

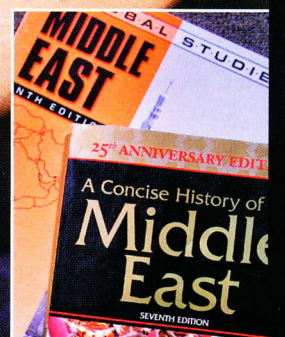
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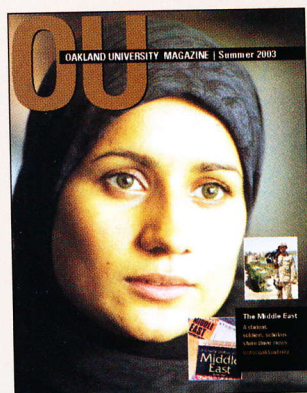
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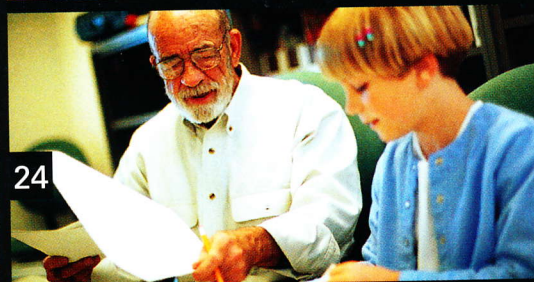
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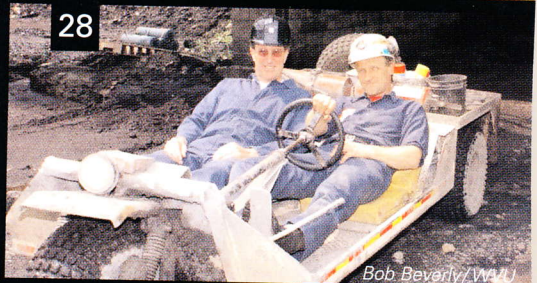
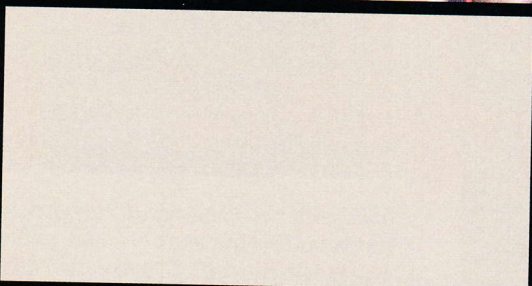
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Behind the Stories

The e-mail from Kirkuk Airfield arrived at 11:04 p.m. on April 22. Army Sgt. Aaron Talley, reporter for the Armed Forces Network covering the 173rd Airborne Brigade, found electricity and a satellite connection for the first time in five days.

"We have Internet access here, but it often goes out," he wrote from Iraq. The former OU Music, Theatre and Dance performer spent most of April sleeping under a poncho, eating MREs (his favorite: the BBQ cheese burger) and reporting the movements of paratroopers during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "If you want to send a list of questions, that would probably be the easiest way (to do an interview). We do have a sat phone," he wrote. "But it's something like \$12 a minute."

The vision for *OU Magazine's* cover stories began last fall as talks of a possible war intensified. On campus, professors debated issues in the Oakland Center. The Honors College hosted an event to build understanding of Middle Eastern culture. A former UN weapons inspector came to campus.

Hearing arguments for and against war, we felt it crucial to offer stories with one overriding objective: balance. We wanted American soldiers in Iraq to tell you the story from their unique vantage points. We wanted you to hear from Michigan's Middle Eastern community — the largest in our country — through the eloquent voice of student Sumeera Younis. Finally, we wanted scholars to explain the reasoning behind war and predict the aftermath.

These voices represent OU's great diversity. We thank them for their work in Iraq or right here at home promoting unity and understanding. The story continues. Write to us and let us know where you stand.

Henry E. Lorio

Editor

Welcome to *OU Magazine's* new Letters section. Readers offered prayers and understanding for the dilemma faced by ailing former OU Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis. One reader questioned comments by a nationally recognized researcher in our coverage of racial profiling. Another weighed in on *OU Magazine's* redesign. We hope to hear from you.



Cover photo by George Waldman



Rick DeLorme

Still in 'the game'

I read the story, *A dream cut short*, about former OU Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis — and my heart goes out to her. I had symptoms of Crohn's disease (related to ulcerative colitis) when I was a student at OU. Bowel disease can be debilitating — especially for active people. Please tell her not to give up hope. There are still ways to make a contribution and participate in "the game" — at a different level. Four operations — trips to the Cleveland Clinic — I'm still doing the job I started as a student at OU in 1975, assisting students with their student employment needs. I credit OU with opening doors for me just as others were closing. Please forward my best wishes to Beckie.

Michelle L. Simmons CAS '78
Associate Director, Career Center
Bowling Green State University

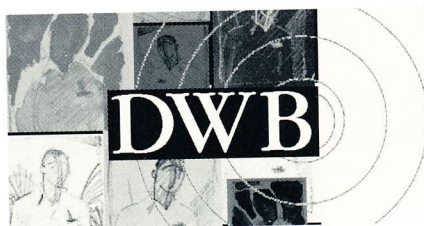
Comfort and healing

I read the article about the disease that former OU Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis and writer Ann Ruppenthal both have. I was absolutely

thrilled to read the story, because I recently have been diagnosed with the same disease, ulcerative colitis. The article gave me some comfort knowing that I am not alone. Because I am so new to this disease, I also learned a bit from your article, such as stress makes you worse and rest is more necessary than ever if I ever want to heal.

Thank you to Ann Ruppenthal for writing the article and to Beckie Francis for letting her story be told. You both have changed my world, all because of one article. I was also happy to read that Beckie has a great faith in God. I, too, walk in faith and without my relationship with my savior, I would never believe in healing. Everything happens for a reason, especially when you are a believer. Thank you, thank you again. God bless both women. I will be praying for the recovery of you both.

C.F. SEHS '80
St. Clair Shores, Mich.



Driving While Black

I read my wife Julie's *OU Magazine* and found some interesting and useful articles in it. I found the *Driving While Black* article very troubling, however. It seems to say that profiling by race/place is wrong

or bad. David Harris' comments were the ones that triggered me. He talked about "...police hunting for black people..." and "the further away blacks are from black neighborhoods, the more pronounced this activity becomes." But such race/place is merely common sense and should be encouraged. Just as policemen should question why a black man is in a totally white area, they should question why I, a white man, should be in a totally black area. Of course, this does not mean they should stop either such person, but they should be checking data available to them to see if they can learn more. I feel that we need to work to eliminate racial prejudice wherever it exists, including strictly racial profiling by police. But race/place profiling is not racial profiling, and, as (Auburn Hills, Mich., Police) Chief Doreen Olko said in the article, "The study proves that more things come into play than just race."

David Marckini
West Olive, Mich.

Colorful and appealing

I really enjoyed the winter issue of *OU Magazine*. As a Presidents' Club member I have been getting publications for many years from Oakland University, but this is the first one that ever really grabbed me and said "READ." The layout was colorful and appealing and the content was varied and interesting. I found myself even reading *Class Notes* and I'm not even an alum. I especially appreciated the article on Beckie Francis *A dream cut short*. Women who achieve success have many difficult personal choices to make. Ann Ruppenthal's insightful article expressed that. Great job!

Nancy Sergeant
West Bloomfield, Mich.

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Graduate nurse anesthesia program among top six in nation

Oakland University's Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia has been recognized as sixth in the United States in the 2004 edition of *U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Graduate School Programs*. OU's ranking puts it in the top 10 percent of the 86 nurse anesthesia graduate programs in the country. There are four in Michigan.

The program started in 1991 as a collaborative initiative to address Michigan's nurse anesthetist shortage. OU's 28-month program exceeds accreditation standards in both clinical and classroom work, says Catherine Vincent, interim associate dean of the School of Nursing. While students must work on 450 anesthesia cases to qualify to take the national certifying examination, OU graduates finish their studies with double that number, about 1,000 cases.

The program offers extensive pharmacology coursework, gross anatomic dissection and research opportunities beyond that required by national standards. OU students get training in the areas of patient safety, nursing theory, health care policy and cultural diversity. Now, 43 percent of Beaumont's nurse anesthetists are graduates of OU's program. ●



PT doctoral student Beth Peruski helps clinic "patient" Pbill Harmer.



Selfless students receive Keeper of the Dream Awards

Recipients of this year's Keeper of the Dream scholarships may be thrilled to earn the award, but their overriding desire to help those in need demonstrates their selfless nature.

"I don't volunteer to get noticed," says junior elementary education major Crystal Wilkerson (center, left), an AmeriCorps Oakland volunteer and Keeper of the Dream scholarship recipient. "But it's always good to get that gratification from people, and it inspires me to continue."

More than 600 gathered at OU's Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion to honor four scholarship recipients and to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In addition to Wilkerson, the other recipients of \$5,000 scholarships were junior Crystal Allen (center, right), senior Steven Townsend (far right) and sophomore Sumeeraounis (far left). The awards recognize students who have demonstrated strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and in promoting interracial understanding. ●

Actors "break a leg" to help future physical therapists

OU acting students gave new meaning to the term "break a leg" when they served as volunteer "patients" for physical therapists in training.

In a collaborative program between OU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and the School of Health Science's Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, students from OU's Patient Management Course use the skills they've learned to help actor/patients learn to maneuver.

Senior theatre major Phill Harmer played the role of a 22-year-old suffering from an anterior cruciate ligament injury. "I found that (the DPT students) were very responsive to the feedback I give them. And it's not often that I get to play a guy with a knee injury." His talent made a difference for DPT student Beth Peruski. "It's really helpful to work with patients we don't know. This will help us get ready for treating real patients." ●

OUTV wins national awards



Dennis Collins

Heather Haughey

Oakland University's OUTV — the university's cable channel — earned five national awards this year: two Telly Awards and three Communicator Awards.



The monthly sports program *The Grizzlies Den*, produced by Heather Haughey, and the monthly events program *Explore OU*, produced by Scott Burke, won Tellies. In the Communicator Awards contest, *Explore OU* won the Award of Distinction in the Educational Institution/Under \$1,500 category. The *Men's Basketball Video 2001-2002*, produced by Tim Gasparovich, won the Award of Distinction in the Student-Produced category. *OUTV Scrolling Students*, also produced by Haughey,

received an Honorable Mention in the College/University category.

Watch OUTV on Comcast Cablevision Channel 74 in the following Michigan communities: Auburn Hills, Berkley, Clawson, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Oakland Township, Pleasant Ridge, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Royal Oak and Troy. ●

OU faculty take democracy to Russia



Newscaster Mike Lewis, center; with American and Russian journalists

Mike Lewis and Bernard Brock — teamed with faculty from Wayne State University and flew to Siberia last fall as the third phase of the "Demcomm" initiative on foundational skills in democratic press relations.

"Most of the (Russian) political communicators are idealistic and young," Howell says. "They live in a region of great potential, directly in the crosshairs of Europe and Asia. They really feel that they're creating their country in key areas that will influence how democracy unfolds." ●

To help forge a free press in the former Soviet Union, a contingent of OU faculty led a series of lectures and seminars on understanding democratic communication and creating a new media system for Russian press secretaries and journalists as well as students attending the Novosibirsk School for a Civil Society in Siberia.

Three members of OU's Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism department — Shea Howell, newscaster



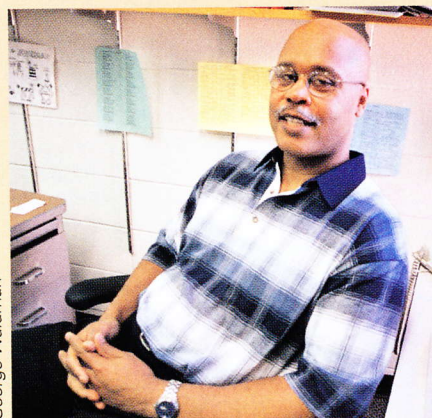
Student researcher Sara Pelliccia and Frank Giblin, interim ERI director

Grant supports eye research

Oakland University's Eye Research Institute (ERI) received a five-year, \$1.1 million grant from the National Eye Institute (NEI) for Vision Research Infrastructure Development.

The award will support two laboratory research modules, Ocular Ultrastructure and Cell and Molecular Biology. It also will permit the institute to purchase a real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machine and establish a Microarray Analysis Facility.

"The award will allow vision researchers at Oakland University to perform at a new level of excellence regarding their research on the eye and blinding eye diseases," says Frank Giblin, principle investigator on the grant and interim director of the ERI. ●



George Waldman

Political Science professor named ACE Fellow

Oakland University Associate Professor of Political Science Dale Nesbary will spend the next academic year working with a college or university president as an American Council of Education (ACE) Fellow for the 2003-2004 academic year. He is just one of 37 fellows selected this year from 500 applicants.

Nesbary, who directs OU's Master of Public Administration program, will take part in the highest level of decision-making while participating in administrative activities and also will contribute to a leadership team exploring a project to benefit Oakland.

"The fellows program will sharpen and enhance Dr. Nesbary's leadership skills," says Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil. "Dr. Nesbary's selection by the American Council on Education also demonstrates that Oakland University has some of the brightest and best faculty in the nation." ●



Lisa Shannon CAS '99 (center, right) will wear her heart on her sleeve all summer long in the newest addition to the reality TV wars, CBS' *Cupid*, hosted by *American Idol*'s Simon Cowell. Dubbed the Cupid Girl, the one-time OU journalism major and award-winning advertising copywriter will travel the country with two friends searching for Mr. Right. Each week, CBS viewers will get the chance to vote off another Mr. Wrong, until Shannon finds "the man of her dreams."

Shannon lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and works for Campbell-Ewald Advertising, where she writes and films television commercials. She won three awards for Chevrolet ad campaigns including two Telly Awards and a Silver Caddy. What will it take to be the man in her life? Intelligence, a sense of humor and no fear of commitment. ●

OU trustees, administrators, faculty and staff spent the winter and spring searching for ways to reduce spending while maintaining a focus on the university's core mission: educating students. But \$5.5 million in spending reductions couldn't overcome a state budget crisis and its associated cuts to higher education funding.

