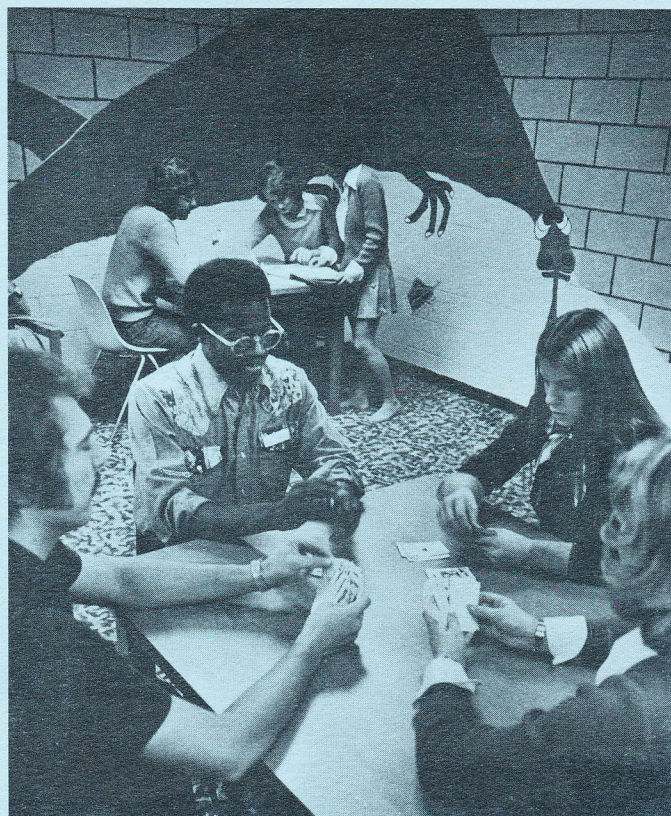
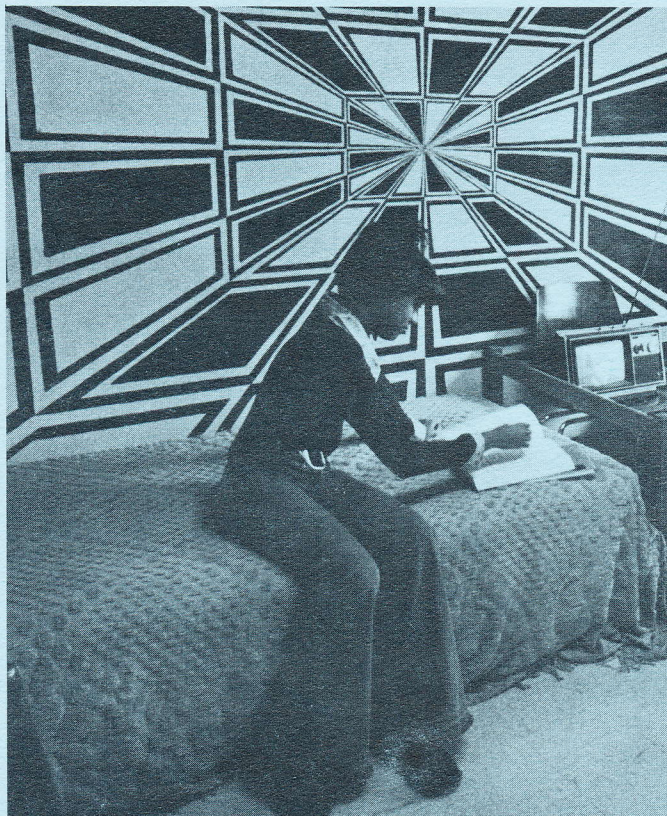


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Dorms: Students Pick Their Own Lifestyles

In 1966, Oakland University dorm students had curfews, two food choices, popcorn poppers, stark white walls—and no P.D.A. ("public display of affection.")

