS '84, is a molecular biologist at the University of Western Australia. Her research on stygobites in western Australia was featured as the cover story of *New Scientist*, August 6, 2005, edition.

Gene Grabowski, SBA '89, became a SAS Advanced Certified Professional and was promoted to senior operations research analyst at Ford Motor Credit Company.

Using biomagnetic signals, physicist can map what's on your mind



Susan Bowyer, Ph.D. '98, has gained international recognition for her work with magnetoencephalography, a brain scan used for sensory mapping.



Susan Bowyer, Ph.D. '98, jokes that life experience helped her get into the doctoral program in biomedical sciences with a specialization in medical physics at Oakland University. After all, this mother of an 11-year-old son also worked at a bank while earning a bachelor's degree in applied science from the University of Michigan — she knows self-discipline. Having lived on a farm near Imlay City, Mich., for years, she had no trouble with animal research. And as a licensed pilot, she had an instinct for physics.

Since earning her doctorate from OU in 1998, it's her career that's been soaring. As a senior staff biomedical investigator at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital, the Rochester Hills resident has gained international recognition

for her cutting-edge work with magnetoencephalography (MEG), a non-invasive brain scan used for sensory mapping.

MEG examinations in the clinical setting help neurologists and neurosurgeons locate functional brain tissue surrounding lesions and localize the source of seizures. They also help determine the safest way to enter the brain if surgery is needed. MEG can also help surgeons determine what complications a patient may have after surgery based on the areas of the brain involved. Bowyer's research using MEG has included looking at brain pathways that may contribute to dyslexia, depression, migraines, epilepsy and even driver distractibility.

One of about 200 women in her field, Bowyer is active in encouraging young

women to enter the sciences and was featured along with astronaut Sally Ride in "Physics in Your Future," a brochure produced by the American Physical Society.

"The job I have is so interesting and it changes all the time," says Bowyer, 43. "It's a good feeling to know that the research I do may be helpful to someone tomorrow."

A frequent speaker at national and international conferences, Bowyer recently presented her research findings to the American Epilepsy Society at its annual conference in Washington, D.C., and was invited to present about brain mapping at a conference in Florence, Italy, this June.

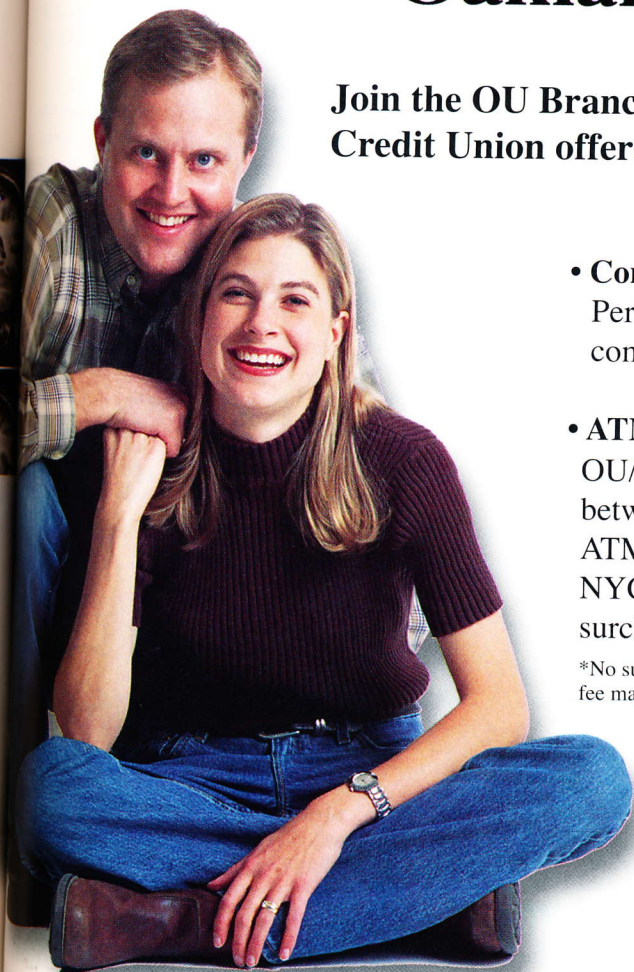
Bowyer credits OU Physics Professor Norman Tepley with sparking her interest in neuromagnetics. "He was one of the first to work in the field, and to be working with him while the field was developing was a great opportunity for me." ■

By Alice Rhein, a freelance writer from Huntington Woods, Mich.

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Former educator brings his lesson plan to mayor's post

Clarence Phillips, SEHS '74, has a job fraught with challenges. Though he won the Pontiac mayoral election with more than 70 percent of the vote, Pontiac isn't a city that tends to re-elect mayors. And with a \$50 million deficit to contend with, Mayor Phillips, a lifelong Pontiac resident, has already begun making hard decisions for his city.

"In this business, it's impossible to please everybody," says Phillips, who was serving his third and final term as a state representative before the election. "The first order of business is to right-size government."

The son of a landscaper and a cook, Phillips, a Vietnam-era veteran, never had the opportunity to take an easy route. "When I compare my life circumstances with those in my life who chose other routes, I realize and appreciate the opportunities and doors that opened because I was able to hang in there to get a degree."

Phillips, who served on the Pontiac council for 11 years and taught for the Oak Park school district for 24, says his OU experience taught him how to face challenges of all kinds. As a minority and a commuter student, he

struggled initially to really connect with the college experience. He credits several professors for believing in him when he sometimes doubted himself.

"Where I am now has a lot to do with the education I received at Oakland. It gave me options and an edge I would not have had," says Phillips, noting that OU deserves credit for continuing to make the campus accommodating to all groups.

Phillips and his wife, Lorene, are active in church and have two sons. Though his current job leaves him little time for hobbies, the 61-year-old considers himself a naturalist who enjoys fishing and gardening.

