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News briefs for Oakland University colleagues

## breaking NEWS

### Learn firsthand about grant writing

Oakland University faculty and staff will learn about grants at an April 21-22 program, *Developing the Future of Research at Oakland University*.

Sessions that build on this program are scheduled for October 5-6.

For more information, contact the Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research at 3222.

### Abraham among graduation speakers May 1

- School of Business Administration, 10 a.m., U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R)
- College of Arts and Sciences, no outside speaker
- School of Engineering and Computer Science, 4:40 p.m., Thomas Stallkamp, president, DaimlerChrysler Corporation
- School of Nursing, 1 p.m., Shake Ketefian, director, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Studies, University of Michigan School of Nursing
- School of Education and Human Services, 7:30 p.m., William Kalmar, executive director, Michigan Quality Council

## OU to mark third annual Founders' Day with groundbreaking ceremony

Oakland University will celebrate 42 years of academic innovation, pay tribute to the achievements of outstanding faculty, and break ground on the site of a new School of Business Administration and Information Technology Institute April 20.

At its third annual Founders' Day, OU honors the memory of founders Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson, whose 1,500 acre, \$2-million gift has enriched the lives of hundreds of thousands of students since 1957.

First, at the Fourth Annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon, OU President Gary D. Russi will celebrate Oakland's excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. The reception begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a noon luncheon, by invitation only, in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

The groundbreaking ceremony is set for 4:30 p.m. on the Kresge Library east lawn. A reception for guests and the OU community will follow at 5:30 p.m.

The \$17.5 million 60,000-square-foot building will open in fall 2000. Attached

to Varner Hall, the four-story complex will contain general purpose classrooms, faculty offices and the institute — a site for Oakland faculty to learn to use information technology and multimedia to enhance teaching and research.

The institute will feature computer training labs, offices, videoconferencing, interactive media viewing rooms, a multimedia production center, faculty/staff multimedia development lab, a video production

facility and a 100-seat multimedia auditorium for staff training.

"The university needs state-of-the-art classrooms and labs for students to keep up with the dramatic changes in the application and management of technology in their fields," SBA Dean John C. Gardner Sr. says.

Such technology includes Web page development, network and database management and computer programming.

## OU center improves ways to choose careers

Oakland University has enhanced its resources to help students, alumni and OU affiliates plan their professional careers.

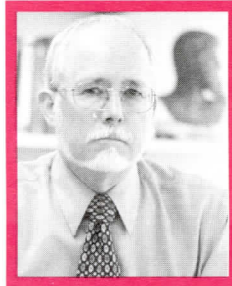
The Career Resource Center, now under the direction of Placement and Career Services, features counselors who can help people learn about themselves and how their interests, personalities, skills and values affect career choices.

Among the center's resources are videos and books on many fields and the computer programs Discover, SIGI Plus and Focus II. These programs provide a list of occupations according to interests and abilities. Another program, *Please Understand Me*, helps assess personality types.





**Dyanne Tracy**



**Ronald Finucane**

### **Faculty, students win awards from Michigan Association of Governing Boards**

The Michigan Association of Governing Boards honored two Oakland University faculty members and two students with prestigious awards at its 18th annual ceremony April 6.

The faculty recipients are Dyanne Tracy, associate professor, School of Education and Human Services, co-recipient of OU's 1998 Teaching Excellence Award; and Ronald Finucane, chair and professor, Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences, winner of the 1998 Oakland University Research Excellence Award.

The student recipients are Mychal Thom and Kristen DeRemer.

The MAGB annual ceremony recognizes outstanding faculty and undergraduates in each of Michigan's 15 four-year institutions.

### **OU's Meadow Brook Hall honors volunteers**

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall presented 24 awards to volunteers April 17 during the 1999 Volunteer Awards Brunch.

The annual event recognizes the importance of volunteers to the preservation and interpretation of the Tudor-revival style mansion and its collections.

### **Department selects Bruce Mann for achievement award**

Bruce Mann, associate professor, English, College of Arts and Sciences, was named recipient of the 1998-99 Judd Family English Department Achievement Award.

Mann was honored during a presentation and reception April 9. He

received the award for his extraordinary work over the past several years writing for and talking to theatre-goers in conjunction with a variety of local productions. As the English Department's specialist in modern drama, known particularly for his scholarship on Tennessee Williams and Edward Albee, Mann has increasingly given himself as a community resource, speaking at bookstores, in libraries, and on campus.

He has also forged a strong relationship with



**Bruce Mann**

OU's Meadow Brook Theatre. He has served as a consultant, offered pre-theatre talks to audiences and written articles for the theatre's newsletter.



Looking for a healthy heart?

Join the club.

Across the nation, people are searching for ways to improve their cardiovascular health. Regular aerobic exercise, low-fat diets and decreased salt intake all top the list.

For some people, that list also includes a daily dose of aspirin (more formally called aspirin prophylaxis).

Every day, more people choose to take aspirin in an attempt to reduce their risk of developing cardiovascular disease. And it's not just based on conjecture.

Several controlled clinical trials have demonstrated that aspirin prophylaxis actually reduces the risk of subsequent heart attacks and some forms of stroke

(ischemic) among patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease, says Fred Stransky, director, Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

For healthy people, however, the benefit of taking aspirin to reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes is more controversial. Yet many institute participants report taking aspirin to prevent cardiovascular disease, even without sufficient clinical evidence to show it really does, Stransky says.

Before making a decision, Stransky recommends you talk with your physician or schedule a complete evaluation at the institute to help determine the risks and benefits of taking aspirin.

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