In a May campus budget hearing, OU trustees rejected a proposed double-digit tuition hike and asked OU leadership to look for other areas to trim. More cuts brought the tuition increase down to 9.9 percent, or \$250 per semester for the average full-time undergraduate student.

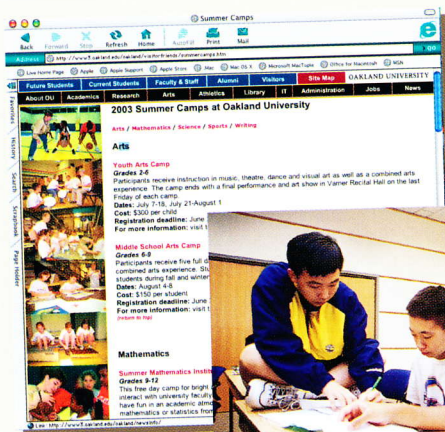
"Our per-student state appropriation has dropped from \$4,712 in 2001 to \$3,736 projected for 2004 — even while the costs of providing a top-quality college education have significantly increased over that period," OU President Gary Russi told the board. "State funding now represents only 36 percent of our general fund budget. In 1993, it was 56 percent."

Savings measures include eliminating or reducing hours for 60 positions, including 21 full-time faculty positions. OU also instituted a hiring freeze in March and froze executive officers' and upper-level academic administrators' salaries. ●

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—Compiled by Jeff Samoray CAS '90





Camps cure summertime blues

Oakland University has the ticket to summertime fun: camps for every interest. Get all the details at the campus' new camp Web site by tapping into *OU Magazine's* Web links.

Parents can choose from more than a dozen camps for kids of all ages. OU's Youth and Middle School Arts camps teach music, theatre, dance and the visual arts.



The Summer Mathematics Institute offers challenging courses for college credit. Enviro-Explorer Summer Camps examine plant and animal life. OU's Summer Writing Workshop helps young people find their literary sides. And a variety of sports camps will help bring out the athlete in any child. ●



For links to these Web sites, visit *OU Magazine* on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu.

Enhanced OUA Web site offers more information

There's more to see and learn than ever before at OU's

enhanced alumni Web site: www.OUAlumni.com. Visitors now can apply for OUA membership; learn about upcoming OUA trips such as the fall trip to Ireland; get details on the benefits that accompany OUA memberships; find out how to apply for student alumni scholarships; obtain application and nomination forms; update contact information; read the latest campus and OUA news, and access the Grizz Store for athletic apparel.

"The Alumni Relations Department is pleased to offer many new Web pages showcasing the Future Alumni Network student organization, the Charter Class Reunion and OUA Scholarships for students, to name only a few," says OUA Assistant Director of Information Technology Linda Oliver. "Although the Web site has a different look and feel, the information is well organized, and our alumni will enjoy the increased assortment of useful information and links the site provides. As our programs expand and change, so will our Web site."

For more information or to leave comments about the variety and look of the new Web site, write to oliver@oakland.edu.



Visit OU's campus online

Thanks to the Internet, it's now possible to take a tour of the Oakland University campus at any time from anywhere in the world. Click into *OU Magazine's* Web links to sample 360-degree views of eight different campus locations. Viewers can rotate the image in all directions and magnify it to see specific details.

Alumni who haven't had a chance to visit the campus recently can see new campus additions such as the Education and Human Services Building, Recreation and Athletics Center, Science and Engineering Building as well as the University Student Apartments. Take a look at Meadow Brook Hall, the Natatorium and the Pioneer Court in the Oakland Center. ●

New President's Club category encourages alumni giving

For the past four decades, members of The President's Club, Oakland's oldest donor organization, have helped to provide support for major university needs.

The new President's Club Alumni Associate Membership is designed to encourage alumni participation by offering a reduced financial commitment during the first three years. To become an associate member, alumni must make an unrestricted three-year, \$3,000 pledge — payable in three annual installments of \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500 — and join the Oakland University Alumni Association.

During those three years, alumni associate members receive invitations to all President's Club events and enjoy unlimited access to Katke-Cousins Golf Course. Annual access/registration fees and greens fees still apply. In the fourth year, associates can opt to make a \$10,000 pledge, payable in \$2,000 installments over five years to receive full President's Club membership status and benefits.

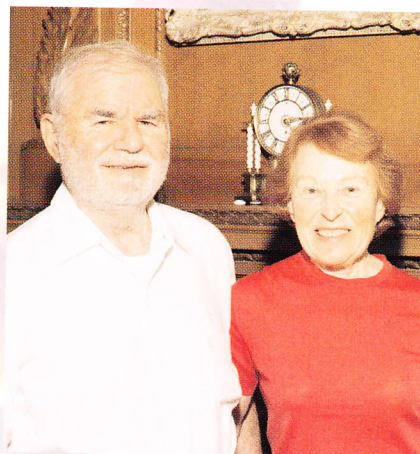
All gifts are tax deductible and may also be eligible for corporate matching. For more information about this new giving opportunity, please call The President's Club office at (248) 370-3700, ext. 1244. ●

Faculty, staff, retirees give back in a big way

At Oakland, giving starts from within. The 2002 All-University Fund Drive (AUFD) raised \$167,266 from faculty, staff and retirees — a 39 percent increase over last year.

"I am extremely pleased with the level of participation we have seen this year by OU faculty and staff members," said Oakland President Gary Russi. "I am continually amazed by the commitment of our employees to enhancing university programs and services as we continue toward our vision of delivering a distinctive educational experience for our students." For the third year in a row, Russi matched all donations 50 cents on the dollar up to \$5,000.

To reach the fund drive goal, more than 50 faculty and staff volunteered to talk with their colleagues about the critical needs of Oakland University, the United Way and the Black United Fund. This 2003 drive will kick off during the fall semester. ●



Irving and Audrey Rose

Gift puts dancers on their toes

Irving and Audrey Rose couldn't have choreographed a better way to support OU's dance program.

A member of the executive board for the School of American Ballet in New York, Audrey Rose is also a longtime supporter of the performing arts at Oakland. The Roses based their decision to give \$100,000 to the university's dance program on their personal experiences watching gifted young dancers stretch for their dreams.

The Roses established their gift in honor of Carol Halsted, former chair of Oakland's Music, Theatre and Dance department. The gift will support enrichment opportunities such as visiting choreographers. ●



Engineering students abuzz about Prosig software donation

They may not be the Beach Boys, but Saeed Siavoshani PhD and his mechanical engineering students are feeling good vibrations — and they're reporting on them.

Prosig USA, Inc., a pioneer in the noise and vibration arena for both automotive and non-automotive applications, recently gave Oakland 16 software licenses for a high-end signal processing program: DATS for Windows NVH (noise, vibration and harshness).

Siavoshani, an adjunct professor and global technical leader at Dow, and his students use the technology to acquire, analyze, display and report data in their noise, vibration and harshness courses.

Siavoshani estimates the value of Prosig's gift at more than \$100,000. Prosig USA also provided technical training to Oakland professors and graduate students. ●

For more information about giving opportunities at Oakland, click on the Give to OU link at www.oakland.edu.

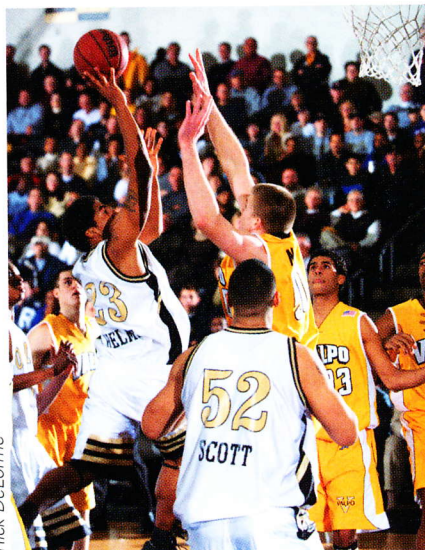
— Compiled by Ryan Poquette
CAS '96

Helms shoots, Helms scores

It was nothin' but net all season for OU basketball standout Mike Helms. The junior guard finished third in the nation in scoring among NCAA Division I players. His 26.9 points-per-game average earned him the Mid-Continent Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year title and an honorable mention All-America from the Associated Press.

Helms attracted national media attention by scoring more than 20 points in 22 games this season — a conference-best. In 14 games, he slammed in 30 or more points.

"I just play with my teammates offensively and take what comes to me," Helms says. "I know that I have to bring my 'A' game. It gives me more intensity, and I play with more adrenaline." ●



Rick DeLorme

Helms takes a shot

Winter and Spring seasons strong for OU

The **men's basketball** team finished its winning season with a 17-11 record overall and a 10-4 record in the Mid-Continent Conference. The team earned its second straight 17-win season, tying the school record since becoming Division I. The team finished play with a first-round 66-55 loss to Southern Utah in the Mid-Con Tournament.

It was the third straight trip to the Mid-Con Tournament Championship for the **women's basketball** team. In a rematch of last year's title game against Valparaiso, the team fell in a nail biter 48-46. OU ended its season at 13-16.

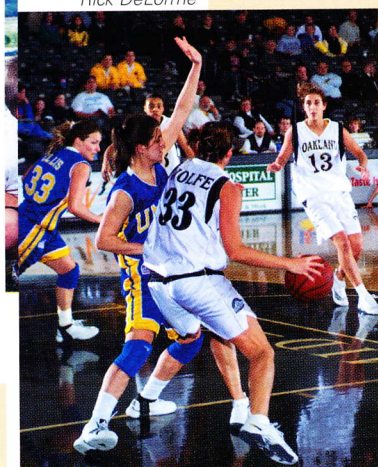
OU's **men's and women's golf teams** completed their seasons by hosting the Mid-Continent Conference Championships at the Katke-Cousins course on the Oakland campus. The men's team finished third and the women's team finished fifth.

Men's swimming and diving ranked among the nation's top 30 teams, capturing 17 points at the NCAA Championships in March. At 27th in the country, the highest finish ever for the Golden Grizzlies, the team met a goal set by Coach Pete Hovland.

OU's **women's swimming and diving** claimed its second consecutive National Independent Conference championship title, edging out Northern Arizona by one point. The Golden Grizzlies set four NIC records, five pool records and 10 school records.

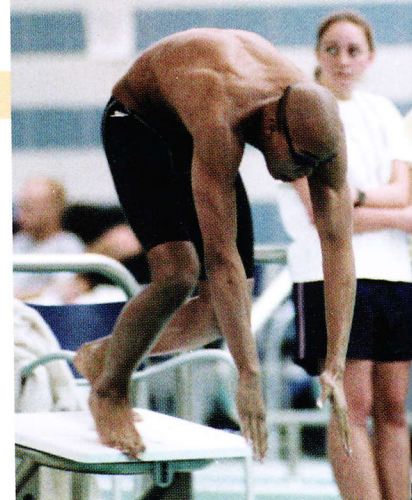
The **softball** team ended its 2003 season May 17, with a 34-26-1 record, qualifying for the NCAA Championships for a second consecutive year by winning the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament Title. Pitcher **Julie Anderson** capped off her career by being named the Mid-Continent Conference women's Student-Athlete of the Month for April. During April she threw five shutouts.

OU sophomores **Will Tollison** and **Kyle Boehm** were named to the 2003 Mid-Con **baseball** all-conference first team. Oakland concluded its season with a 20-34 overall record and missed the conference tournament after posting a 7-13 record in Mid-Con. ●



Rick DeLorme

A third Mid-Con championship run for OU women



Olympic hopeful Sullivan

Off the block

There are Olympic hopes for sophomore Chris Sullivan, one of the fastest swimmers in OU history. His lightning-fire 19.63-second, 50-meter freestyle puts him among the top six in the nation. This season, he won all of his 50-meter freestyle races and lost just once in the 100-meter freestyle.

Still, Sullivan says, "I haven't really thought about the Olympics yet. When the time comes, if I'm ready, then I'll be there. Right now, I'm just focusing on smaller things. If I accomplish those, it will lead me to the bigger things."

Sullivan's times at the National Independent Conference Championships (NICs) set new school, pool and conference records, qualifying Sullivan to compete in March at the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships with four of his teammates. ●

Club hockey and lacrosse make it to nationals

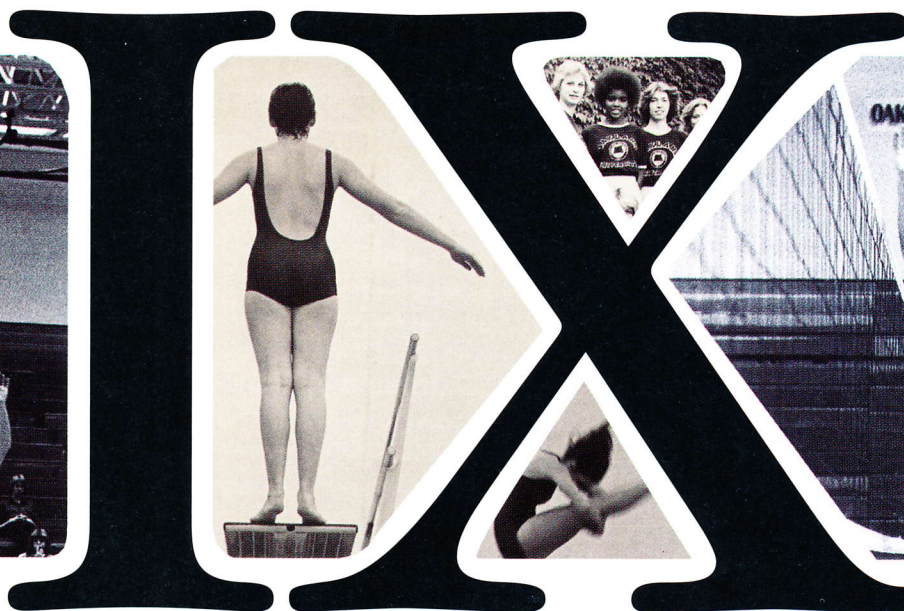
The **men's club hockey team** posted a 20-6-4 regular season record and clinched a Greater Midwest Hockey League championship. The team also made its third appearance at the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II National Tournament.