Ten years later O.U. dorms—with coed floors, beer in your own fridge, stoves, jazzy wall murals and newspapers on the doorstep—have more comforts than home.

Are residence halls swinging singles pads? Or is there really an intellectual life amid all the "fun" trappings?

Officials and students alike say there is a lot of serious, important learning going on in O.U. dorms. And while the living is easier, it may also be healthier than ever.

"I feel sorry for the commuter," said Mitch Livingston, O.U. Director of Residence Halls until Nov. 15 when he took charge of dorms at the University of Iowa.

"Today residence halls are seen as laboratories; learning environments," he explained. "Before they were just dorms."

Unlike 10 years ago, O.U. residence halls today offer the 1200 students who live there a wide range of lifestyle choices.

All Oakland dorms are coed. But residents can pick

whether they want the opposite sex in the next suite, floor or wing.

Students can buy room with board, which today means several food choices, a salad bar and unlimited servings. Or they can rent room only and cook meals themselves. Co-op Anibal House has its own new \$20,000 kitchen where students take turns purchasing, cooking and serving their own meals.

Students come and go as they please and alcohol is allowed in rooms and other designated areas of the dorms. Dorms rent refrigerators, deliver newspapers to rooms and students are free to do their own interior decorating (as long as rooms are returned in good shape).

The results can be seen in wallpapered ceilings, brightly colored murals and carpeting. One enterprising Fitz duo even built their own loft under a blue ceiling dotted with stars.

Other choices available are a quiet hours building, as well as floors for special interest groups like the International, Christian and Public Service floors.

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Dorms, Cont'd.

Student Sam Schlabach, 21, of Livonia, chose Anibal House because the coop at \$356 a semester (instead of \$700 with board) fits his pocketbook better than a conventional dorm. "And this is more like a family," said Schlabach, overseeing Wednesday brunch of pancakes and eggs.

"Everyone seems to help each other and work together. I like that."

Along with changes in lifestyle and rules, Oakland — like many other schools throughout the country — has seen marked changes in occupancy levels in the past decade.

During the last half of the 60's the halls were overflowing with students and the university strained to fill the demand for housing. To meet this need, Vandenberg opened in 1966 and Hamlin in 1968.

But nearby apartment complexes, improved freeway access and the growing number of part-time students meant some empty rooms in the 70's. The situation is now improving throughout the country as dorms are beginning to fill back up again.

While tackling changing societal patterns and sagging numbers, Oakland dorms were faced with other problems in the early 70's. Jack Wilson, now dean for student life, was hired in 1971 to run the residence halls. He recalls problems with food service, theft, maintenance and upkeep, racial tension, and a lack of student input into the dorms.