While his mayoral term is still in the budding stage, he has already made an impression by reining in city expenditures. Many are curious as to whether he can break the jinx and serve two consecutive terms, but Phillips is simply trying to conduct business — and rise to the tall challenge in front of him — in the manner he says a public servant should: "Keep the best interest of your community first and foremost." ■

By Alice Rhein, a freelance writer from Huntington Woods, Mich.



Clarence Phillips, SEHS '74, is taking on the challenges of the mayoral seat in his hometown of Pontiac, Mich.

1980s *continue*

Randy M. Grobelny, CAS '81, is owner of Washington Claim Service, an independent insurance advising company in Shelby Township and Detroit, Mich.

Joyce A. (Marriott) Jensen, MAT '86, CAS '74, is a professor at Oakland Community College, CIS department. She is also the author of *Wildflowers of Michigan*, and *The Great Lakes States Book*.

Eric Kozlowski, MBA '86, was recently named vice president, product development and engineering for GST AutoLeather, a Southfield, Michigan-based automotive supplier of fine leather products for the automobile industry.

Margo LaGattuta, CAS '80, is the recipient of a Mark Twain Award for distinguished contribution to Midwestern literature from the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature at Michigan State University. She is a working writer and college instructor and lives in the Rochester area.

Norma R. Mullin, MA '89, recently opened a counseling office in the Avon Prairie House in Rochester Hills, Mich. She is a licensed professional counselor.

Sherry Smith, CAS '88, joined The Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS) as the staff events and marketing manager in August 2005.



Robert Whitton, SHS '81, owner of TheraMatrix physical therapy, signed an exclusive contract to manage Ford Motor Company's outpatient physical therapy throughout Michigan.

1990s

Kevin Bauman, CAS '95, continues to grow his 2-year-old photography business photographing architectural, interior and commercial projects.

Alfredo Casab, SBA '93, has joined the Bloomfield Hills law firm of Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC as an

associate concentrating his practice in areas of real estate, business and corporate law. He is a board member of the Southwest Detroit Business Association and previously maintained a private law practice. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School in 1996.

Franklin Dohanyos, CAS '91, plays the bagpipes and was thrilled to be a part of the St. Andrews Pipe Band which performed at the Oakland University commencement ceremonies in December 2005. He has been working in public relations for the past 15 years and is also a writer.

Angela (Updike) Fazzini, SEHS '97, has been teaching various grade levels for the past nine years and is currently teaching 5th grade in the Rochester Community Schools. She has two children, son, Justin (6), and daughter, Sierra (3). She obtained her master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Saginaw Valley State University in 2000.

Greg Grabowski, BGS '91, was named in *Crain's Detroit Business* as one of the "40 under 40."

Heidi Hedquist, CAS '97, former editor in chief of *The Oakland Press*, has joined Century 21 Curran and Christie as a realtor. Hedquist uses the many skills she gained in OU's journalism program to market and sell her many clients' listings.

Anthony Luttrell, MBA '97, was appointed vice president of quality at MedImmune, Maryland's leading biotechnology company. He is responsible for the strategic direction of MedImmune's quality organization and oversees the company's quality assurance, quality control, compliance, validation and clinical quality departments.

Felisha Newton, SEHS '93, met her husband Richard while attending Oakland University. They have a wonderful life and two terrific sons, Donte and De'Shawn.

Holly (Swanson) Osterholm, CAS '97, received her Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Michigan State University - Detroit College of Law in 1999. She has been employed as an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC for the past four years. She and her husband, Eric, reside in Rochester with their daughters Kate (2), and Jane (3 months).

David Paxton, SBA '98, was recognized as 2005 Employee of the Year by Campbell-Ewald for his exemplary leadership and exceptional service to the Campbell-Ewald enterprise throughout the year.

Christian L. Rhodes, SBA '98, is a management consultant with Deloitte based in Philadelphia, Pa. He focuses on solving client issues within manufacturing and health care. He completed his MBA from Cornell University in 2004. Prior to business school, Rhodes was employed at DaimlerChrysler for four years and is a graduate of its Procurement & Supply management trainee program.

Gregory P. Sobosky, CAS '90, is a media supervisor at phidQ in Troy, Mich.

Kristi Trevarrow, CAS '92, is the Rochester Downtown Development Authority's new executive director.

Peggy Upton, SBA '91, received her certified fraud examiner certification in September 2005 by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in Austin, Texas.

2000s

Navy Seaman Nathan J. Borsheim, CAS '02, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Deborah Fleischman, MSN '03, loves being a family nurse practitioner. She has now been in practice for two years.

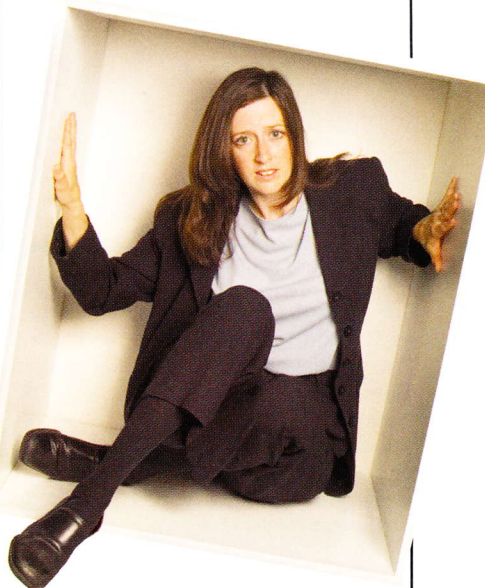
Dr. Erik Fotheringham, CAS '03, recently opened Active Health Chiropractic Clinic in Clarkston, Mich.

Melissa LaRose, SEHS '03, CAS '94, began teaching second grade at Nocatee Elementary School in DeSoto County, Fla., in August 2005.

David Lauber, CAS '05, began graduate work in international security services at the University of Denver Graduate School of International Studies.

Kristi McKendrick, SEHS '00, moved to Texas in 2003 to enjoy the warm weather and expand her internet consulting business, The WEBitect. She helps health professionals with web design and marketing. She is working on her doctorate in naturopathic Medicine. She plans to open a clinic in Austin, Texas, in early 2006.