OU's **men's lacrosse club** finished its most successful season ever, ranked No. 10 in the nation and scoring a record of 15-3. The team competed in national play, losing to Michigan. Dwayne Hicks was named the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association's Coach of the Year. ●

— Compiled by Dawn Pauli CAS '88



Title



Spiking women's involvement in sports at OU and nationally, the landmark gender equity law put a feminine face on athletics and spurred three decades of debate By Joanne C. Gerstner CAS '93

Some 30 years after Title IX mandated gender equity in college athletics, Oakland University junior softball infielder Bozenna Johnson can't imagine life without sports.

"I don't think anybody understood how tough women really are or how good athletically we can be. (Before Title IX) it was really limited in what women should do," Johnson says. "I can't imagine a life without sports. I really can't. It's always been a part of me, and it's who I am. I've never not been an athlete."

Always controversial, the 1972 law has been the subject of hundreds of lawsuits — many contending that non-revenue men's sports suffered as colleges strived to meet "quotas" for women's sports. This year, the debate continues. In a case pending in federal court, the National Wrestling Coaches Association charges that 355 men's college athletic teams and some 22,000 men's scholarships have been eliminated because of Title IX.

The lawsuit prompted President George W. Bush to appoint a 15-member panel in June 2002 — on the 30th birthday of Title IX — to recommend reforms. Its report, issued in late January, recommended only mild changes, igniting more passionate debate. Panel member Julie Foudy, an Olympic and World Cup soccer champion, denounced the group in an open letter, saying members were unwilling to examine the real issues facing Title IX.



Jose Juarez, The Oakland Press

There's no question, though, that the law positively impacted women's athletics at all levels. Less than 25,000 women participated in college sports in 1971, some 15 percent of college athletes. In 2001, nearly 151,000 women competed in intercollegiate sports, according to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA). They accounted for 43 percent of all college athletes.

At the high school level, girls' sports exploded. Some 2.8 million female athletes played for high schools in 2001, a staggering change from 300,000 in 1971 — a year before Congress enacted Title IX.

Thinking differently

Oakland University Athletic Director Jack Mehl remembers that pre-Title IX world.

"It was a generational issue. People couldn't embrace the concept of the female athlete," Mehl says. "I was a young coach in the early 1970s. I saw attitudes change, gradually, but it was very hard for the entrenched to think differently about female athletes."

Flash forward to today. In one corner of the OU student recreation center the women's softball team lifts weights. Bouncing basketballs echo through the O'rena, as the women's team practices.

"Title IX is something that is very important to all of us; it's the landmark change for women's sports as we know it," says OU Associate Athletic Director Tracy Huth.

The rise of women's sports at OU mirrors progress around the country. OU's athletic department grew steadily, adding more sports for women and some for men. By the early 1970s, Oakland offered five men's sports and just two for women.

Now, OU offers eight varsity sports for women, along with six for men. There are, however, still more male athletes (118) than female (110) at OU.

Title IX requires a complex calculation for getting to gender equity, basing the number of scholarship athletes and teams on the percentage of men and women in the entire student body. OU's ratio hovers around 60 percent women to 40 percent men. But the number of athletes doesn't have to achieve perfect parity to those percentages, one issue that irks critics. Title IX provides flexibility as long as schools show continual improvement in their gender balance.

"The demand is there for the women's sports, so we're merely reflecting the campus body," Mehl says. "We're going to keep examining what we're offering as we get more and more female athletes coming to OU."

OU softball player Johnson counts herself lucky to benefit from Title IX. "It's been a real gift to be an athlete and have the opportunities," Johnson says. "Today's female athletes forget how things used to be. We take this for granted. I try not to. I want to be very thankful every day I have these opportunities at OU."

Over the past 30 years, OU's women have participated in Final Fours in basketball, won national championships in swimming and diving. They've competed individually at the Olympics and international competitions. "We live in a good place right now for women who are athletes," says senior basketball player Katie Wolfe. Junior swimmer Oksana Strelets's 27.9-second, 50-meter freestyle took her to nationals a year ago. "Sports at OU have changed through the years because of Title IX," she says. "We have volleyball for women now. We have softball. The men have baseball. There are more options."



OU athletics gender equity milestones

- 1964:** Athletic Director Hollie Lepley introduces men's soccer, cross country, swimming and diving and tennis, creating OU's first intercollegiate sports.
- 1965:** Women's swimming and diving added.
- 1966:** Men's and women's basketball added.
- 1972:** Title IX enacted into law; OU begins to offer athletic scholarships for men and women.
- 1970s:** Women's volleyball and tennis added. Men's baseball added.
- 1989:** Men's tennis dropped.
- 1990s:** Women's soccer, cross country, golf and softball added. Men's golf added.
- 1999-2000:** First year at Division I.
- 2002-2003:** OU begins NCAA self-review, all facets of department — including gender equity — are studied for progress and future planning.
- 2003-2004:** NCAA officials will come to campus to corroborate and certify OU's self-study.

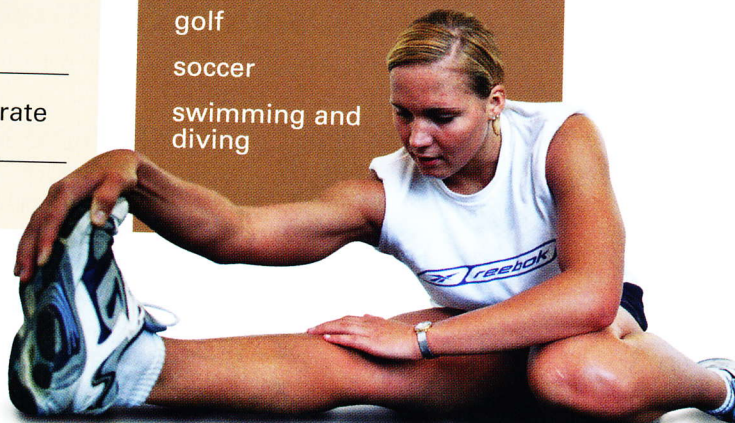
Current OU Sports

Women

basketball
cross country
golf
soccer
softball
swimming and diving
tennis
volleyball

Men

baseball
basketball
cross country
golf
soccer
swimming and diving



George Waldman

Moving into the future

The road to achieving gender equity and Title IX compliance involves more than just offering scholarships and team sports for women. The NCAA and the U.S. Department of Education evaluates every aspect of an athletic department's conditions for female athletes. OU annually compiles data to report on gender equity. This year, OU is conducting its first major Division I self-review, with gender equity as a key facet under examination.

Locker rooms, trainer access, practice times, uniforms, equipment, traveling arrangements and anything else impacting athletes must be as equal as possible.

The size and relative youth of OU's athletics program liberates it from many long-standing issues. That's not always true for larger schools such as the University of Washington or Florida State University, where some say a football team's size and revenue potential drives decisions and skews numbers.

Football's 85 scholarships demand a Title IX match of 85 women's athletic scholarships. Many argue that schools

drop men's sports such as tennis, wrestling and gymnastics to balance equity issues spawned by football.

"We don't have to worry about those issues, so we're freed to do the right thing," Huth says. "So many positive things have come from OU being proactive on gender equity. Our teams are winning, we're doing things the right way and we're attracting great student-athletes. We've created a strong situation." ■

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Of the people, by the people, for the people



**Pulitzer Prize winner joins OU professors to
ignite a passion for history among America's
young people** By Liz Lent



David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, heads across campus with McCullough.

Unless indicated, all photos George Waldman

The aged letter, its paper brittle, its ink fading, seemed to historian David McCullough an expression of pure humanity.

The hundreds of letters between John and Abigail Adams that McCullough read in the historian's biography on America's second president served as a tangible link between the past and the present. The couple's musings on love, revolution, country and the everyday worries of husband and wife, of president and first lady, inspired McCullough the way few other writings had, reminding him why history is his passion.

McCullough shared that passion in April during OU's College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities. As the series' inaugural speaker, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *John Adams* and *Truman* spoke to a crowd of nearly 1,300 in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, then met with several groups of students the next morning to talk about politics, education and the writing life.

His visit was generously sponsored by CAS alumna Gretchen Adler and her husband Edwin, who created the lecture series to bring respected and nationally recognized speakers, historians, writers, journalists and others to campus to illuminate topics of current interest or historical significance in the humanities.

Understanding the past, McCullough argues, is vital to sustaining a democratic nation. "It's not just about understanding where we came from and what we're capable of as citizens of the United States and the world. Almost all the mistakes in the world are because people don't know enough. It's no coincidence that our most successful presidents had the strongest knowledge of history."

Actively involved in a new federal initiative to improve historical literacy, McCullough laments America's general lack of historical knowledge. "The Revolutionary War was the most important war in our history," he says. "George Washington was the most important figure. Yet students are graduating without knowing who he is. We're raising a generation of young people who are, I'm sorry to say, historically illiterate."

McCullough contends that history serves a vital function, sustaining democracy by fulfilling the wishes of America's Founding Fathers. "When they referred to the people



Historian David McCullough says many American young people are "historically illiterate."

of happiness, they were not referring to wealth or ease of living," he says. "They were talking about the opportunity to enrich one's life through education and learning. The pursuit of happiness is about learning, because knowledge protects our freedoms."

A 2002 survey of seniors from top U.S. colleges and universities, conducted by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, showed that while 98 percent of students correctly identified rapper Snoop Doggy Dog, only 22 percent were able to identify the source of the phrase "government

of the people, by the people, for the people" as the Gettysburg Address.

And that's a tragedy, says Carl Osthaus, chair of the OU History department. "I'm very critical of the historical knowledge I see in young people. There are signs that something is horribly amiss."

The problems start well before college, he believes. "Students usually study some U.S. history during high school as part of a social studies course." Often, though, that's the extent of it. This lack of background forces history professors to reconsider what and how they teach. It's a delicate balance, finding a way to include all students without setting the bar too low. "There's the danger of dumbing down," says OU History Professor Ronald Finucane.

Bringing personal passion to the table is key, McCullough believes. "What matters in education is the attitude of the teacher. Attitudes aren't taught, they're caught. If you love what you're teaching, students will catch on."

OU faculty have long embraced that philosophy. "By having solid, exciting courses and by letting the students see my enthusiasm, I hope they will become interested in history," Osthaus says. "And perhaps even become history majors."

That contagious attitude rubbed off on OU history major Amy Fahnestock, who attended one of McCullough's student discussions. "I love history. I'm fascinated by history," she says. "This was a great opportunity to hear someone of his stature. I wish it had been three hours longer."

Capturing student enthusiasm often means focusing less on civic history and more on the bigger picture, looking at

McCullough takes time to talk to students, faculty



David & Rosalee McCullough, left, with Gretchen and Ed Adler



CAS Dean David Downing looks on as Adler and McCullough talk.

The Gift of Big Ideas

When Gretchen and Ed Adler endowed the Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities, they did it because they wanted to expose Oakland University students to a simple but vitally important commodity: grand ideas.

College is the time when young people should explore perspectives and philosophies, Ed Adler says. "It's the one time in your life you'll be exposed to big ideas." It was at OU that Gretchen Adler earned her

history degree and became the first alumna to achieve lifetime membership in the Oakland University Foundation's President's Club.

"We knew we wanted to do something for the university, we just weren't sure what," Adler says. A chance meeting with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David McCullough and his wife aboard the Queen Elizabeth II ocean liner gave the Adlers the inspiration they needed. Both couples shared a belief that solid grounding in the humanities helps individuals succeed well beyond college. "If you have a good education, you can learn anything," Adler says.

Creating a top-tier lecture series seemed the natural next step. "But we wanted to make sure that the speakers would be involved with students," Adler says. McCullough agreed to serve as the inaugural speaker and spent a morning in classes with students. "We are tremendously excited about this lecture series and the opportunity it will provide for our students, faculty and the community at large," says David Downing, dean of OU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Gretchen and Ed Adler hope to build on the series' popularity in coming years, inspiring students to their own intellectual innovations. "Why think small?" Ed says. "Why not think grand thoughts?" ■

the people who shaped the country rather than just the men who ran it. "When I was in school, history was simply past politics," Osthaus says. "One area of remarkable improvement has been in representing minorities in history."

For Associate Professor of History DeWitt Dykes, that change has added enormously to the credibility of history by broadening perspective. "I tell my students that I'm teaching them things that weren't taught to me in school," he says. "The quality and knowledge we have has greatly improved. Our understanding and sensitivity to different groups is much better. We're teaching history from the bottom up, talking about average people."

Those average people were part of what McCullough calls "the continuum of history. People who don't know history don't know what we're capable of," he says. "History isn't just something behind us. It's all around us. It's happening right now." ■

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McCullough answers a student question during his book signing.



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Soldiers' View

One-time OU undergrad tells war stories for the 173rd Airborne in Iraq

By Mary E. Iorio

U.S. Army Sgt. Aaron Talley wrote his will in February.

He got immunized for illnesses common in the Middle East in September. He underwent training to deal with nuclear, biological and chemical threats. And then he waited.

The day after America's 173rd Airborne Brigade silently dropped from the skies — a thousand parachutes floating in the enemy territory of Bashur, Northern Iraq — Talley unloaded his gear, stood along the Bashur Airfield's landing strip and told his first war story.

While the one-time OU undergrad carries a 9-mm Berrettini, he knows how to fire an M-16, he did not go to Iraq to fight. As an embedded reporter with the Armed Forces Network and Military Broadcast Reporter of the Year in 2002, he went to tell the stories of soldiers, of Iraqi citizens, of waiting for letters from loved ones and of tanks rolling into Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

"That first story was pretty amazing," Talley says. With no time to shoot background footage, "There wasn't any b-roll, just me standing up and reporting that the 173rd Airborne Brigade had landed in Northern Iraq and that I was broadcasting from the scene. It was very surreal."