He and Livingston worked out a three year plan to stabilize the environ-

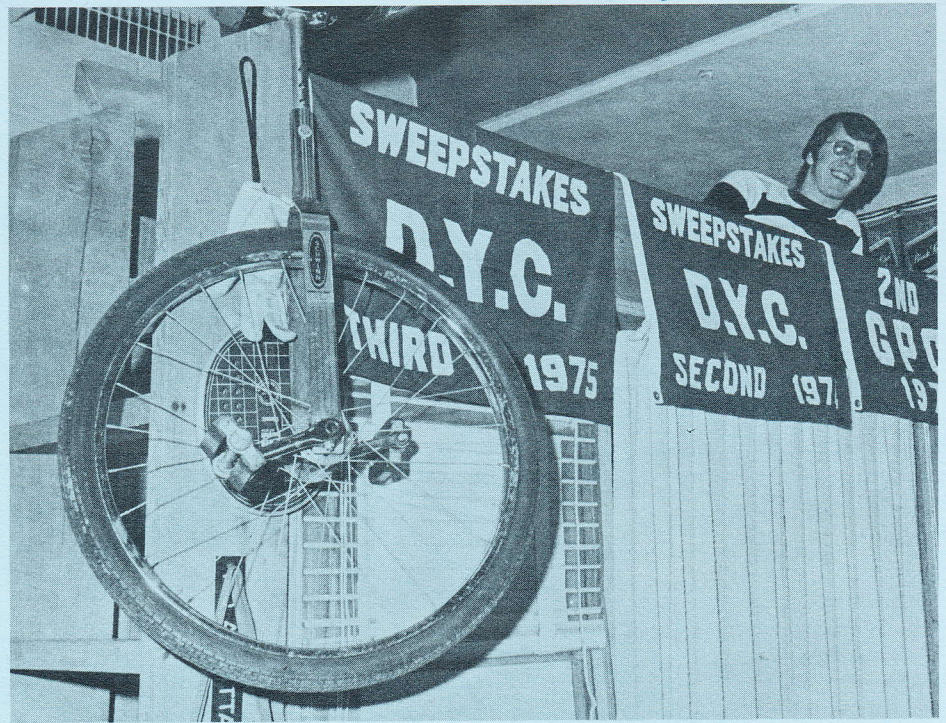


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ment and "give it life." This means enforcing unused rules and reinstituting student government. Today officials say students have a say in everything that happens in the dorms.

"Everyone has to assume responsibility for what goes on here," said Livingston, who helped set up Project Unity to promote racial harmony. "This is not a hotel. Students develop a philosophical statement in the classroom and practice it here. This is where they develop meaningful relationships, experience new ideals and personal growth."

Now that the three year plan is

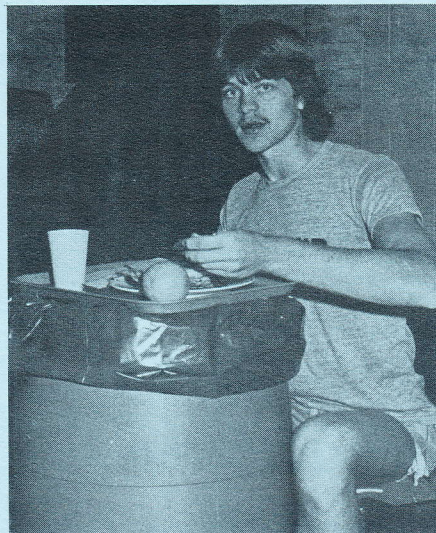
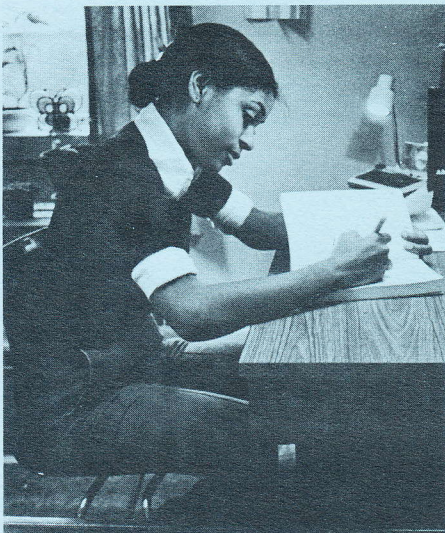
behind them, both Livingston and Wilson feel O.U. dorms are exciting places to be. They back this up with a survey showing that they kept 62 per cent of their residents last year—compared to 40 per cent in 1970.

"We serve the Detroit Metropolitan community and we're asked to do what it hasn't been able to do," explained Wilson. "We're asked to put the sons and daughters of the white community and sons and daughters of the black community together in a 70-30 ratio; have them live together, grow together and experience together."

"I know that 10 years from now what we're doing in the residence halls at O.U. will have a positive effect on this whole area. Because this is where our students are going to stay."

Bruce Greening, 21, of Grosse Pointe Farms, approves of many of the changes in dorm life. "I'd move out if I couldn't have my room the way I want it," said Greening, whose room sports a handmade loft. "We live here nine months in a space 15 feet by 12 feet. This is home. We study easier if it's fixed up the way we like it."