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2000s *continue*

Janet M. O'Brien, CAS '02, accepted a position with United Way of Southeastern Michigan as manager of public sector campaign.

Stacie Paladino, CAS '01, earned a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in July 2005.

Dr. Cheryl L. (Eschbach) Peters, CAS '00, received her doctorate degree from Oregon State University in human development and family sciences with a specialty in family gerontology.

June Tesian, SEHS '04, was named one of five Michigan finalists for the 2005 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is the highest honor for K-12 educators. She has been teaching middle school science in the same classroom at Harper Woods Secondary School since 1987.

Connie (Longer) Turinsky, SBA '04, has joined the accounting and business consulting firm of Andrews Hooper & Pavlik P.L.C. as a staff accountant. Her initial assignments will be in all facets of the firm's audit, tax and consulting business lines.



Tamara Bedricky, SBA '03, is using her talent and business acumen to launch a career in the fiercely competitive world of pop music.

Song in her heart, fame in her future

*Weeks and months go by
and still I try to cope,
but I'm losing hope*

If anything, those lyrics from **Tamara Bedricky's** signature song, "Million Miles" are the antithesis of the sunny Oakland University alumna, who has been working her way onto the local and national music scene since her college days.

Her steady progress is reflected in national television appearances, performing with Michelle Branch at a gig in New York's Central Park, and a dizzying travel schedule that takes her all over the country, playing primarily at college venues. She returned to her alma mater twice to perform.

"I would like to get to the point where I can tour with the support of a team and eventually I would like to sign with a major label," Bedricky, SBA '03, says while sipping herbal tea at the hip Ferndale, Mich., bistro Xhedos Café. "It's definitely a realistic goal if you have the talent and the drive and especially if you have the songs. I feel like I'm kind of getting there."

If talent is enough to get "there," the blonde singer/songwriter who was born in Rochester and grew up in Spain and Nashville, Tenn., has a first-class ticket. Her songs are

thoughtful, moody and soulful. Her voice has an operatic range.

Bedricky has played virtually every local music venue with her favorite being Ferndale's Magic Bag. She is a success story waiting to happen. This up-and-coming pop star didn't study music in college. On her parent's advice, she chose business administration and says that what she learned about time management and marketing at OU has played a big role in her success.

"I think that talent speaks for itself, if you've got it, and I'm not saying I have it all that much," she said modestly. "What I learned at OU has really had an impact on how I manage my career." A highlight was the release of her first album, "Through My Eyes," in October 2004. She said she has gotten a great deal of positive feedback.

"I even heard from people from major labels who said 'It's really good material, but why don't you do a second album and we'll see where it goes.' "

Meanwhile she will keep writing songs, touring and keeping the dream. There is no shortage of creativity in her soul.

"If I stop being inspired by things in my life, I might worry. But I'm constantly being inspired." ■

By Tom Schram, a freelance writer from Huntington Woods, Mich.



TAMARA'S UPCOMING APPEARANCES:

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June 14 – The Ark,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

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2000s *continue*

Melissa Weimer, SEHS '04, recently started Adventures in ECE (www.adventuresinece.com), an educational resource business for early childhood professionals. She has had five K-12 literacy-related lesson plans published on the International Reading Association's and National Council for the Teachers of English's Web site, ReadWriteThink.com.

Nicole Wheeler, CAS '00, is a licensed master social worker practicing at Turning Point, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Amy (Rickstad) Wilczynski, MA '00, CAS '95, was named vice president of John Bailey & Associates, Inc. Public Relations, one of Michigan's fastest growing public relations agencies.

ENGAGEMENTS / WEDDINGS

Mary Calvano, CAS '00, is engaged to **Bill Brown**. An October 28, 2006, wedding is planned. **Karyn Bitnias, SEHS '01, Malisa (Brusca) Sadowski, SON '01, and Megan (Latawiec) Zannetti, SBA '00**, will be standing up in the wedding.

Nanette (Dadich) Porterfield, CAS '96, married Mark Porterfield in November 2005. She is an attorney working in Detroit.

Lindsey (Newell) Lutz, CAS '04, married Dawud Lutz on October 1, 2005, in an outdoor ceremony in New Mexico. She is currently working at the Gerald Peters Gallery as the Santa Fe Art auction assistant in Santa Fe, N.M.

Jamie (Moon) Merrill, MBA '99, married Benjamin Merrill on October 23, 2004, at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. She is employed as a global program manager with Holset Turbochargers, a division of Cummins Engine.

Amy Wills, CAS '98, and Barry Gray, CAS '98, were married on February 19, 2006, at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. The couple currently resides in Eastpointe.

BIRTH / ADOPTION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Anastasia (Sved) Brown, SBA '91, and her husband Dayton Brown, CAS '93, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Gunnar Walter, on July 30, 2005.

Scott Collins, SEHS '97, and his wife, Patricia, announce the birth of their first child, Laim Patrick Collins, on May 18, 2005.

Gene Grabowski, SBA '89, recently adopted his second son, Nickoli Pavel Grabowski, from Samara, Russia, on December 20, 2005.

Ashley (Rowell) Mabbitt, CAS '97, and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their second child, Ryan Peter, born March 30, 2005.

Michael Simon, CAS '96, and his wife Michelle (Strong), CAS '01, announce the birth of their son, Marcus Alexander, on January 17, 2006.



Derek Wilczynski, CAS '93, and his wife, Amy (Rickstad), MA '00, CAS '95, announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Ann Wilczynski, on October 2, 2005.



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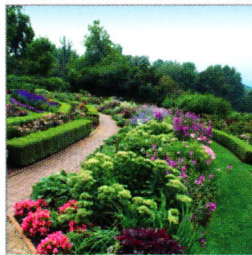
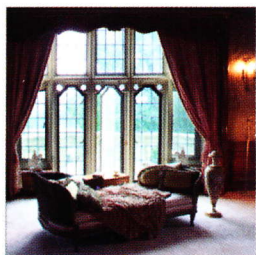
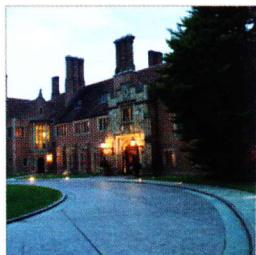
Annette DiGiulio, MAT '82.