That night Talley and all the soldiers slept on the ground with their ponchos covering them. In the weeks and now months following Operation Iraqi Freedom, they came under small arms fire but no major attacks. "On the way from Bashur to Kirkuk, it was rather like being in a parade," Talley says. "Everyone was lining out to the streets to greet us as we drove by. I would say that we're getting a better response (from Iraqi citizens) in the North than those in the South, because this area is controlled by Kurds persecuted by Saddam's regime for years."

The brigade's work turned from securing the airfield and destroying weapons compounds to supporting elections and removing abandoned Iraqi ammunition from schools.

It's a long way from Talley's days as a deejay for WXOU.



Courtesy, U.S. Army

Talley interviews Col. William Mayville, commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, in Iraq.

cast member in Music, Theatre and Dance (MTD) department performances.

"I think studying at OU helped me to see a bigger world out there." He credits his MTD professors for supporting him. "They gave me a foundation on which to build. I was involved in a lot of theatre, and that's helped in being on camera."

Theatre Professor Karen Sheridan remembers casting him in Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*. "Despite describing himself on his audition form as a 'long-haired hippy freak with a tie,'" she recalls, "Aaron added elegance and poise to his role. He seemed as comfortable in a tuxedo as he was in jeans."

In 1997, he switched to a buzz cut and fatigues, joining the Army a year shy of graduation. He's covered military movements in Tunisia, Kosovo and Albania. He moved to Vicenza, Italy, in 1999.

On the ground in Iraq, however, limited resources made the job a struggle. Talley uses the same technologically advanced reporting systems as major American television networks. "We're sending our stories back over a satellite phone," he explains. "We voice them, do the stand-ups and shoot the b-roll."

Covering conditions in Iraq, said the Rochester, Mich. native, makes him appreciate his home even more, "the democratic country that gives me the right to be whomever I want to be." ■

For a link to the Armed Forces Network Web site carrying video of Talley's daily reports, visit OU Magazine at the News & Info site on www.oakland.edu

OU fighter pilot called to duty

An F-16 fighter pilot in air-to-air combat can pull G-forces so extreme, all the blood in his head can drop to his rear in an instant. The force makes a 9-pound brain feel like an 80-pound brain and staying conscious becomes a battle of brute strength.

In the air, your call sign is your identity, your protection. For a 1996 OU Public Administration graduate, "Chester" is the moniker used on missions with the Air Force's 107th Fighter Squadron. His work since the 9/11 terrorist attacks supported homeland security and enforced the No-Fly Zone in Northern Iraq. His unit was called to active duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Because of concerns about terrorist retaliation, he asks that his real name be kept confidential. His photograph, however, may be used.

"If you haven't trained a lot and experienced G-forces, you end up bruising," he says. "Literally, the blood pools. It can be painful. It really only happens during air-to-air combat when you make sudden turns. But we're always on the look-out for weapons being fired at us, so we're quick-wired to react defensively."

Fighter pilots go into action first during war. "We do the initial prep of the battlefield, hitting strategic targets with laser-guided bombs. Later, we do close-air support, working by radio with the ground to hit targets they pinpoint."

As a captain and supervisor, Chester spends just as much time on the ground "managing pilots and assets, setting schedules, slotting maintenance. It's not what I expected as a pilot.... My work at OU in research and statistics, computers in government and foreign policy really prepared me."

That background knowledge combined with insight gained in Turkey and Iraq makes him support the war. "News agencies provide understanding of the oppression and the limited forms of genocide in Iraq. But being privy to more information than the general public, I think, yes, our actions are just." ■



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Student View

A Pakistani-American explains life behind the veil, her views against war and efforts to bring understanding By Mary E. Iorio

Sumeera Younis began wearing an Islamic veil at 18. She laid it across her forehead, wrapped it around her hair, secured it around her neck and tucked it in her collar. "I put myself out there, to a certain degree, by wearing the veil," Younis says. "As a Muslim, you should do as God ordered: conceal your beauty, be modest, be recognized for the person you are."

The 19-year-old Women's Studies major leads her life by the dictates of the Prophet Muhammad, consciously recognizing that, although she is one person, when she walks on OU's campus or down the streets of Rochester, Mich., she represents something bigger. She is a Muslim-American woman at a time when it's not easy to be Muslim.

Born in Pakistan, Younis moved to America as a 5-year-old. At home, she speaks Punjabi, her native language, so that she'll never have trouble communicating with her grandmother in Pakistan. Younis' mother works at a bank. Her father works in tool-and-die engineering. Her parents came to America so that their children could go to school.

At OU, Younis is co-president of the Honors College Student Association, a representative in Student Congress and a Keep the Dream scholarship recipient for her work to continue the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She is also president of the Muslim Students Association.

"I feel a big responsibility there," she says. "There are not many Muslims on campus. The Muslim Student Association deserves to be a vehicle of understanding. We sponsored a Ramadan fast-a-thon on campus, and we raised money to help soup kitchens."



Younis participates in an Honors College Students' Association meeting with fellow students and HC Director Jude Nixon.

That week, Younis spoke to a lecture hall of 90 students, explaining Ramadan and the cleansing aspects of the fast. "She convinced several non-Muslims to join the fast," says Associate Professor of Sociology Jo Reger. "I think it is hard to discuss religion in general in these times. There are a lot of questions and misunderstandings about Islam. And Sumeera is not afraid to discuss them."

In the fall, Younis participated in an Honors College Forum explaining why she chose finally to wear the veil.

"A lot of Americans think that Muslim men make Muslim women wear the veil as a form of oppression," she says. "My decision to put on the veil was for feminist reasons. In America, we've made strides for women in the area of votes and jobs. But the standards of beauty imposed on people in this culture are another form of oppression. Women spend an hour fixing their hair, shaving their legs, having perfect skin and a perfect figure. We accept these as normal, and then we say, 'Look at Afghanistan and Iraq, those women are oppressed.' I say, 'Look in your bathrooms at the array of beauty products.'"

She believes Muslim countries give more respect to the role of mothers. "I plan to get a Ph.D. but somewhere along the line when I have children, I will become a housewife for a while. We've lost a lot of the dignity that comes with that role."

Younis stops in the Oakland Center to talk with fellow Student Congress members, Student Body President Brian Tomina (left) and Legislator Nico Kristen (center).



On the anniversary of the September 11 tragedies in New York and Washington, Younis helped organize lectures on campus to explain the Islamic faith and to discredit myths.

"The actions of individual people should not be attributed to their religion," she says. "We don't make that parallel with madmen in Judaism or Christianity. We don't say, 'Hitler was a Christian, therefore all Christians are terrorists.' I don't think any religion tells people to go out and kill without just cause. Religion is perfect, and human beings are not."

As a pacifist, Younis believes the American government should have worked harder on diplomatic negotiations with Iraq. She comments on the irony of the United States declaring war on a leader it helped put into power during the late 1970s. "I find it hard to believe that the Iraqi people really thought they were being liberated when the bombs fell on them."

As a result of her beliefs, she attended war protests in Dearborn, Mich., the city with America's largest Middle Eastern population. Then, she helped organize a war protest on campus. She didn't want bloodshed; she didn't want tanks or bombings.

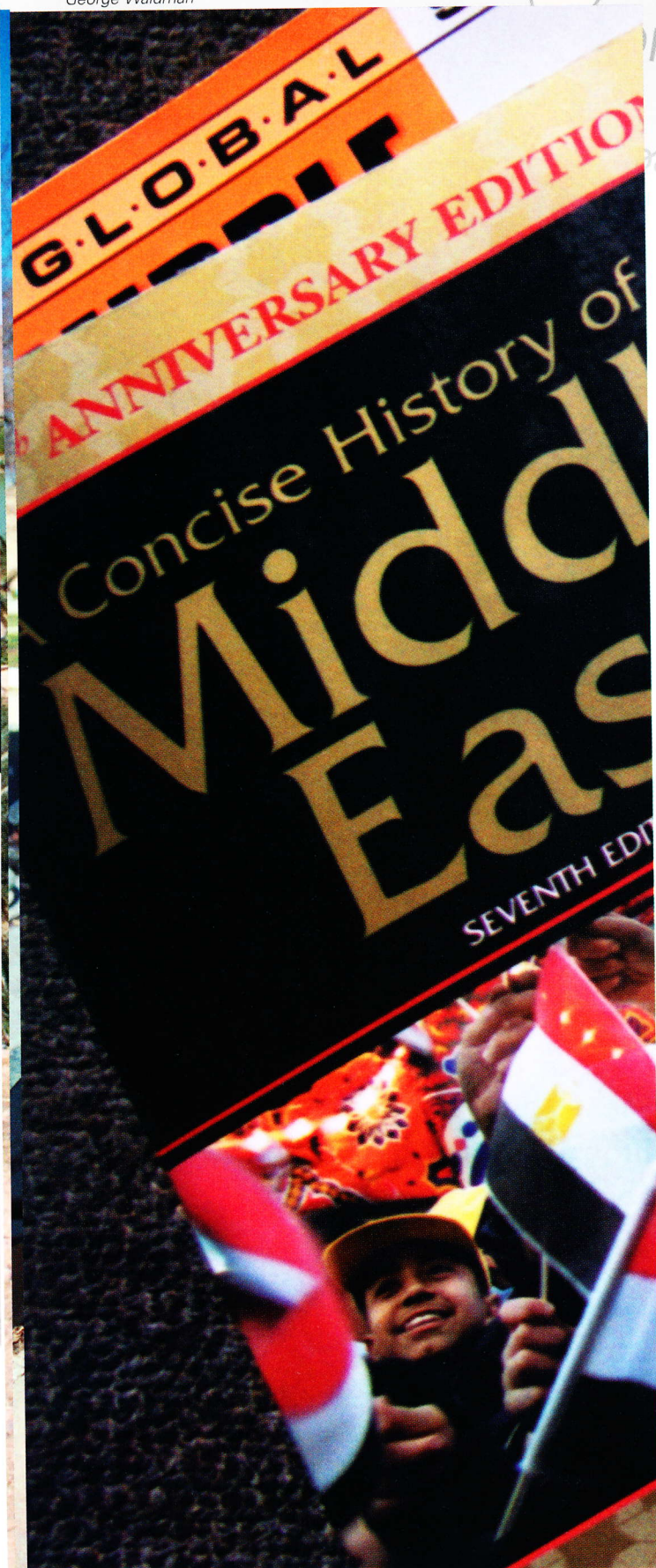
"As Muslims, we believe that one death is like humanity has died. When your brothers and sisters are being massacred, you feel the pain."

Her feelings against the war do not, by any means, translate into a belief that Saddam Hussein should have stayed in power. "The leader should not have benefits that the people don't have. Muhammad would not have considered Saddam a good leader."

This summer, as Iraq rebuilds, Younis is volunteering at Haven, a shelter for abused women in Pontiac, Mich. She'll fight peacefully in her own battle against oppression and bloodshed. ■

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Scholars' View

Experts in Middle East history and American foreign policy examine the decision to go to war and reconstruction in Iraq By Liz Lent

To the north, mountains rise from the landscape. Snow-capped in winter, they stand starkly different from the flat, sea desert sprawled across the south. Like those mountains, Iraq and the conflicts that surround it represent a study in contrasts. As the debates at the United Nations escalated in early 2003 and came and went, those conflicts only became sharper. Debates over the causes and ultimate outcomes of the Iraqi conflict have been just as disparate, as people struggled to find understanding in wartime.

At OU, candlelight peace vigils glowed at sunset. Small student gatherings — for and against the war — popped up in the heart of campus. In subjects from business to political science to technology, war discussion steered class debate.

Could war have been avoided?

Assistant Professor of Political Science Peter Trumbore discussed it. At least one of the two options for avoiding war — the long-held U.S. policy of deterrence and containment — was negated by former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's history as a leader, Trumbore argues. "Deterrence requires the opponent to believe that the costs imposed on him will outweigh the benefits of his actions. Hussein was willing to take huge gambles," says Trumbore, who teaches American foreign policy. "He took power in 1979, then invaded Iran in 1980. That war lasted eight years, then, five years later, he invaded Kuwait. Since he took power, there have been only two years of real peace for the Iraqi people."

Trumbore believes the second option, containment, failed because so many nations ignored sanctions imposed in 1990. "They steadily eroded as more and more countries violated them," he says. "What the sanctions did was create intense



Peter Trumbore

Mark Metzler

Vince Khapoya

Don Matthews

Rick Smith

for the Iraqi people, more so for them than the actual targets." Experts contend that the Iraqi government made substantial profits from illegal oil exportation. That practice effectively destroyed most legitimate business in Iraq. "The sanctions gave the Iraqi government another tool of social control over its people," Trumbore says. "Seventy percent are reliant on government aid for food."

All this adds to Trumbore's belief that war was the best choice "out of a lot of really terrible choices."

'A terrible precedent'

Other faculty, however, expressed different views. "This (war) sets a terrible precedent of pre-emptive attacks," says Vince Khapoya, professor of Political Science. "The idea that if we think they will attack, we can attack them first. I think this will encourage countries to initiate attacks on their adversaries on the grounds that they might be attacked in the future."

The U.S. policy also put the future effectiveness of the United Nations in question. "Fifty years from now, we'll look back on this as a major turning point in the international system," says Mark Metzler, OU assistant professor of history and recently named Fulbright Fellow, referring to the conflict between the United States, Russia, France and Germany in the days before the war.

Assistant Professor of History Don Matthews also feels reluctant about the events in Iraq. "No one's talking about the cost, not only in people, but financially. There are economic costs and the cost of the number of people the United States will end up alienating."

The real test: reconstruction

Although fighting has stopped, Matthews and others believe the real test will come during reconstruction. Matthews — who came to OU in the fall to bolster the Middle Eastern studies curricula — worries that past American performances may foreshadow what happens in the aftermath of the Iraq war. "What the United States has

done in Afghanistan so far doesn't bode well for its ability to create and retain a new structure in Iraq."

As the looting that took place after U.S. troops secured Baghdad demonstrated, dismantling one government to install another can create destructive, large-scale confusion. Other potential dangers loom: retaliations and fighting between ethnic and religious groups, desperate Hussein loyalists keeping the conflict alive.