Transfer student Natalie Silver, of Royal Oak feels O.U. dorms are friendlier than the one at Michigan State where she lived. "I can leave the door open here and nothing is taken. And the kids are very down to earth."



Photos by Junebug Clark, Tony LePain

It's hard to keep in touch.

No matter how we try to hold onto places and people who mean something to us, they somehow slip away.

Moving on--to new schools, jobs, cities and friends--always means leaving something behind.

But that doesn't mean we don't care.

Through the new alumni quarterly--renamed "In Touch"--we hope to renew some of those old ties.

Along with info about alumni events and personal news of fellow grads, "In Touch" will take a look at Oakland University itself.

What is the university like today? How has it changed and why? What is its future? Through feature stories like the one in this issue on dorms maybe you'll feel a little closer to O.U.

Hopefully "In Touch" will answer some of the questions that have been bugging you. Or give you some new ones to ponder.

And possibly its new format will provide a better forum for your ideas and feelings. There are 10,000 grads out there. Let us know what you'd like to see Oakland doing--or not doing. And how the Alumni Association can better serve you.

We promise to read your letter and if you'd like we'll print it (as long as it's signed).

Whatever you do, keep "In Touch".

Kathy Keiser Parrish, '67, Editor

Elaine Petz, '74, Alumni Director

Undergrad Engineers Benefit from OUEEA Drive

A fund raising goal of \$2,000 has been set by the O.U. Engineering Alumni Association (OUEEA) for 1975-76.

The 115-member group will use the money to promote undergrad work in engineering.

A paper contest this spring will award \$200 in prizes to O.U. students for work they are doing.

Last year OUEEA contributed \$100 toward the 22-foot high student-built wind machine which took two first place awards in a national competition on alternative energy sources.

It also awarded \$300 to the engineering upperclassman with the highest grade point average. Receiving the award was Charles Clark, 21, of



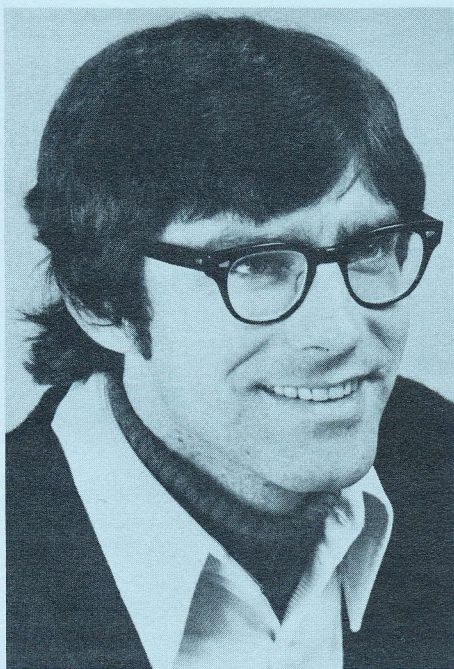
Chris Hargreaves ('69), (left) makes award to student Charles Clark

Houghton. A chemistry/English double major with a 3.96 G.P.A., Clark hopes to link electrical engineering with chemistry.

OUEEA members are also working on a survey to find out where engineering alumni are working and at what level of responsibility.

Recently elected to new two-year terms with the group's Engineers Council are David Buckingham ('70) of Troy; Chris Hargreaves ('69) of Lake Orion, secretary-treasurer; and Fred Phillips ('69, '71) of Troy, vice-chairman.

Other members are Bob White ('70, '72) of Sterling Heights, chairman; Camille Turski ('71) of Royal Oak; Warren Turski ('68) of Warren; and Phil Williams ('64) of Rochester.



Bill Shea

Bill Shea Heads 1976 Fund Drive

While raising money for the O.U. Alumni Association, new Fund Drive Chairman Bill Shea ('65) will also be exploring possibilities for more "family type" alumni activities.