John Ratcliffe, CAS '77, died May 26, 2005.

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When Ralph and Elizabeth (Betty) Patton completed high school in the 1930s, college simply wasn't an option. Neither could afford the tuition. It wasn't until Betty, CAS '76, was in her 50s that she was able pursue her interests in political science and criminal justice by earning a bachelor's degree from Oakland.

Today, Ralph and Betty, both in their 80s, are taking steps to help others realize the dream of an education. They've decided to fund a \$100,000 gift annuity that will award scholarships to non-traditional students in any discipline. The scholarships will be granted to older students and those returning to complete an unfinished degree. The Pattons, who both served in World War II, are using unexpected retirement investment income to fund their gift. Charitable gift annuities like this allow donors to transfer cash or



Ralph and Elizabeth Patton today and during World War II, when they both served in the U.S. military.

marketable securities to an organization in exchange for an income tax deduction and the organization's promise to make fixed annual payments to the donor for life.

The Pattons say their gift to Oakland is a source of joy. They're so excited that they made their donation as Betty's 84th birthday present. 🐦

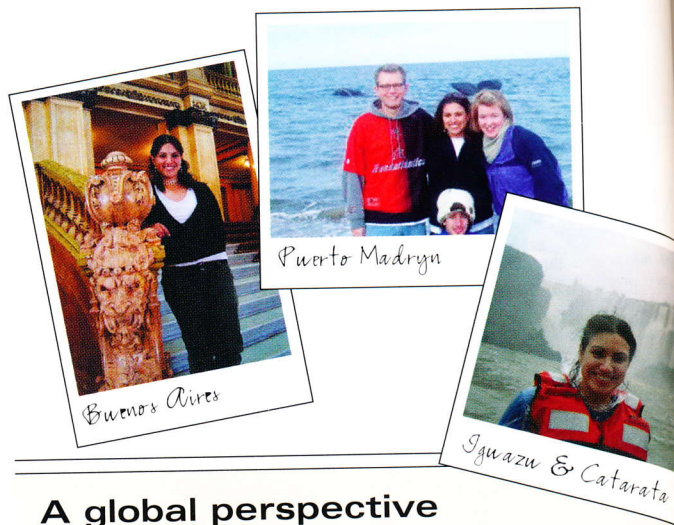
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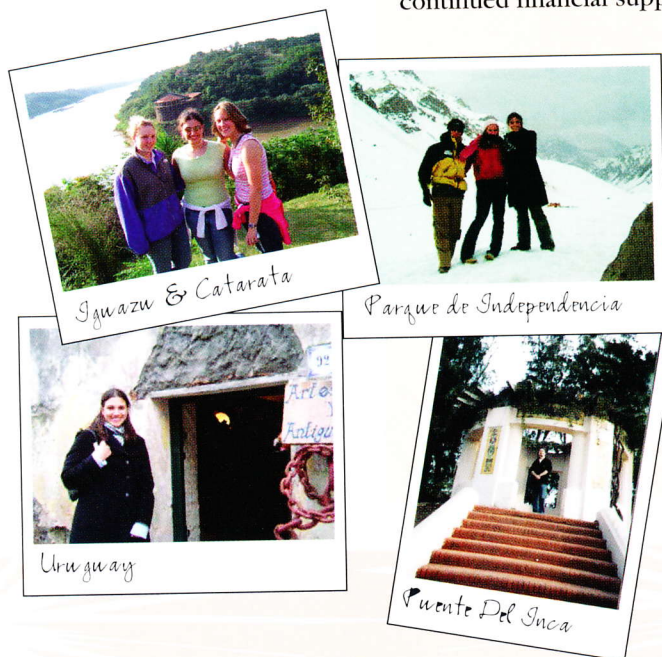
Thanks to an anonymous \$100,000 gift, five Honors College students were able to study abroad last year, living and learning in regions as diverse as Asia, Europe and South America. For Erika Eraqi, the semester she spent at the Universidad Nacional de Rosario in Argentina "opened up my eyes beyond the classroom," she says. A business major, Eraqi went to Argentina to do an intensive study of Spanish. "I learned more Spanish in those 10 weeks than I did in three years of high school," she says. "This program is amazing. You learn so much - not just the language, but those invaluable things like the culture, how to communicate, how to interact with people."

Eraqi believes this experience will improve her ability to compete in the business world, too. "The world is getting smaller and smaller," she says. "Business is no longer conducted solely within the borders of a nation. It's an international playing field. To be competitive, you have to have experience traveling abroad and interacting with people from different cultures."

The initial gift established an endowment, which will make awards in perpetuity. Donors work with development staff to determine criteria for annual distributions. With continued financial support, more and more Honors

College students will be able to live and learn abroad.

"When students are given the opportunity to travel and see what's going on first-hand, they become more open-minded, more interested and more innovative," Eraqi says. "And they're the ones who are going to shape the future of this world. You can't put a price on this." 🍷



D.O.C. founder creates OU scholarship for new students

Dr. Donald Golden, founder of D.O.C., established the Donald and Norma Golden Family Foundation Scholarship as a memorial to his wife of 60 years. OU alumnus Randall

Golden, CAS '78, executive vice president, D.O.C., suggested the scholarship to his father.

"Oakland is a tremendous school, and underrated in terms of public awareness," says Randall. "I received a good education and it's an excellent atmosphere and environment for learning. Whenever I can, I encourage students to come to OU, and it's important to help students financially when we can. Scholarships are important."

The \$5,000 scholarship will benefit a freshman or new transfer student from the tri-county area of Wayne, Oakland or Macomb each fall. Tyana Green, a freshman psychology major, was awarded the first scholarship. ➤



Dr. Donald Golden (left), founder of D.O.C., and OU alumnus Randall Golden, CAS '78.