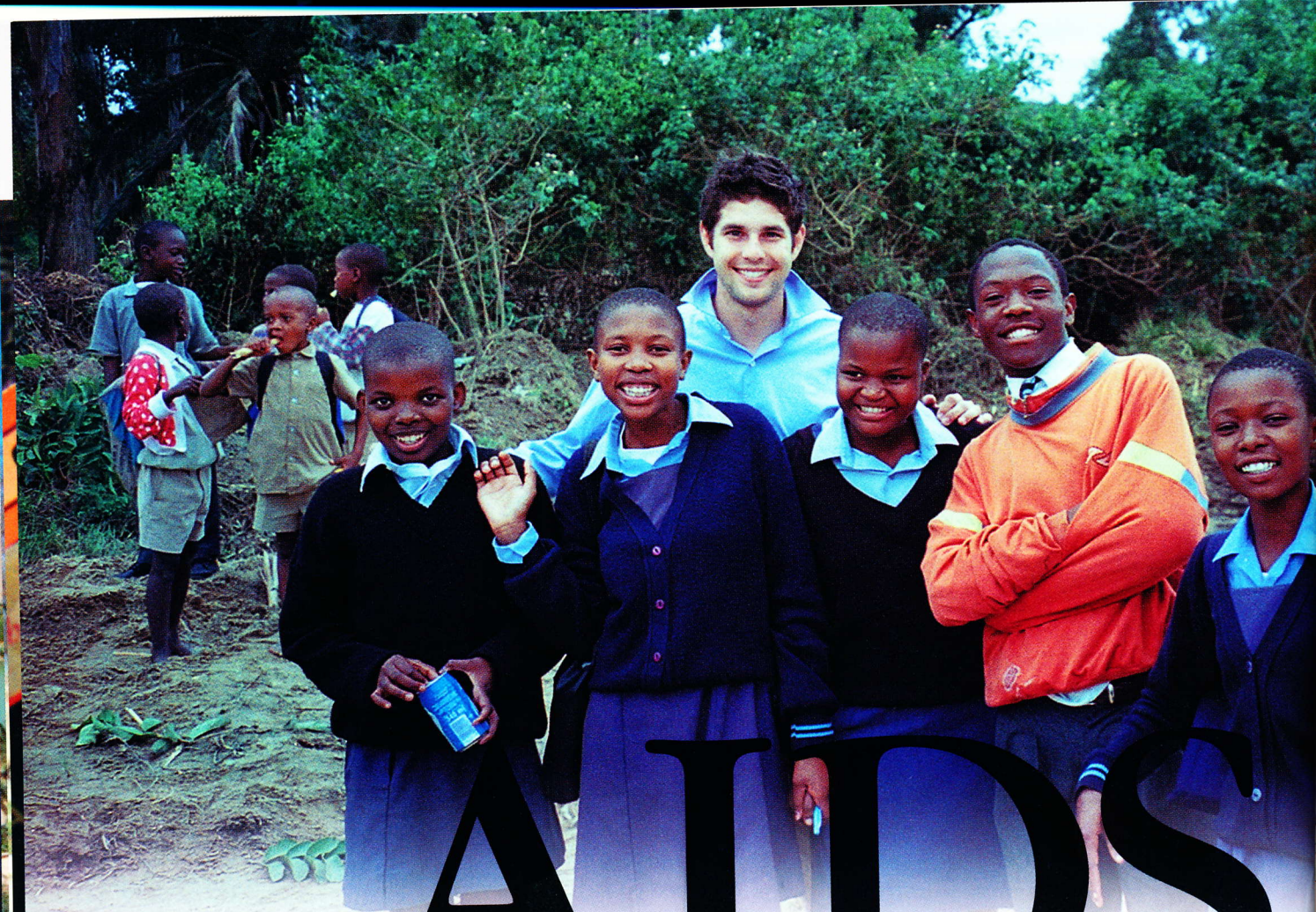
"During the Gulf War, the first George Bush postponed the question of Iraq because he knew it was going to be an ugly situation," Matthews says. "So he didn't drive the attack home enough to dismantle the government."

Building a post-war government will require the cooperation of a number of nations, with Britain and other European countries favoring a heavy-U.N. role. "I'm not sure I have a lot of confidence in the Bush administration to pull off a post-war government," Trumbore says. He and Khapoya agreed that the United States and Britain should leave quickly but only after they've restored order. "I don't think we can just leave," Khapoya says. "We can't leave pro-U.S. groups without support."

The reconstruction could be taxing, no matter who leads the way. The U.S. government may try to model their approach on the successful democratization of Japan following World War II, Metzler theorizes. Like Iraq, Japan had never seen democratic rule. The difference, Metzler says, is that its leader Emperor Hirohito cooperated with the surrender and rebuilding, setting an example for the population. The Allies also kept most of Japan's original government intact, superimposing a military government on top of it during the transition. This was never a possibility with Iraq. "It's hard to imagine how this will go," Metzler says.

Ultimately, the world will have to wait and see how tomorrow's history plays out. ■

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Courtesy, Robert Hillman

AIDS

Please don't forget about us

OU student works to fight spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa

By Jeff Samoray CAS '90

The numbers are simply staggering. More than 29.4 million people in sub-Saharan Africa are living with HIV/AIDS. Of that number, some 3 million are children younger than 15, according to United Nations statistics. In 2001, the epidemic claimed 2.4 million African lives while approximately 3.5 million more people became infected in 2002. In Zimbabwe, life expectancy has dropped from 61 to 33.

For OU junior Robert Hillman, those numbers have faces. They are babies in orphanages, men in hospitals, wives and mothers, laborers and students. Hillman knows their names because he met them last summer on an educational trip to South Africa with the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF). He observed doctors and researchers as they experimented with new treatments

and drugs in rural hospitals and orphanages, as well as urban areas such as Durban and Cape Town.

While AIDS has been part of the American vernacular for more than a decade, President George W. Bush this year proposed the formation of an Emergency Plan for AIDS relief, asking Congress to commit \$15 billion over the next five years to help prevent new AIDS infections and treat millions with life-extending drugs. Only 50,000 AIDS victims in Africa currently receive such medication.

"Because of the apartheid system, a great medical infrastructure exists in the white areas, but there is literally nothing in the countryside, which means the black people have very little access to Western medicine," says Hillman, a political science major. "AIDS is definitely a cultural problem in South Africa. Blacks are wary of anything that whites want them to do, because they see the last 300 years as a period of abuse... There is simply no trust. The current president of South Africa (Thabo Mbeki) says the AIDS epidemic is not as bad as claimed. Politics and medicine are intertwined in South Africa."

Hillman's experience in tuberculosis hospitals and orphanages brought the extent of the tragedy home.

"About 75 to 80 percent of the people at the tuberculosis hospital have AIDS," Hillman says. "In the orphanages, you might see a 6-month-old child who weighs 4 pounds and is covered with sores and has no immune system, or a 2-year-old who weighs maybe 10 pounds."

More determined to help

After returning from Africa, Hillman worked on an independent study with Professor of Political Science Vince Khapoya and produced a paper titled "The HIV/AIDS

epidemic in South Africa and the social, governmental and non-governmental response to it."

"Robert learned a lot from his experience," Khapoya says. "In the paper, I asked him not just to examine the history of the country and apartheid but to incorporate his own experiences and tell his story. He came back a different person than when he left. The whole purpose of the trip was realized because now Robert is very aware of human rights issues."

The broadened perspective Hillman gained from his research and his NYLF travels are leading him toward a career in international law and human rights.

"We think the more students can learn about their career paths prior to taking their first steps, the better prepared they are for discovering where they want to be," says NYLF spokesperson Brett West. "The experiences abroad that we offer university students broaden their horizons and allow them to learn about the global community."

Hillman hopes to spend time in New York City this summer helping the William J. Clinton Foundation develop AIDS prevention and treatment strategies for its initiatives in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean.

"My visit has made me much more determined to help in some way," Hillman says. "Everywhere we went in South Africa, the people were saying, 'Please don't forget about us.' How could I ever forget? I feel a real need to help find a solution." ■

For a link to the National Youth Leadership Forum Web site, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu

AIDS Study: Senior citizens not immune

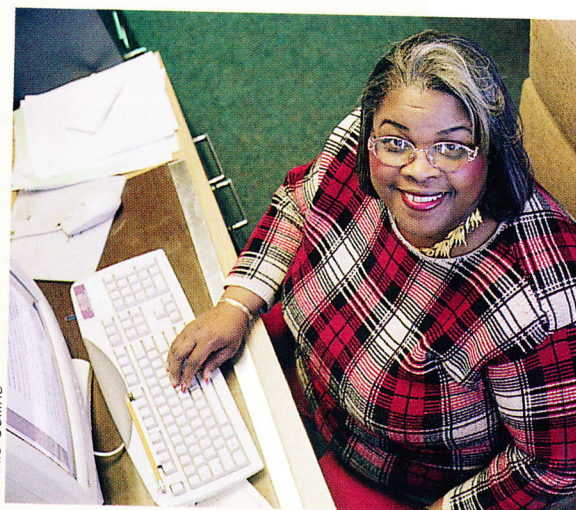
While most AIDS prevention messages target drug users and young people, Associate Professor of Nursing Frances Jackson would like to add senior citizens to the list. Her research on the spread of HIV/AIDS among aging African-American men revealed the extent to which seniors are affected by the disease.

"We've put a young face on HIV/AIDS," Jackson says. "But somehow this problem has escalated in the older population. As a health care provider, I believe we can't assume a 65-year-old person is not sexually active. We have to stop making assumptions, start asking questions and perform HIV tests on older people."

While health care may be more readily available in America than in Africa, the number of Americans dead from AIDS still topped 15,000 in 2001. Nearly a million U.S. residents live with HIV infection, according to the Centers for Disease Control estimates. African-Americans comprise 30 percent of the HIV population and almost 80 percent of new cases.

Jackson and her team of researchers compiled four years' worth of data, surveys and interviews in an effort to determine risk factors for transmission among HIV/AIDS patients age 50 and older. Their findings are startling. Some 54 percent of the patients interviewed believed the cause of AIDS is not known. Some 61 percent of the males never used a condom, and 26 percent reported intravenous drug abuse.

"As a nurse, I feel it's the role of an older person to practice safe sex like younger adults," Jackson says. "It's very hard to try to make seniors understand that HIV and AIDS apply to them, too." ■



Frances Jackson

Casting a spell



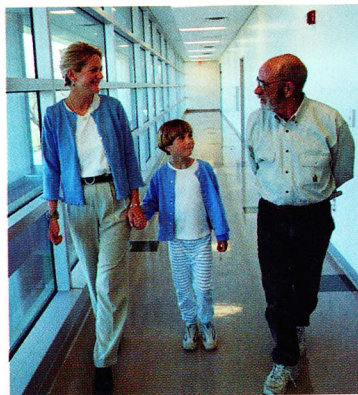
Reading professor's love of language — and the intricate ways children use it — has guided a generation of young readers By Jeff Samoray CAS '90

Above: Cramer with a reading student in the School of Education's new reading lab.

Right: Parental involvement is key to helping young readers succeed.

Above right: A Cramer technique: Students dictate stories as he writes, then they identify words that paint pictures.

All photos Dennis Collins



young boy, I made a quick run to the store, and when I returned he said, 'What took you so short?' The way in which children begin to understand language is fascinating."

Cramer translated that fascination into books and hundreds of scholarly articles. Ruth Nathan of the Consortium on Reading Excellence referred to Cramer's 1998 book *The Spelling Connection*.

If you're under 30 and you can spell, you should probably thank Ron Cramer.

The OU professor of Education's *Spelling* series — originated in the 1970s — serves as the official text in nearly 40 states, guiding millions of American elementary school children. Over the course of four decades, Cramer has turned his love of language and the intricate ways it evolves in children's minds into his life's work. OU's Board of Trustees recently voted Cramer one of four new distinguished professors.

"Young children want to learn and haven't yet been turned off by anything," Cramer says. "They do very creative things with language from the age of 2 to about 6 or 7 when they have the language intact. For example, when one of my children was a

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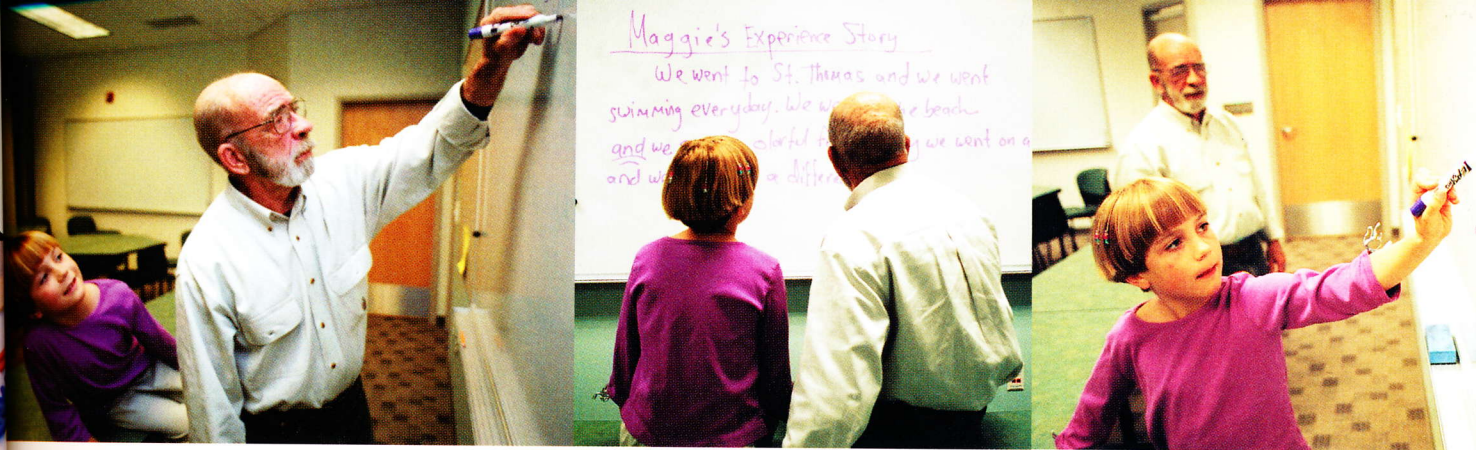
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"light years beyond the literary wars." In 2001, Cramer published *Creative Power: The Nature and Nurture of Children's Writing*.