"More and more of us have children now and there should be lots of things we can do as families," said Shea, who teaches sixth grade at Plumbrook School, Utica. He and his wife Mary Ann have three children.

"I feel strongly that people should derive benefits from being alumni--as well as being hit for money. There might be a lot of people we're missing, even though we do provide a lot of activities."

Shea, who worked on two telethons is waiting for final fund drive results before setting his goal for 1976.

Final tallies for 1975's Fund Drive, with a goal of \$18,000, are not in yet. But as of Oct. 31, more than \$10,000 had been pledged.

\$16,494.36 was raised last year with a goal of only \$10,000.

Contributing to the 1975 Fund Drive, chaired by Sally Carter ('67), were a telethon and art auction. The 10-day telethon, which ran from Sept. 29 to Oct. 14, resulted in 811 alumni pledges totaling \$7,331.

The Art Auction Oct. 26 raised \$758.47. Run by Gallery Art Center of Berkley, the sale gave alumni 20 percent of all cash and check sales and 15 percent of all charge sales.

The annual Friends of Oakland Swim Meet is set for February 21 and 22 in the O.U. Sports and Recreation Building.



O.U. Grads Mix Alumni Business with Pleasure

Business meetings can be deadly dull.

But the more than 100 O.U. grads who turned out to elect new members to the Alumni Association Board of Directors got a pleasant surprise.

Instead of speeches and punch, they got an evening of dining, drinking and dancing. All for free.

Responsible for the lavish evening were Don and Judy Moran ('63), board members who headed the 1974 Fund Drive and wanted to do "something fun" with the annual meeting.

"Don is a great organizer and thought it would be a good idea to see if restaurants would donate food," explained Judy, a former Troy elementary school teacher who has two children.

"I thought it was a terrible idea at first. But it turned out great."

More than a dozen area restaurants donated food for the occasion—from crab to egg rolls. The couple also raised \$350 in cash for liquor and a door prize—which real estate broker, Don, sheepishly won.

The Alumni Association provided a band, "Dandelion Wine", for the event, attended by President and Mrs. Donald O'Dowd as well as several O.U. professors.

"We just felt it would be nice to make this kind of a special event", added Judy. "Maybe then more people would come."

During a short business meeting, retiring Board president Mary Wermuth ('65) thanked her "very unusual and hardworking Board of Directors."

"It's been a great two years. Thank you," she added.

Association members elected seven grads to the Alumni

Association Board of Directors. They are:

Vicki Anderson ('69) of Ferndale, a budget analyst with the U.S. Government in Warren. Before her present job,, Ms. Anderson was a training director with the Northern Oakland County Girl Scouts for five and a half years.

Paul Angott ('70) of Troy. A former management consultant, Angott recently started his own company, Thermotrol Corp. of Madison Heights. An engineering grad, he invented his own product—a device which turns the thermostat down at night.

Art Coleman ('73, '74) of Romeo. A systems analyst with the Macomb County Intermediate School District, he and wife Delores have two children.

Jim Morrison ('63) of Birmingham. Active in Alumni events even before there was an Association, Morrison is a past president of Friends of Oakland and the only grad who is a member of the O.U. Foundation. A former O.U. Admissions Counselor, he is Supervisor of Training Programs with Pontiac Motor Division.

Mike Morrison ('72) of Rochester. Morrison is personnel manager for SeaRay Boats Company, Oxford. He is married to O.U. grad Suzanne (Van Doren '71), who works with a psychiatric clinic.

Robert White ('70, '72) of Sterling Heights. An engineer with General Motors Transportation Systems Division, Warren, White is chairman of the O.U. Engineering Alumni Association's Engineers Council. He and wife Rae Anne (Sundquist '69) have one child.

Also named to Board was John Hoisington ('65). No one has yet been elected to take the place of Paul Neeson, ('72)

who recently resigned to spend some time in Europe.