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Family members create a legacy of opportunity



Gladys McLean

Gladys McLean spent years helping Macomb County students attend Oakland University.

Now McLean's passion for creating educational opportunities will be her legacy. Her family has set up a \$50,000 endowment fund in her memory. McLean, who died of cancer in 2003, was a long-time member of the Macomb Town Hall, which has supported an OU scholarship for Macomb students for more than three decades.

The organization funds its gifts through a series of luncheons featuring national speakers, but when luncheon attendance started declining a few years ago, Macomb Town Hall started looking for another funding source.

OU representatives suggested an endowment. Once established, it could fund scholarships with interest proceeds. Organizers supported the idea in theory, but were not sure it was financially feasible. That's when McLean's family members stepped into the picture. They knew McLean was a key supporter in the endowment talks, and she wanted the scholarships to continue. They've offered to help the town hall make joint \$10,000 deposits into the endowment fund for the next five years. Their tribute to McLean has the potential to benefit Macomb students for years to come. 🍂

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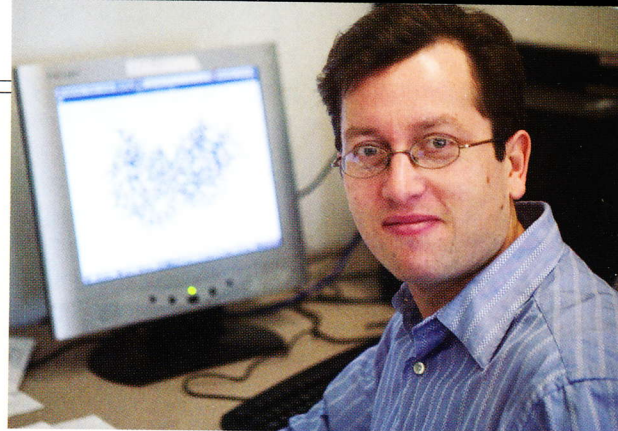
Anyone who has experienced the pain of slowly losing someone to Alzheimer's disease keenly understands the desperation to find a cure, and quickly.

Assistant Professor of Biochemistry John Finke is doing just that; with a little help. He recently received a \$30,000 Faculty Start-Up Award from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation. The award is given to 10 professors each year to help get their research under way.

"This award allows me to design laser-optic experiments on proteins during this first crucial year," says Finke. "The Dreyfus award reflects a growing support for needed research from young faculty to apply physics, chemistry and biology in solving difficult scientific problems such as Alzheimer's disease."

Finke's research images amyloid plaques on a microscopic level. When these plaques form in the brain they cause cells to die, which is the cause of memory loss in Alzheimer's patients. Understanding how the plaque is structured is critical to designing drugs that "fit" well into the surface of these plaque formations and help break them apart.

"The long term goals of my research are to use the methods in my lab to help screen drugs which may one day cure Alzheimer's and similar brain disorders," Finke says. ➤



John Finke, assistant professor of biochemistry, is researching drugs to fight Alzheimer's disease.

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The silk wall covering in Matilda Dodge Wilson's bedroom is being repaired, thanks to a gift from the Rochester Junior Women's Club.

Restoring history at Meadow Brook Hall

Meadow Brook Hall is as much about detail as grandeur. That's why when a leaky roof damaged a hand-crafted silk wall covering in the bedroom of the hall's former owner and resident, Matilda Dodge Wilson, efforts began immediately to repair it. A \$27,500 gift from the Rochester Junior Women's Club has made those repairs possible. Craftsmen at Scalandre are working to duplicate the silk work and restore the soft-pink piece down to its delicate, one-of-a-kind pattern. With the roof leak also repaired, the wall coverings will now hang safely in their original spot for decades to come.

"Without gifts such as this one, there would be a lot of conservation and preservation work we could not do," says Kim Zelinski, associate director of the hall, which is the former home of university founders Matilda and Alfred Wilson and the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States. "It's very meaningful when a group like the Rochester Junior Women's Club comes along and offers to help."

The gift came about through the group's annual Raise the Roof fundraising event last year at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, Mich. This May they are holding their event at Matilda's former residence, and proceeds will again benefit Meadow Brook Hall. The continuing support for Meadow Brook Hall showcases the strong relationship that continues to grow between Oakland University and the Rochester community. ➤

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Preparing a future workforce

It's no secret that DaimlerChrysler Corporation is an economic powerhouse for southeastern Michigan, providing thousands of jobs that enrich the region. But the corporation hands out more than just paychecks. Through the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, the company supports worthy initiatives that prepare a skilled future workforce and enhance community vitality.

As part of this extensive giving program, the DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund offers Aid to Higher Education grants annually to 15 universities nationwide. Oakland University is one of the few, receiving \$150,000 in 2005. Past recipients have included Cornell University, Carnegie Mellon, Purdue and the University of Michigan.

It's a visionary plan. DaimlerChrysler funds projects that prime students to be successful employees down the line for any employer. The automaker also supports programs that make southeastern Michigan a better place to live, ensuring its workers live enriched lives.

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At Oakland, the funds from the Aid to Higher Education grant are put to good use across campus, distributed among student chapters of professional engineering organizations, community outreach programs like Diverse Voices, and various academic departments. The School of Health Sciences, for example, used its share of the grant to assist in the development of a graduate program in Occupational Safety and Health.

Overall, DaimlerChrysler has contributed to the expansion of Oakland's undergraduate research opportunities, the availability of scholarships and student access to new technology, all with the goal of preparing OU students to make strong impressions in the workplace and on the community at large. ➤



Helping students reach their potential

In its 11th year, Oakland University's Trustee Academic Success Program (OUTAS) is a national model for helping diverse students attend college and succeed in achieving their educational goals. OUTAS provides scholarships to academically deserving students entering OU with financial need.

Students receive \$1,000 to \$3,000 per academic year for four years and participate in programs that help enrich their education and chances of success after graduation. Students in the program boast higher-than-average GPAs and a strong connection with peers, staff and faculty.