Soft spoken and unassuming, Cramer eloquently describes how reading and writing evolve in a child's mind. "You find in children's early scribbles components and elements that are recognizable as writing," he says. "You can see partial or misshapen letters and numbers. I believe this is a kind of natural thing for kids to do in a literary environment. Writing is an avenue to reading and speeds up the learning process."

OU in the 1970s

Cramer joined the OU faculty in 1967. By the early 1970s, he and colleague George Coon, OU professor emeritus of Education, received the first in a series of U.S. Department of Education grants to develop training materials for early childhood educators. The duo established the early childhood master's degree and started the Lowry Early Childhood Education Center. In 1996, Cramer received the OU Teaching Excellence Award and the Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence. As director of OU's Reading Clinic, he has helped thousands of young people make that final breakthrough and become readers.

"Ron has a real insight into the early reading and writing process — not just from a theoretical perspective but also a practical one," says Dorsey Hammond, co-author of the *Spelling* series and a former OU professor who now chairs the Department of Education at Salisbury University in Maryland. "You're definitely going to come away from Cramer's class with a different view of the process."

Turning letters into words

Third grader Sam Harris began attending OU's Reading Clinic last summer. Capable of reading at an eighth-grade level, Harris wasn't challenged at school and felt bored. "It's obvious that Dr. Cramer really loves kids and likes working with them," says Sam's father Paul Harris. "The fact that Sam wanted to go to the clinic four times a week for two to three hours a session during the summer — his playtime period — speaks volumes."

Learning to read happens at all ages, however. Cramer once met a 50-year-old man at a restaurant and noticed him struggling to read a newspaper.

"He told me he didn't know how to read well and was always coming across words in the newspaper that he didn't know," Cramer says. "He read at a first- or second-grade level. His goal became to learn to read and write well enough to pass for a contractor's license. For quite a long time, we met at the restaurant every morning and worked on learning new words.... One day he came into the restaurant all excited, saying, 'Guess what? For the first time in my life, I wrote my own checks.'"

Theory and practice

As for his OU undergraduate and graduate students, Cramer believes in challenging them to immerse themselves in the history of the field and to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

"I really didn't understand theories and models of reading when I began working with Ron," says Ledong Li, a former Cramer student and now an assistant professor of Education at OU. "As my dissertation chair, Ron helped create a natural environment in which I could learn to swim academically. Ron encouraged me to explore new areas and ideas within my field." Li's dissertation on the teaching of reading in his native China won the 2002 Dissertation Award given by the International Reading Association.

"There's an easy tendency to accept that recent research has revealed substantial new insights," Cramer explains. "In my field, the terminology changes so rapidly that students assume new scholarship portrays new knowledge when, in fact, it's often old knowledge dressed up in new terms."

"More than anything else," Cramer continues, "I want my students to not accept the current fashions as gospel, and to find the missing link — to go from what is known through research and help teachers apply it in their everyday teaching environments. That's a huge gap, and we haven't come close to leaping it yet." ■

This story marks the second in a four-part OU Magazine series on the work of Cramer and fellow distinguished professors, Sheldon Appleton, Jane Donabue Eberwein and Paul Tomboulia.

Tell us about an OU professor who inspired you. Write to us at 433 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309-4401. Or e-mail your thoughts to OUMag@oakland.edu. Please include your full name and a phone number.

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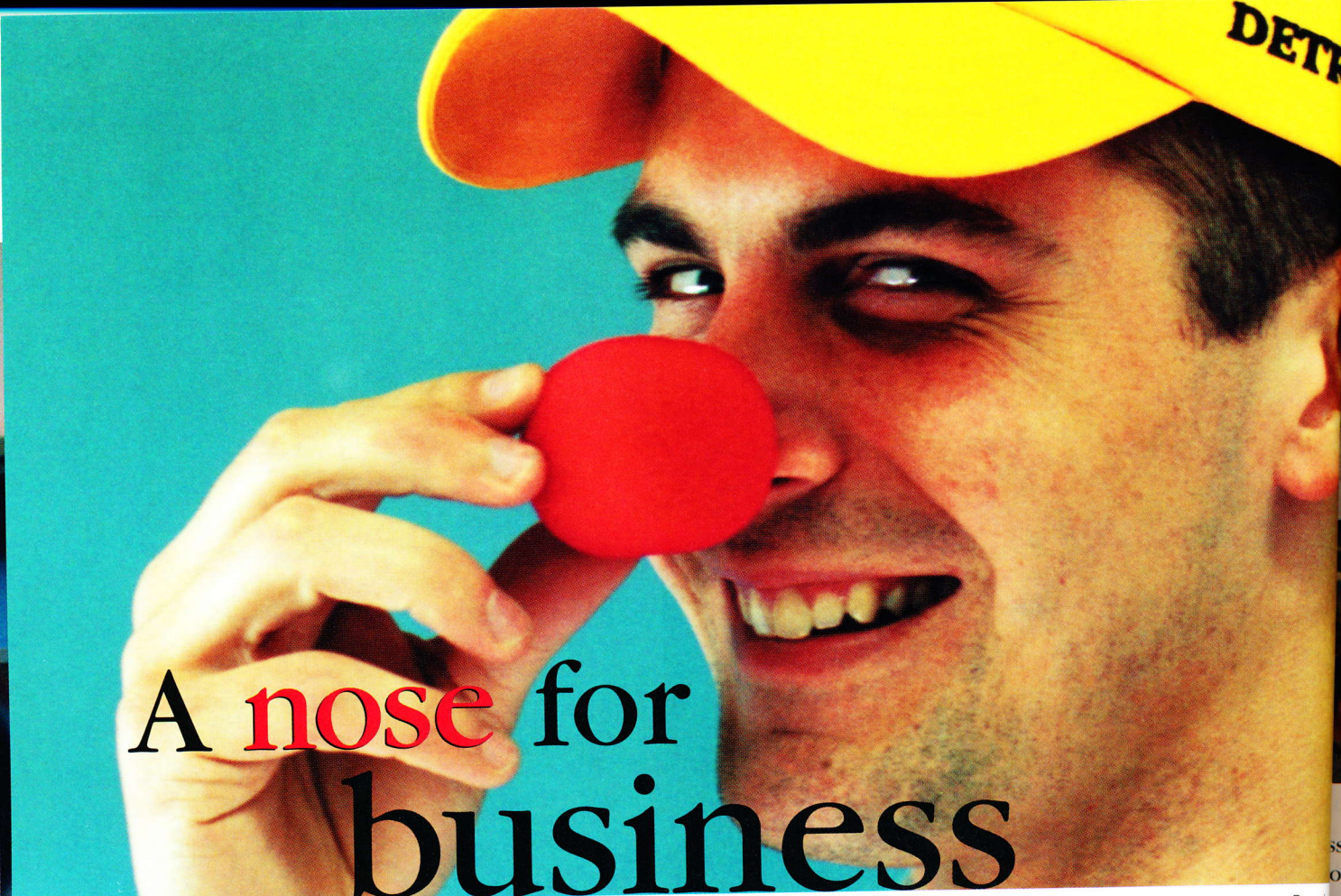
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A nose for business

OU MBA students make clowns of themselves — in a strategic effort to help area non-profits, including Detroit's Parade Company By Sharon Gittleman

When Oakland University MBA student Heather Winiecki signed on for Marketing Management last term, she never dreamed that one class — and her willingness to put her nose to the grindstone — would end up making a real difference in the lives of Metro Detroiters.

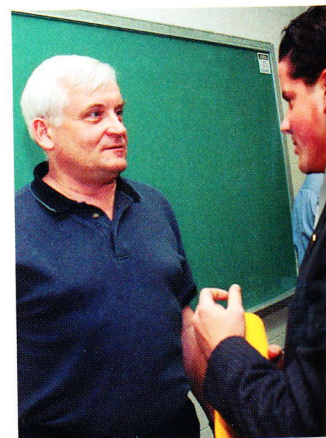
In an innovative project that put OU marketing students to work for three Metro Detroit non-profit organizations, Winiecki and four other students made clowns of themselves in a strategic move to market red foam noses in support of Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

In addition to helping Detroit's Parade Company, students developed marketing schemes for the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center in Plymouth and Flint's Alfred P. Sloan Museum.

For Winiecki, working on the parade was "special because it's for the city of Detroit," she says. "Any positive awareness we can give the city is important. The parade is one of the more positive events Detroit offers."

Winiecki and team members brainstormed ideas to help increase profits for the group's "Noses on Parade" program. Through that project, organizations like the Boy Scouts sell clown noses for \$1 to people in the crowds lining Woodward Avenue during the Thanksgiving Day parade. The organizations keep a percentage of their sales. The Parade Company uses the remainder to offset expenses for the holiday event.

Before they developed their final marketing plan, students visited the parade site and spoke to the non-profit's staff. "You



Larry Schramm, left, coaches a student before his presentation.



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Courtesy, Michigan
Manufacturing Technology Center



Courtesy, Alfred P. Sloan Museum



Top: Students developed a plan to attract more visitors Flint's Alfred P. Sloan Museum with its prototype automobiles, hands-on science and living history.

Left: The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center offers guidance and training to improve manufacturers' bottom lines

Right: The team of MBA students assigned to develop a marketing plan for The Parade Co.



Dennis Collins

assume marketing is just a bunch of people dreaming up posters and commercials," says Michelle Bogojevska, whose first business school experience is bringing new insight and respect for management practices. "You'd never believe there was so much behind it, like how to forecast costs and how you find your market. This is a lot harder than I thought."

Some students worked on the logistical aspects of the marketing plan. "We looked at where people should stand to sell the noses to maximize profits and how much time they had to make the sales," Winiacki says.

Marketing Management Adjunct Professor Larry Schramm says his students performed a "SWOT analysis," before they developed ideas to help the non-profits improve their sales.

"They looked at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats," he says. "They also looked at the demographics of the people they were trying to promote the project to, how much money they had for promotion, controls for how the money was spent and ways to determine if they got value for the money they spent."

As an engineer for General Dynamics, OU MBA student Jeff Bullock discovered business required a different approach than he applied to his undergraduate studies. "In engineering there's a right and a wrong answer," he says. "Here, there's a better and a worse."

Students working on the other projects gained similar insights, Schramm says, whether they developed the plan to attract more visitors to the Sloan Museum or helped the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center rent out unused high-tech facilities and market its consulting expertise to improve manufacturers' bottom lines.

The Sloan Museum project offered students a special challenge. The museum features hands-on science displays;

Flint-built vintage, experimental and prototype automobiles; and living-history programs. Its galleries attract a wide variety of people, from youngsters fascinated by prehistoric stone implements to genealogists coming to browse through historical documents and cemetery records.

Schramm believes the experience of working with actual organizations gives students a better sense of the complexities they'll face on the job, taking their learning just a step further than a traditional class might. They must work in groups, brainstorm ideas, hit deadlines, make presentations and defend their ideas — all experiences that will guide them in their working lives.

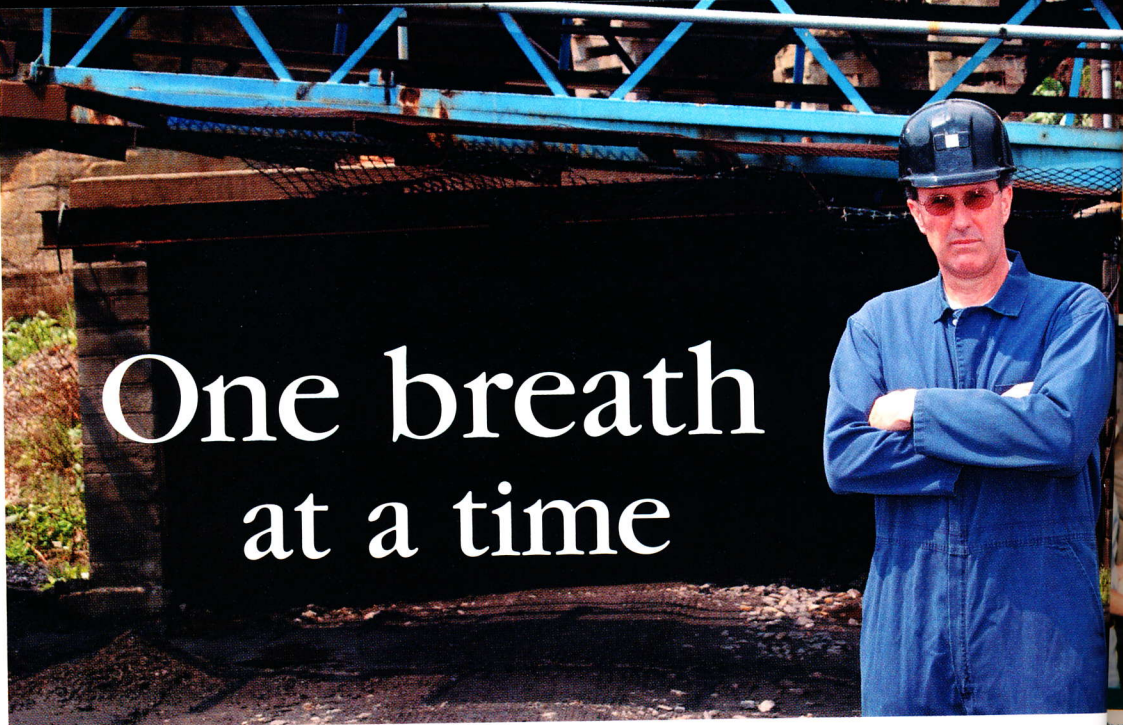
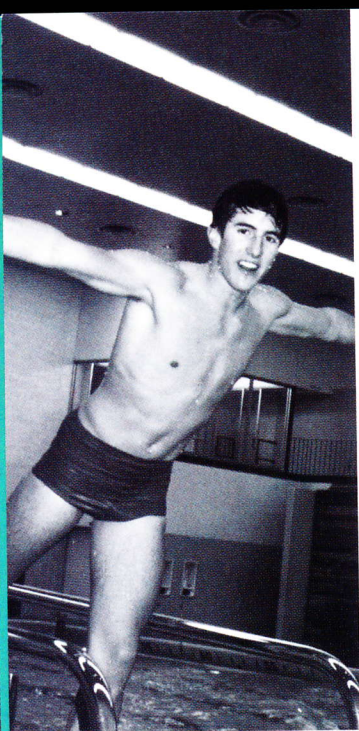
"By doing real-world stuff with non-profits, the community is integrated with the university and the university with the community," says Schramm, who also works for General Motors Corporation.