Other Board of Directors are Larry Baugh ('71), Sally Carter ('67), Jeannine Daly ('68), Don de Beauclair ('70), B. Joan Liddell ('65), Mike McCartan ('72), Virginia McIntyre ('63), Don Moran ('63), Judy Moran ('63), and Dee Snuggs ('71).

Ex-officio members are Bill Connellan ('67), Assistant to the President and Director of Public Relations; and Elaine Petz ('74), Director of the Office for Alumni Relations.

If you missed Alumni College or the Association Annual Meeting, we'd like to see you this year.

And those who made last year's events, let's do it again.

We're planning a huge Wilson Weekend—built around the Bicentennial—for October 16 and 17.

On the agenda is another two day Alumni College with seminars on everything from politics and computers to child care.

The traditional Wilson Weekend party, which is free to Alumni college participants, is set for romantic Meadow Brook Hall.

Alumni Director Elaine Petz said she hopes combining the two big Alumni events will enable more grads to take part.

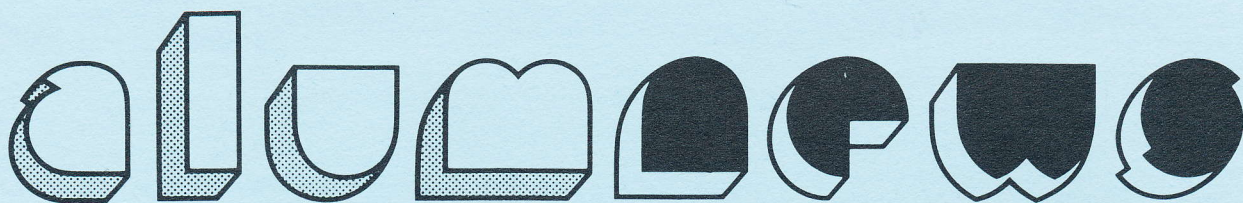
"We're really encouraged by the response last year," she said. "And we feel holding one weekend for activities would let us hold something really nice while keeping the cost down so more people can afford to come."

Plans for the weekend should be finalized by the end of January, with mailing going out in February.

Grads are encouraged to send suggestions for the weekend to the Office of Alumni Relations, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan 48063.

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1963

Lynne [Anderson] Ruth announces the birth of Wendy Catherine, October 20, 1975, who joins her brother Bill (8 yrs.) and sister Jennifer (6 yrs.). Lynne's husband is with Raymond Corporation, Greene, N.Y. She tells us Greene has a population of 2100, and is the perfect rural village to raise children in. Hopefully, Greene will be home to the Ruths for a long time to come. She also wishes more of the Charter Class would submit news to this column so she could be brought up to date more often.



Richard Stier was named Director of Advertising, Public Relations and Consumer Relations for the Sarasota-Manatee Division of U.S. Home of Florida, Inc. He is married and the father of three children.

1964

Marshall and Jacqueline Bishop '69 have recently relocated in Dowagiac, MI. Marshall completed his PhD at State University of New York, Albany, in Inorganic Chemistry this year and has accepted a teaching position at Southwestern Michigan for General Electric's time sharing business.

Robert C. White and his wife, Nancy, welcomed their first-born child, Patricia Lynn, February 22, 1975.

1965

Lewis R. Roberson has been named Marketing Manager - Southeast Region for the Gilbert/Commonwealth Companies. Prior to this position he served with Allis-Chalmers, primarily in electric utility sales. He is presently residing in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Keith and Glenna [Fairabend] Wendt '66 have a new baby daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, June 23, 1975. Their son, David, is five. Keith was recently promoted to Manager of Industrial Engineering for Manufacturing for United Vintners, Inc., California. They enjoy their lives in California very much, but are looking forward to spending Christmas with their families in Michigan.

1966

Susan Sechler has recently published a report entitled, "The Fields Have Turned Brown." She is with the Agribusiness Accountability Project in Washington, D.C.