OUTAS recipient LaTorya Ellison will realize her dream of an education this May when she graduates with a degree in biology. Growing up, Ellison wanted to be a doctor and worked hard to get good grades and make her way to college. With assistance from OUTAS, Ellison not only succeeded in



LaTorya Ellison, 2005 OUTAS scholarship recipient.

the classroom but became a student leader. Through the peer mentoring and encouragement she received early on at OU, she became involved in programs including the Center for Multicultural Initiative's Circle of Sisterhood and the African-American Celebration committee.

"In my life, I never imagined I would be where I am," she says. "I'll be the first one in my family to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree and I plan to continue my studies. OU gave me a solid base to build on." ➤

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OCAA scholarships recognize and encourage outstanding students

The Oakland University Alumni Association (OCAA) Scholarship Fund, a major source of scholarship assistance for Oakland University students, reached the \$1 million mark in 2005, thanks to the contributions of alumni and friends. In the fall semester of 2005, 14 deserving students received awards from the OCAA, totaling \$29,000.

Oakland University senior Rami Haddad received the SECS Thomas A. Yatooma Memorial Alumni Scholarship, an award of \$2,000. A native of Lebanon, this ambitious international student is completing a double major in math and engineering, while finding time to volunteer in the community and work for Siemens BDO Automotive Engineering. He says the scholarship has made it possible for him to finish his rigorous program.



OU senior Rami Haddad received a \$2,000 OCAA scholarship.

"It has kept me going. I was not expecting to get this scholarship. It encouraged me to be a more successful, hard-working student by making me realize that I was doing better than I thought I was," Rami explains.

Last fall the Returning Alumni Scholarship was awarded for the first time, to graduate student Sandra Powell. Powell completed her bachelor's degree at Oakland and continued into OU's master's program in training and development.

"This scholarship has given me more time to devote to my studies. I'm able to take two classes, without having the added pressure of working full time as well," the non-traditional student says. She feels honored to have been recognized with this scholarship, plus, "my kids think it's kind of cool," she adds, mentioning that her daughter is also an OU alumna. With her family's strong OU connection, she hopes to find employment at Oakland after graduation and plans to stay involved with the OCAA.

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Writing Center opens in Kresge Library

The Writing Center at Oakland University opened this semester to provide undergraduate students with writing consultation services. Eventually the center will expand to serve graduate students, faculty, students and educators in local schools, and area businesses. The new home for the Writing Center was created with a \$300,000 gift from Joan Rosen, professor emerita of English, and her husband, Robert. Staffed with 12 student writing consultants, the Writing Center is located in Kresge Library and is free to registered students. ➤

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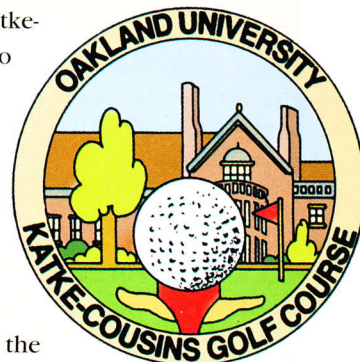
A gift of beauty

Suzanne Frankie, former dean of Oakland University's Kresge Library, has pledged \$30,000 to OU for the creation of a garden at Katke-Cousins Golf Course. Frankie, who worked at Oakland between 1983 and 1998, plans to donate \$15,000 this year and another \$15,000 next year. She says she's making the gift in honor of her husband, Richard Frankie.

"My husband was a very avid golfer and a long-time member of the Katke-Cousins Golf Course," she says.

Richard Frankie has been unable to play golf since he had a stroke last year, but he still makes occasional visits to the course with his wife. Suzanne decided a garden that accentuated the course's scenic environment would be a perfect tribute to him.

"He loves not only playing golf, but the beauty of the course," she says. "It has been especially meaningful to reach out to Oakland, which has been an important part of our lives. Oakland University has been very good to both my husband and me." 🐾



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Recreational programming geared toward kids with autism

Jack's Place for Autism at Oakland University continues to expand its autism resources and recreational programming thanks to generous donations, including a \$20,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.



Jack's Place for Autism at OU launched a new art program that helps youngsters develop fine motor skills.

A recently launched art program encourages skill development and understanding through experiential learning and the manipulation of a variety of art mediums. Participants hone skills such as fine motor development, following directions, socialization, creative thinking and cooperative interactions with peers and instructors.

Jack's Place at OU also offers sports programs geared toward children as young as four years old including basketball, soccer, baseball and swimming. All programs are available for a nominal fee.

"We offer programs tailored to the diverse capabilities of children with autism," said Jessica Watson, director, Jack's Place for Autism at OU. "We are receiving an enthusiastic response from attendees and their parents, and we are planning some fun, innovative classes for later this year."

Information about Jack's Place for Autism at OU and its programs can be found at oakland.edu/jacksplace. ➤

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SON Dean Linda Thompson Adams stands with Marie Adam, member of the SON Board of Visitors, and Maureen Tippen, at the 2005 Nightingale Awards.

Nightingale awards honor nursing excellence

When OU's School of Nursing (SON) and its Board of Visitors present the annual Nightingale Awards,[™] they showcase nursing at its best. The awards honor Michigan nurses who provide exemplary, compassionate care and help solve health care problems.

The nursing school's Board of Visitors created the award in 1989 in honor of Florence Nightingale, the Briton attributed with creating the nursing profession in the mid-1800s.

Honorees are nominated for specific categories and are selected by their peers. SON gives each of the eight winners a statue and \$1,000. Eight runners-up receive a plaque, pin and Nightingale's book, *Notes on Nursing*.

"The Nightingale Awards are viewed by nurses in the region as the equivalent of the academy awards," SON Dean Linda Thompson Adams says.

Not only do the awards recognize excellence in nursing, the event generates money for scholarships and other SON needs. The 2005 Nightingale Awards, held May 5, 2005, raised more than \$96,000.