Schramm personally approached the three organizations that came to embrace the student project.

"It's a win/win situation," says Jennifer Wells, director of communications for The Parade Company. "It helps students develop successful marketing projects that they can use in their portfolios. And it helps us promote what we are doing to a younger set of people. It's the perfect opportunity to have young, fresh minds come up with a new way to market our program." ■

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For a link to more information on the Academic Excellence Award, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu



One breath at a time

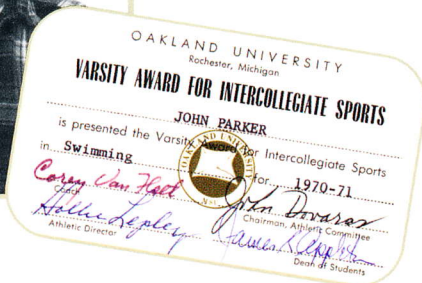
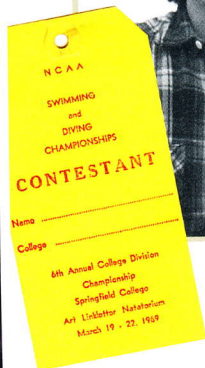
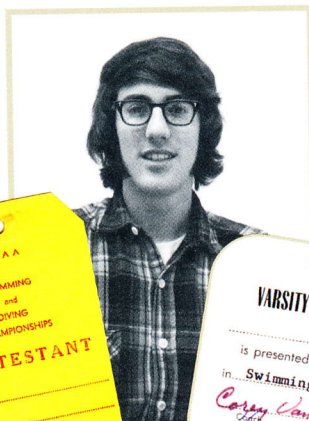
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All-American OU diver turns his obsession with breathing into a lifelong pursuit of better conditions for miners By Mary E. Iorio

Above, left to right:

Parker on the board in 1969; at a mine in West Virginia; in Asia, Russia, Africa for research missions and conferences. An asbestos plant in Siberia.

Below: Parker in the early '70s; his NCAA pass and varsity award.



In the early mornings of 1969 — as West Virginia coal miners strapped on their safety equipment, flipped on their helmet lights and began the long descent into the dark underground — All-American diver Jack Parker leapt off Oakland University's board, twisting, somersaulting and finally plunging into the deep water below.

Holding his breath, Parker braced for the impact of body against water — in the same way that miners pull up their respirators to protect against the coal dust and drilling in the mine. That moment, in those spaces below ground, the men became inextricably linked.

Parker's teenage obsession with "breathing right for the dive" became a doctor's obsession with defining how minuscule flakes, dust and sprays enter the lungs through a simple, involuntary breath and cause pulmonary havoc.

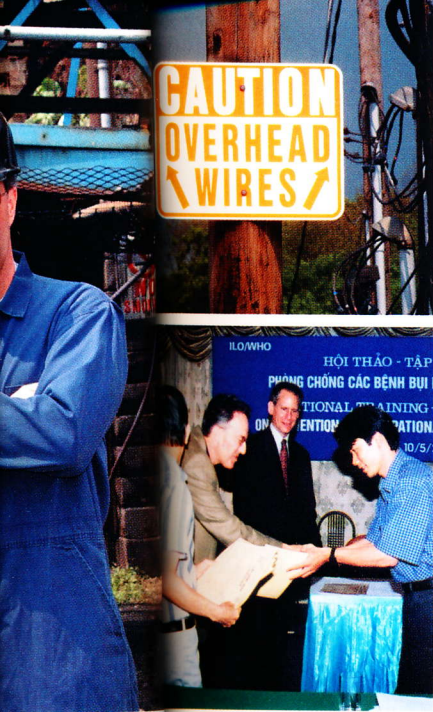
Over the next three decades, the 1972 OU chemistry graduate became an internationally recognized doctor and expert in lung disease. His detective-like research helped develop safer environments for coal miners across the U.S. and for poverty-stricken asbestos miners in Brazil, Zimbabwe — men determined to continue their work despite cancer implications.

"There are many developing nations that have risks different from ours," he explains. "Is it worse to die of asbestos-related cancer in forty years or starve to death right now? They have a lot of other things to weigh. My role is to tell them what they're mining is hazardous to their health and to help them protect themselves."

Advocate for the workingman

Quietly, this 22-year veteran of the U.S. Public Health Service became the workingman's advocate.

"He's someone who combines a kind of even tempered, engaging way of dealing with people, with an internal passion and drive for excellence," says Gregory Wagner, director of the Respiratory Disease Division of the National Institute for Safety and Health. That passion helped Parker earn the U.S. Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Award as he influenced the way doctors worldwide diagnose silicosis, a lung disease common among miners. He worked with international collaborators, trying to better understand lung diseases caused by work so they can be prevented. As I travel around the



Student and travel photos, courtesy Jack Parker

people tell me they value not just his intellectual contribution but his extraordinary human commitment."

Parker has examined lung disease in Texas sandblasters and pneumonia outbreaks among textile workers in Spain. He spent weeks riding alongside New York City firefighters to determine if their breathing apparatus protects them from the burning particles in everything from factories to skyscrapers. With a team of doctors, he analyzed the x-rays of 6,000 residents of Libby, Mont. — all unwittingly exposed to asbestos hidden inside the vermiculite mined in the town.

"The workers would track the dust home on their clothing," he explains. "A lot of homes were insulated with vermiculite. Their gardens used it as fertilizer. The track at the high school was made of it. Everything in the town was contaminated with asbestos because the vermiculite was contaminated."

Libby suddenly had an enormous number of cancer patients. "What's unusual about mesothelioma, the rare cancer caused by asbestos, is that it happens with trivial exposures," Parker says. "It affects 1 in a million people, and it's 100 percent fatal."

1960s research scholar

Jack Parker arrived at OU in the late 1960s, a self-proclaimed hippie Bohemian with long hair and bell bottoms — a picture far different from the professor and chief of pulmonary medicine he has become at the University of West Virginia hospital.

"I wore the same flannel shirt every day. I wore sandals. I had motorcycles. I devalued possessions and was interested in thoughts and feelings." Parker liked OU's small class sizes — 15 or fewer in his science lectures — and the professors and coaches who took an interest in his life.

As an undergraduate researcher, Parker spent two years investigating cataracts under V. Everett Kinsey, whose seminal work helped prevent blindness in premature babies.

"Kinsey's whole life revolved around science," Parker

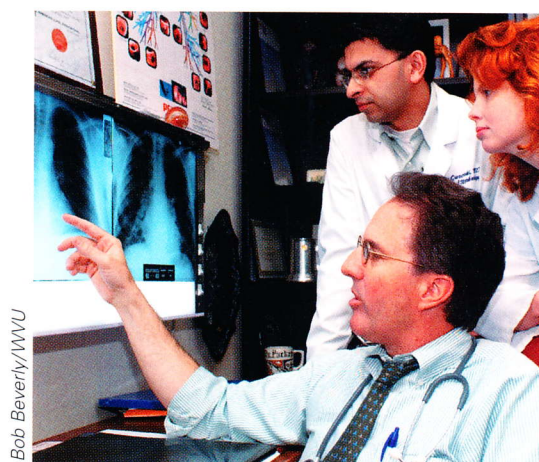


says. "It was fascinating to work at his knee. He'd call us in and bounce ideas off us. It was enlightening to realize it didn't all come instantly out of his head."

While working with Kinsey, he started thinking about becoming a doctor. "It seemed the best way to blend an aptitude for science with my interest in helping people," he says. After earning his M.D. at Wayne State University, Parker did his residency at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco. The move to West Virginia came in 1985 for a fellowship in pulmonary diseases at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

"I moved here because I wanted to help coal miners," says Parker, explaining the choice through his youthful inspiration, the dive. "When you swim, you have to time your breathing. You have to hold your breath when you hit the water on a dive. Sometimes you might get the breath knocked out of you. I wanted to understand all that I could about breathing." In the murky underground mining tunnels, where every breath comes with consequences, Parker dove in to find the answers — one breath at a time. ■

For a link to information on OU's research scholar program, visit OU Magazine at the News & Info site on www.oakland.edu



Parker and interns at WVU's hospital review chest x-rays

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Swing into fall with annual golf outing



At last year's President's
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In September, more
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out to the R & S Sharf
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the rain. Most afternoon golfers stuck
around for the other activities, which includ-
ed a lunch in the Meadow Brook Hall tent.

This year's event — scheduled for Sept. 15
on the Sharf course — is open to all
President's Club and OUAA members and
their guests. Contact the President's Club
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ticket prices. Make reservations by Sept. 5. ●

2003 Alumni Awards Banquet

Alumni Awards Banquet honors people who make a difference

Unlike the ubiquitous Hollywood awards celebrations, the Ninth Annual Alumni Awards banquet won't feature cheesy skits or controversial musical performances. There will, however, be celebrities — Oakland celebrities.

The event, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, in the Oakland Center's new addition, will reunite OU alumni while honoring a select few.

"It is one of the most significant events that we host, because we have a number of outstanding alumni who have made extremely unique contributions, not only to the OU family but to the community at large," says Sue Evans CAS '88, chair of the Oakland University Alumni Association board and past recipient of the Spirit Award. "It's great to not only honor them, but to enhance the public awareness of our great university, which gave them the tools to make it in their careers."

Reservations are \$75 for OUAA members or Friends of OU and \$100 for non-OU members. For more information, call Alumni Relations at (248) 370-3700 or visit www.oualumni.com.

The envelope please ...

Award winners are nominated by members of the OU community and selected by a committee for awards in the following categories:

- **The Distinguished Alumni Service Award:** OU's highest alumni honor recognizes outstanding alumni leadership and service to the OUAA or the university
- **The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award:** Recognizes outstanding professional achievement and contributions to the community
- **The Odyssey Award:** Recognizes alumni whose lives exemplify Oakland's motto: to follow courage and knowledge
- **The Spirit Award:** Recognizes exemplary volunteer service to the university
- **The Honorary Alumnus/a Award:** Recognizes non-OU alumni who have given outstanding service to the university. ●

Cosi Family Day satisfies appetites for food and fun

On Jan. 25, more than 100 alumni association members, President's Club members and their families flocked to Oakland's Recreation Center for a pre-game basketball reception, sponsored by Cosi restaurant of Rochester Hills. The event took place prior to the women's and men's basketball games vs. Valparaiso.

Children enjoyed games, prizes, face-painting, a visit from the men's basketball coach, Harold Baber, and a special appearance by Oakland's "Grizz" mascot. ●



Grizzly Getaways offer cultural opportunities for alumni

Last fall, **Beth Benson SBA '81** learned that the olive oil found in American stores is vastly different from the real Italian deal.

"I was so impressed by the taste of real olive oil on my trip to Italy that I ordered a \$40 bottle from Williams-Sonoma when I got home," she says. Benson and her husband, **Gary Brancalone SBA '82**, went to Italy for their first trip through the Alumni Association's Grizzly Getaways program.

The couple appreciated the opportunity to learn more about another culture. "You get to experience the sense of history that America doesn't have yet, because we're too young," Brancalone says.

The couple looks forward to their second Grizzly Getaways adventure, this time to Ireland. The trip runs from Sept. 19-27, and includes County Galway's beautiful landscapes, rocky shorelines and unspoiled bogs and County Waterford's ancient cultures of Gaelic and Viking built into today's home of world-famous crystal. The tour includes medieval castles, churches, cobblestone streets, bustling communities and Irish pubs. Spaces are still available. For trip details, visit www.globalholidaysinc.com.

To participate, you must have a current OUAA membership or be a Friend of the Alumni Association. For information about OUAA programs and membership, contact Director of Alumni Relations Adrienne Bass at (248) 370-3700. ●



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Charter Class Reunion to celebrate Oakland's history

Forty-four years ago, many thought of Oakland University, then one of the new educational institutions in Michigan, as merely a passing fad.

"Oakland was an example of what was happening nationwide," says charter class alumnus, **A. Michael Deller CAS '63**. "Time magazine and others came out to OU's campus to write articles about this phenomenon, wondering if these new institutions would survive."

Oakland and its charter class not only survived, they thrived. At the 40th Reunion Weekend Celebration, set to take place on campus Oct. 3-5, the university will honor and celebrate the history of charter class members and alumni.

The highlight of the weekend will be a dinner and dance at Meadow Brook Hall on Saturday evening. Throughout the weekend, participants can take campus tours, visit the OU bookstore, meet with deans and faculty, view an exhibition in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, look over memorabilia from Oakland's archives, attend a men's or women's soccer game at the Lower Athletic Fields and join OUAA members and faculty for brunch. Reservations must be received no later than Sept. 19, 2003.

For more information, contact Jamie Simek, assistant director, Alumni Relations, at (248) 370-3700, ext. 1113 or via e-mail at ruark@oakland.edu. ●

Mentoring program connecting alumni and students gets high-tech upgrade

After three years, Bob Thomas realized that OU's Career Coalition could be even better.

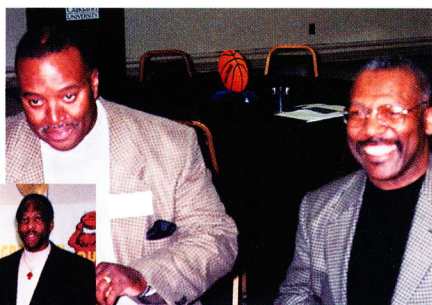
The revised program, Connecting Alumni and Students Together (CAST), will use technology to link students with alumni mentors.