1967

Claudia Michael is now teaching at Glen Oaks Community College and living in Sturgis, Michigan with her husband, Ralph Dittman.

1968

Doug and Jill Bastian spent three weeks in France this summer attending an animated film festival in Annecy, visiting friends, and sight-seeing in Paris. Doug is using his film footage with students at Crofoot Elementary, Pontiac. Upon their return from France, Jill and Doug aided Dr. George Gerber in the birth of their daughter, Heather Margret, born September 12, 1975, at Crittenton Hospital, Rochester, Michigan.

Robert Johnson has returned from a year's duty in Thailand as Captain in the Aircraft Maintenance with the U.S. Air Force. He left the Air Force in September, after seven years active duty, to attend MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Paul McCarty is now residing in Kenton, Ohio, and preaching at the Silver Creek Church.

Drew and Janet [Holmgren] McKay have advised us she has been elected Vice Chairman of the Washington Linguistics Society for 1975-76. Janet will have an article published in *Style*, Spring, 1976. Drew is presently the Assistant Staff Director of the Federal Election Commission.

Roger and Donna Smith '72 announce the July 17, 1975, birth of their son, Edward Andrew.

1969

Kathleen Bowden announces the birth of her first-born son, Andrew Scott, May 28, 1975.

Gary Cobb has been working for IBM since graduation from OU, first as a Systems Engineer, and now as a Marketing Representative. He, his wife, and four children-boys 2, 7, and 8, and girl 1-are living in Midland, Michigan.

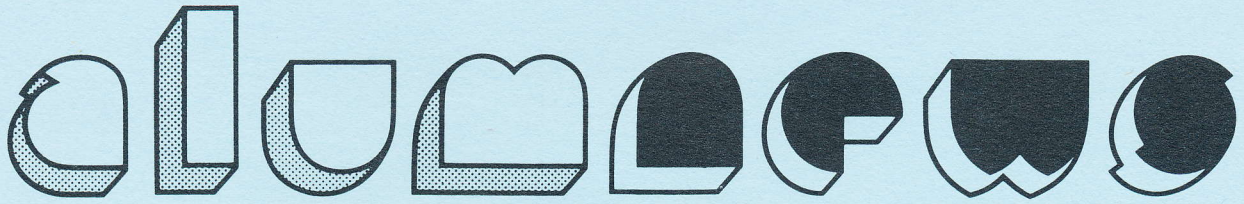
Diane Farstvedt and husband, Jerry, have two children, John, 6, Julie, 2. Diane is teaching second grade at Lake Orion Schools where she has taught since graduation with the exception of 1 1/2 years when Jerry was stationed at West Point. During that time she substituted at the post school. Jerry is now employed at Pontiac State Bank. Home is an older house in Lake Orion which the Farstvedts are remodelling themselves.

Roger A. Francis, Captain, U.S. Air Force, was decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service at Eielson AFB, Alaska. Captain Francis is now stationed at Osan, Korea where he is serving with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

Kerry Pike has been accepted to Harvard Business School and began his studies this past fall term. Kerry served last year on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and also as an Engineering Alumni Association representative.

1970

Michael and Carol [Harris] Buller proudly announce the birth of their first child, Jeremy Jerome, August 9, 1975.



Mike earned an AMLS degree from U of M in August, 1971, and is beginning his fourth year as Audio Visual Director at Eisenhower High School in Saginaw. Carol completed work on her M.A. at CMU in August, 1974 and taught German and English for the past four years at Eisenhower. This year she will devote her time to Jeremy, and to her recently elected position on the School Board of the Swan Valley School District.

Lester and Donna [Hare] Blagg '67 report that Les received a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School in June and has been admitted to the Bar in Michigan. Les works for the Michigan Supreme Court in Detroit. Donna was awarded an M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from O.U. in August. She teaches at Berkshire Jr. High School in Birmingham. They live in Pontiac when weather prohibits sailing on Lake St. Clair.