Sponsors for each award provided support, along with presenting sponsors Mount Clemens General Hospital and Personal Home Care Services. With their help, more than 800 guests saw nursing in its proper light: a critical component in modern health care. 🐦

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Klein scholarship gives student freedom to explore

Susan Husken is a non-traditional graduate student whose experience has in many ways been non-traditional as well. This May, Husken will graduate with a master's degree in counseling.

While completing her coursework, Husken became interested in substance abuse counseling and approached her faculty adviser, Tom Blume, about an independent study. She spent last spring working at Salvation Army Harbor Light in Clinton Township, Mich., a residential

substance abuse treatment facility. Her work at Harbor Light earned her the George R. and Helen Klein Memorial Scholarship for counseling in drug and alcohol addictions.

Husken was surprised and honored to receive the scholarship. "It's wonderful to be supported financially by the school and to see that others recognize the importance of working with substance abuse issues," she says. "This scholarship has given me the freedom to explore areas I wouldn't have had the opportunity to."

Blume says she was a perfect fit for the scholarship. "What makes her special is her drive to know more," he says. "She's gone beyond the normal curriculum to seek out other learning opportunities in many ways."

That drive took Husken to Thailand last September with a tsunami relief organization, where she researched opportunities for her graduate internship. She says the cultural experience she gained there has helped her in treating a diverse group of clients. 🐼



Scholarship recipient Susan Husken and longtime donor Barry Klein, CAS '68.

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ATiB students gain practical experience on a global stage

For students looking to get ahead in the business world, Oakland University's Applied Technology in Business (ATiB) program is the place to begin. Started by the School of Business Administration (SBA) in 1997, the program gives students practical learning opportunities in technological applications by meshing classroom instruction with real world experience. In the field, students work shoulder to shoulder with corporate teams, learning to manage the types of projects and situations they will be asked to handle in the world of business and technology.

For ATiB graduates such as Amanda Hinspeter, the program has given her a deeper understanding of the

business world. The senior accounting major spent a semester at General Motors as an ATiB intern. While there, she helped refine and enhance an online training process, turning it into something that would be easier for employees to use globally. "It was neat to know that something we created and helped work on is being used all over the world," Hinspeter says, adding that the semester with GM also helped her learn more about time management and team work. Her ATiB connection has put her ahead of the pack, too, when it comes to today's job market. "I already have three job offers and I haven't even graduated yet," she says. "That's exciting."

This unique and innovative program allows students, faculty and a corporate sponsor to tackle a current business problem — and everyone involved benefits. The ATiB program has seen outstanding support from corporate sponsors all over the region, including global companies such as General Motors. With the program's connections in the business community, and sponsorship support, the ATiB program will continue to help SBA students enter the business world miles ahead of the competition. ➤

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The American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Farmington Branch, established an endowed scholarship fund using \$25,000 bequeathed from the estate of Perle and Don Briggs. Perle was a longtime member of the branch.

American Association of University Women helps enhance opportunities for non-traditional students

From its inception, the American Association of University Women (AAUW)-Farmington Branch has been devoted to helping students achieve success. Now, thanks to a longtime member, the branch is creating a new opportunity for students returning to Oakland University to complete their undergraduate degree.

The branch is using \$25,000 bequeathed from the estate of Perle and Don Briggs to create the AAUW Farmington Branch Endowed Fund at Oakland. **Perle Briggs had been a member of the organization for 46 years, when she died in 2000. Branch members created the endowment to honor her participation and dedication to higher education.**

"Perle was just a super lady," AAUW member Vivian Henderhan says. "She was a big supporter of education and we're happy to honor her with this gift."

The fund's scholarships, which are expected to be available in 2007 or 2008, are earmarked for mature undergraduate students who are returning to college after a long absence. The AAUW especially encourages female students to apply for the scholarships. A national organization that fosters equity for women and girls, the AAUW promotes lifelong education and positive social change. Membership is not limited to women. The association's Farmington branch, which has provided Oakland students with scholarships since 1975, will continue its annual \$1,000 awards. ➤

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John Cameron and his wife Jan Schimmelman



Mildred Merz

Staff, faculty continue generous tradition for OU students

John Cameron and his wife, Jan Schimmelman, both OU professors of art history, have contributed to the All-University Fund Drive (AUF) year after year — designating their donation to the Department of Art and Art History because they believe all students should have the opportunity for the best education possible.

"The All-University Fund Drive is really a great system to have, especially with the generous matching program from President (Gary) Russi," says Cameron. "There is no better way to make these things roll than with a matching program. We use the funds to provide students with opportunities like field trips and other tools to enhance their education."

Mildred Merz, associate professor for Kresge Library, agrees the matching incentive entices her to give more — she directs her funds to the library.

"I give to the library because that benefits the students, faculty, staff and the community," she says. "The president's match encourages me to give more than I might without it."

Cameron, who has been at OU since 1964, says he has given to the fund-raiser since it began and encourages his entire department to participate. The Art and Art History department consistently boasts 100 percent participation and 2005 was no exception. The department contributed almost \$4,000 this year.

A total of 489 faculty, staff and retirees donated \$208,194 to the most successful All-University Fund Drive in Oakland history. The donations exceeded the drive's \$200,000 goal and represented a 10 percent increase over 2004. Of the total, \$12,136 was designated to the United Way and \$2,285 for the Black United Fund.

The AUF) gives faculty and staff the chance to support and play a key role in "Innovation and Opportunity - The Campaign for OU." Their contributions support scholarships, research and technology. ➤

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Andrew Fincher's internship with the Entrepreneurship Institute helped him land his first corporate job.

Leadership skills earned on the front line

Sometimes one good thing can lead to another. That certainly has been the case with Oakland University's Entrepreneurship Institute (EI), which provides entrepreneurship education to economically disadvantaged teens in Pontiac, Oak Park and Detroit. Staffed by student volunteers from the School of Business Administration's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization, the EI has excelled in providing critical business and leadership training not just for teens, but for the college-age students who lead them, including Andrew Fincher, a 2005 SBA graduate.