Barry and Elaine Johnson '74 announce the birth of a baby daughter, Genevieve, October, 1974.

Michael C. Smith is now principal of Remus Elementary School (Chippewa Hills Schools) Remus, Michigan.

Craig Wibby resigned his position with Ford Tractor in Romeo, Michigan, after two years to move to Hawaii and continue his schooling. He is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Hawaii.

1971

Bernard Kent graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1974, passed the Bar Examination and the CPA Examination, and has been working in the tax department (primarily in the pension area) of Coopers and Lybrand for the past two years.

Camille C. Klimecki has received her MA in Guidance and Counseling from O.U. She has recently been appointed the position of Counselor at Oakland University. Previous to this position, Camille was a Jr. High Teacher in Detroit, Michigan.

George C. Landenberger was named Manager of Manufacturing Operations for Hart, Schaffner & Marx, June 1, 1975.

Greg Mealy, wife Wendy, and their son, John (born July, 1974) are now living in Burlington, Massachusetts. Greg is a member of the Navigation Group at the Analytic Sciences Corporation in Reading.

Jerry K. and Linda [Bills] Oermann announce the birth of their first child, November, 1975. Jerry is working for the Mt. Morris Schools as a Psychometrist. Linda is working as a second grade teacher in the same school system.

1972

Iris Aaron is president of Sharon Group of Hadassah (the largest Zionist organization in the world).

Ronald Carlson has graduated with a J.D. from Wayne State University's Law School, and has moved to the Lansing area to be a Staff Attorney of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Steven Primeau is currently employed in the Detroit area as an artist's model. He spent a year and a half in Scotland and North and West Africa. While in Scotland, he worked at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (emotionally disturbed).

1973

Paul Armstrong is working full-time as a chemist at Flint Ink, and is going to night school at Wayne State, working on a masters degree in Industrial Hygiene.

Pete Dudley continues as principal bass of the Fantasia Ensemble, and offers discounts to OU Staff, students, and Alumni engaging the band for any occasion. Call him at 885-2387.

Barbara Hayward married Thomas J. Sacharski, graduate of Michigan Tech., on August 16, 1974. Barbara is employed by a law firm in Southfield and resides in Plymouth, Michigan.

Michael C. Springstube, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, has been awarded silver wings upon graduation from the navigator training school at Mather AFB, California. Mike will be stationed at Kincheloe AFB, Michigan, where he will serve with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

1974

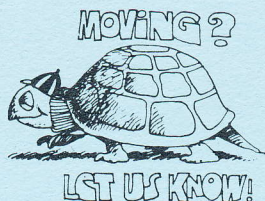
Wendy Lull is still associated with OU as Assistant Program Director of Medical Review Program for the Federation of Licensing Examination, FLEX, (State Medical Boards). She is also continuing research projects on Freshwater Pulmonate Snails with Dr. R. D. Hunter, Biology Department, Oakland University.

Paul J. Moga has currently completed his freshman year at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri, where he is working towards a doctor degree in medicine. During the summer months, for the fifth consecutive year, he has been employed by Greenfield Village as a boiler operator in the Edison power station A. He holds a third class stationary boiler operator license.

Carolyn Bullock has been accepted by the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri for a four-year professional program leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy.

1975

Arthur F. Wolfson is attending the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago. At the end of the four-year curriculum he will receive a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM). Much of his clinical training will take place in the college's own clinic, the largest foot clinic in the world, with more than 30,000 patient visits recorded annually.

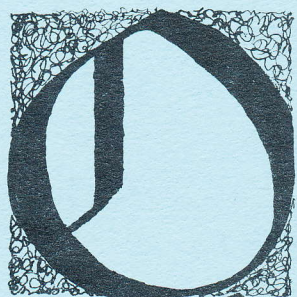


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