"It was really kind of a stepping-stone progression," says Fincher. "I spent a lot of volunteer time — about 50 hours a month — helping kids in Pontiac through the EI, which in turn helped me with my project management skills." Those skills helped him land an internship with Meemic Insurance Company in Rochester, where he worked closely with the director to plan an annual conference. "That internship baptized me into the business atmosphere," Fincher says. "It helped me understand performance measures that you don't learn in school. It helped my work ethic. I really learned a lot." And it helped him secure his first fulltime corporate job, working in litigation support.

This past year, the School of Business Administration's EI received a vote of confidence from Comerica's Charitable Foundation in the form of a \$250,000 commitment. The funds will help provide support for innovative programs like the EI to continue reaching out and helping everyone — from young students to the OU SIFE volunteers who teach them — continue their climb up the ladder of success. ➤

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A day on the links supports scholarships

Four years ago, long-time Oakland University supporter Hugh Elliott founded the President's Invitational Golf Outing as a way to raise money for scholarships and academic endeavors. The 2005 outing, held on a hot sunny June day, brought 88 golfers to the R & S Sharf Golf Course and raised nearly \$150,000. The theme of the day was "Royal and Ancient," and to set the mood, employees donned knickers and wool socks, and golfers were treated to the sounds of bagpipes as they arrived.

"The people who play golf in this outing are very generous and it's a great way to show off the course, one of Oakland's greatest assets," says OU President Gary Russi. Sponsors for the fourth annual golf outing included Pepsi, The Suburban Collection, Ashworth, Merrill Lynch/The Mig-Vigi Group and Credit Union One. ➤



Golfers turned out for a day in the sun and a good cause at the 2005 President's Invitational Golf Outing, which raised nearly \$150,000 for scholarships and academic endeavors.

(Left) As they arrived, golfers were treated to the sounds of bagpipes in keeping with the day's theme of "Royal and Ancient."



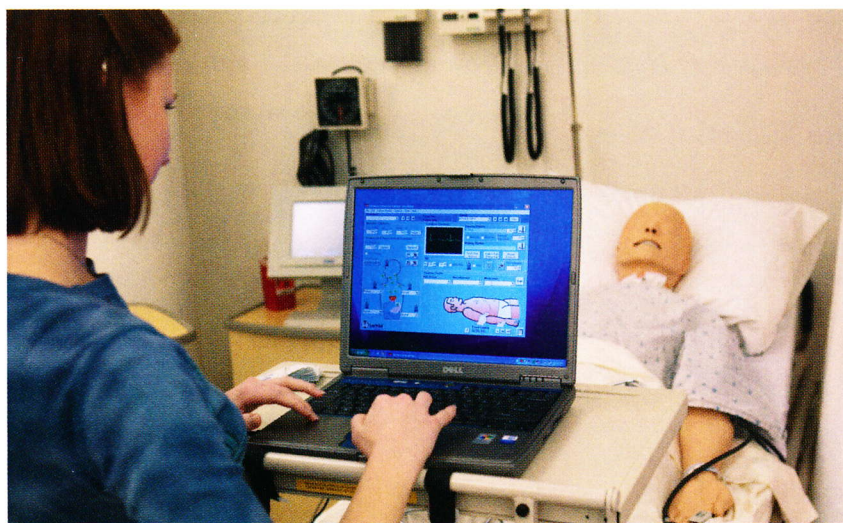
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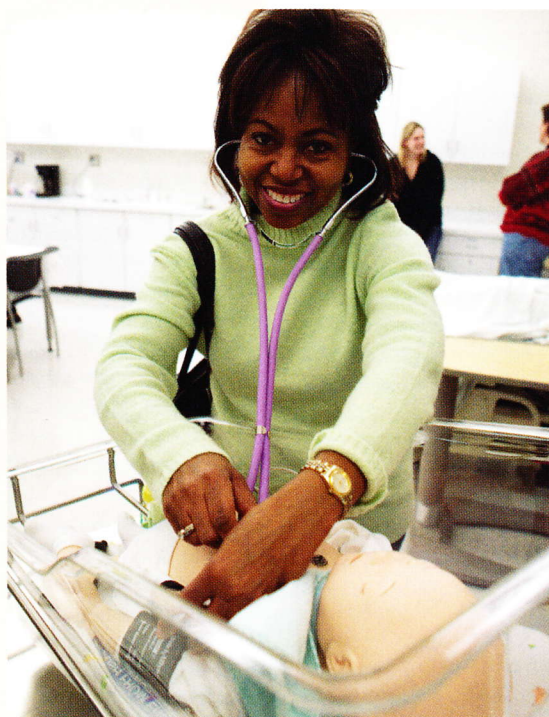


Sophomore Renee Fox works at the bedside of Oakland's SimMan.

Renovated lab and simulators give students hands-on nursing experience

Oakland University's nursing students are finding out what it's like to deliver a baby and make quick decisions about pediatric care long before they ever step into a hospital setting. That invaluable real-world experience is part of Oakland's nursing program thanks in part to generous support from Crittenton Hospital Medical Center. A long-time friend to OU's School of Nursing (SON), Crittenton has given \$275,000 since 2003 to support renovations to the multimedia lab, which houses new computers and visual aids; and the nursing skills lab, which has been equipped with new flooring, lighting, chairs and tables, three state-of-the-art patient beds, 10 over-bed tables and nightstands, as well as wall-mounted blood pressure monitors.

Renovations in 2005 also included the adjoining acute care nursing laboratory, home to a SimMan; Noelle, a simulator that gives birth; and SimBaby, a simulator that provides training on infant trauma. SimMan arrived last spring and Noelle and SimBaby arrived early this year. All three simulators give students the opportunity to practice patient care scenarios on "patients" that respond to treatment. Each simulator can be set for several different medical situations. For example, SimBaby has a "pulse" and will turn blue to indicate it is not getting enough oxygen, and Noelle can be set for several different delivery scenarios, including a cesarean section. Later this year, the Sim family will add another member, PediaSim, a 6- to 7-year-old child. 🐾



Marie Milo checks SimBaby's heart rate.

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