"With C.A.S.T., we are taking a more systematic approach and trying to broaden the base of Career Coalition," says Thomas, director of Oakland's Career Services office. "We are employing a new technical framework that uses the same technology as our e-recruiting system. Alumni and students will be able to find each other easily through a searchable, secure, online database."

Through C.A.S.T., students will have the opportunity to explore career directions with alumni experienced in the student's major and areas of career interest.

"For alumni, it gives them one more avenue to connect to Oakland and give back to the institution in a way that doesn't cost them money," Thomas says.

Alumni interested in participating as mentors should contact Jamie Simek at (248) 370-3700 ext. 1113 or e-mail ruark@oakland.edu. ●



Black Alumni Chapter begins anew

Like a fine wine, sometimes organizations get better with age and storage.

Anthony Thornton CAS '76 knows this lesson. As a new alumnus, he helped launch the Black Alumni Chapter in 1976. When interest waned in the early 1990s, however, the chapter went dormant. Last summer, Thornton and other alumni began the process of reactivating the organization.

Today, it's stronger than ever. "We're proud of our connection to the university," says Thornton, the acting chairman of the organization's steering committee. "We need to get reinvented and offer our talents and services to the university and to the black students there."

On March 1, the revamped chapter hosted its first event, a pre-basketball game reception. Membership in the Black Alumni Chapter is open to all OUAA members. Call Thornton at (313) 446-9636 or the Alumni Association at (248) 370-3700 for more information. ●

— Compiled by Vivian DeGain and Ryan Poquette CAS '96



Soccer stadium scores big with OUAA gift

Oakland's Alumni Association recently earmarked \$30,000 to support a state-of-the-art scoreboard for the proposed new soccer stadium.

"The alumni board recognizes that where there is a strong alumni association, there is a strong athletics program," says **Gregg Garrett SECS '97**, an OUAA board member who helped develop the gift proposal. "We wanted to continue to nurture that relationship here at Oakland."

The scoreboard is the next step in the Grizzly goal of completing a new stadium, which will benefit Oakland's soccer teams as well as attract OU alumni and soccer enthusiasts to the campus. For more information, or to make a contribution, please contact Brian Arbeiter at arbeiter@oakland.edu, or by phone at (248) 370-3190. ●

The OUAA — Legacy Scholarship

If your high school senior expects to follow in your OU footsteps, take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. To qualify, students must:

- Be the child or grandchild of an Oakland University alumnus or alumna who is a current member of the Oakland University Alumni Association.
- Be a high school senior who has been admitted and plans to attend Oakland University for the freshman year or a freshman student who will attend OU during the sophomore year beginning in Fall 2003.
- Be a continuous, full-time student enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester for the duration of the award (Fall 2003 and Winter 2004 Semesters).
- Have a cumulative high school or undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or an ACT score of at least 21.

For application information, visit www.oualumni.com and click on the scholarships link. Or contact Carol Carpenter by e-mail at cmcarpen@oakland.edu or by phone (248) 370-3700. ●

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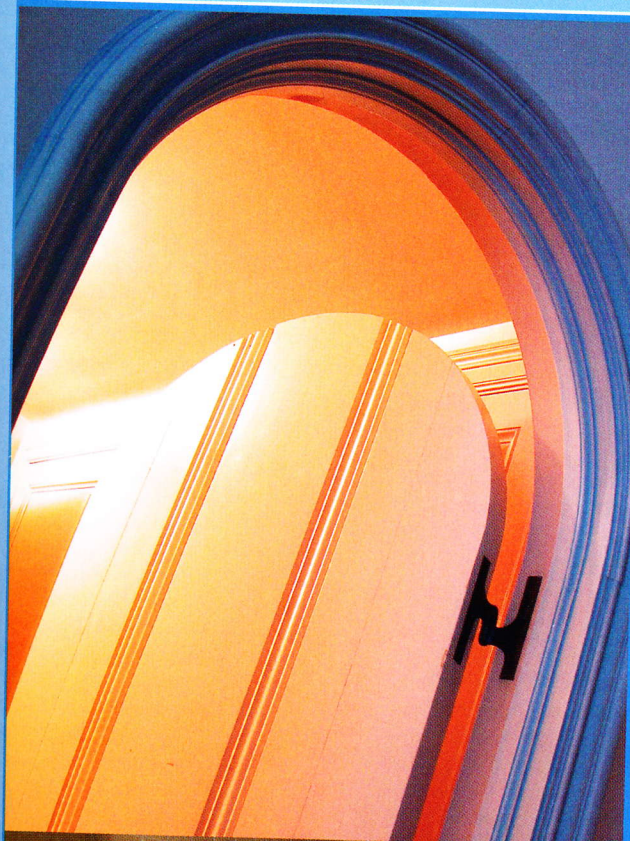
The 38th annual Art and Apples Festival is a juried fair of fine art and fine craft, featuring 300 top-quality, national exhibitors and an estimated attendance of 100,000. The Alumni Association is seeking volunteers to join in the fun by working in the kettle corn booth or OU marketing tent on Sept. 5, 6 and 7, 2003. Proceeds will support the Alumni Association scholarship fund. For more information or to volunteer, call Carol Carpenter at (248) 370-3700 ext. 1390 or e-mail cmcarpen@oakland.edu ●

OU CALENDAR

Summer: Relive your college concert days at Meadow Brook Music Festival with performances by Norah Jones, Tracy Chapman and David Sanborn.

Fall: Help raise money to support research for heart disease and stroke prevention while visiting old friends and fellow alumni during the Metro Detroit American Heart Walk on Sept. 20 on OU's campus. ●

MEADOW BROOK HALL OUT OF THE CLOSET TOUR

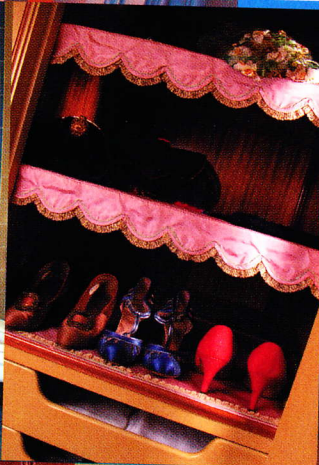


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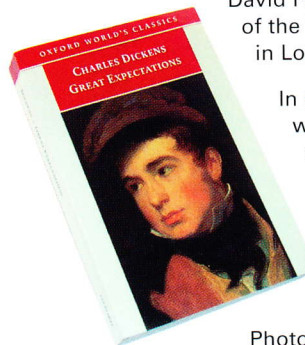
Celebrating outstanding students

OU recently honored its most promising 2003 graduates. Biology major **Dennis O'Connor** and sociology major **Ashley McGhee** received the Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Awards. Journalism major **Ashli Bobo** was awarded the Human Relations Award.

OU presents the Wilson Awards annually to OU seniors who have contributed to the university community as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens. OU's Human Relations Award recognizes a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to inter-group understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community.

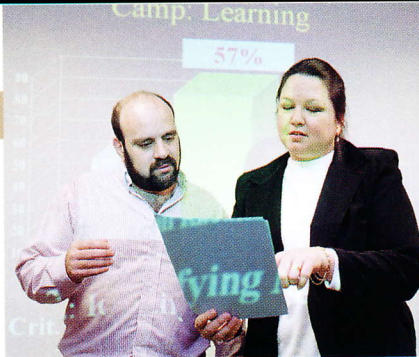
Great expectations

Oakland University will host the 2003 Dickens Society Symposium Oct. 10-12, 2003. The conference features scholars from the United States, Canada and Great Britain, including Professor David Parker, longtime curator of the Dickens House Museum in London.



In addition to reviewing work by Dickens scholars, conference attendees may take part in three special events. On Oct. 10, Meadow Brook Art Gallery will open an exhibition on Dickens and Photography. On Oct. 11,

Meadow Brook Hall will host the Dickens Society Dinner, and the Music, Theatre and Dance department will present its production of *Great Expectations* in Varner Recital Hall. For more information, contact Natalie Cole in the English Department at (248) 370-2270 or at cole@oakland.edu.

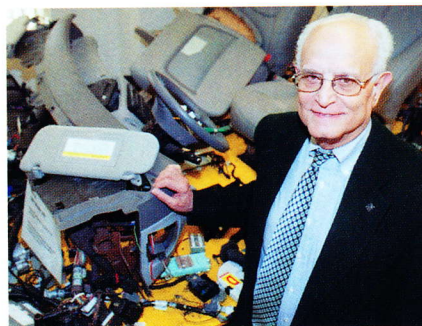


SBA

OU students host high school entrepreneurs

OU's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team hosted high school students from across Metro Detroit for its first-ever Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) regional competition in April. The University of Detroit Jesuit High School grabbed top honors and represented Michigan in May at the National Competition as guests of OU SIFE, sponsored in large part by SBC.

SAGE is an international group that links secondary school student organizations to university student mentors to advance global entrepreneurship in an ethical and socially responsible manner. SIFE, a non-profit organization, partners with business and higher education to give college students the opportunity to make a difference in the community and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.



Naim Kheir

SECS

Kheir retires after 15 years as chair

Ending a long and distinguished career in engineering and education, Naim Kheir retired in January after spending more than 15 years as chair of Oakland's Electrical and Systems Engineering Department.

Kheir's accomplishments at OU include helping to create a consolidated space for department labs and faculty, establishing a monthly speaking series for faculty and graduate students and developing a systems engineering fundamentals course. But Kheir's personal favorite: establishing the university's master's degree program in engineering management.

SEHS

Supporting immigrant parents

For Sandy Alber, the plight of Arab Americans post-9/11 has special resonance. The human development and child studies associate professor spent the last year helping young American parents prepare their children for school through a collaborative project with Dr. Adnan Salhi, director of Research and Dissemination for the Dearborn Federation of Teachers. "Are you might expect, (the families) not face language barriers, but negative stereotyping, which existed even before 9/11," Alber says.

Alber and Salhi wrote and implemented a Michigan Parent Involvement Grant targeting Arabic-speaking parents of young children. Bilingual materials included growth and development milestones from birth through age 3, development information for adults, children, handouts on guiding young children's behavior, details on even issues such as bed time and toilet training, health and nutrition facts and school guidelines. The work is ongoing, helping to teach parents and build one family at a time.

International Women's Convocation

Two OU professors joined 1,800 women in South Africa in December for the International Women's Convocation. Assistant Professors Ilene Ingraham, the Department of Educational Leadership, and Olivia A. Williams, the Department of Human Development and Child Studies, joined an elite group of business and professional women to increase global awareness of the plight of indigent women in Africa.



Ilene Ingram, second from right

The work of the Convocation Scholars includes compiling sermons, workshop presentations, focus-group interviews and personal testimonies. Ingram and Williams will jointly author a paper about their scholarly exchanges with educators from Angola, Namibia, Eastern Cape, Queenstown, Kalahari and the Cape.

"From an educational perspective, there are an equal number of contrasts and commonalities between the regions of Oakland County in Michigan and the Southern Cape in South Africa," Ingram says. "There is a shared concern about the need for educational leadership and for addressing issues related to a growing and diverse population."

SHS

Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute closes

An innovator in health management and disease prevention services for more than 20 years, the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute (MBHEI) closed its doors in April.

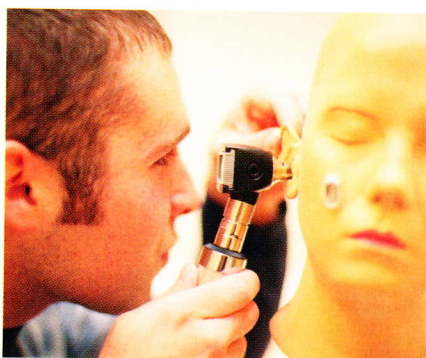
Multiple factors led to the decision to close MBHEI, from tighter economic times and state budget shortfalls to a declining need for services. As the idea of preventive care became more accepted — even touted — over the last two decades, competition from corporations offering similar programs made it increasingly difficult for MBHEI to stay in the black. OU's leadership had to balance those issues with its primary mission of educating students, says Virinder Moudgil, vice president for Academic Affairs and provost.

MBHEI's focus on health management and disease prevention was unique to the health-care industry when it opened in the early 1980s. Over the years, MBHEI programs expanded to include comprehensive health evaluations, health-risk screening, stress-management and nutrition as well as weight-control and smoking-cessation programs.

Safety first

Two OU Industrial Health and Safety students earned national awards from the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Bobbie Schaefer, a junior from Birch Run, Mich., earned a \$5,250 scholarship sponsored by UPS and **Stacy Ruby**, a senior from Hazel Park, Mich., was awarded a \$3,375 scholarship from Ford Motor Company. The students were selected after submitting transcripts, a reference letter from a safety faculty member and a brief essay about their reason for pursuing degrees in safety, their career goals and current activities.



SON

OU offers certificate in nursing education

A new graduate certificate in Nursing Education emphasizes instruction in curriculum, program and course design, development and evaluation. Students learn to apply these skills from field experiences in classroom and clinical environments.

Plus, an online RN/BSN degree program makes it convenient for students to complete their degrees. The nursing course sequence concludes with a nursing synthesis course that allows the students to develop projects in an area of his or her interest.

New face at the School of Nursing

OU's growing nursing program will have a new leader this fall. Linda Thompson will join the university in August as Dean of the School of Nursing, coming from the University of Maryland where she served as acting chair and associate dean of Policy and Program Planning.



With vast academic and administrative experience in university and government functions, Thompson has published many academic articles, reports and abstracts. Currently, she is co-authoring an article for the *Journal of National Black Nurses Association*. Thompson earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at Wayne State University and her master's degree and doctorate in public health at Johns Hopkins University.

HC

Challenging OU's top students

As director of The Honors College, Jude Nixon is in charge of challenging OU's best and brightest students. Since taking on the role last summer, Nixon expanded the Honors College curriculum and increased the academic rigor of its courses. "The Honors College is geared for our exceptional students," Nixon says. "My goal is to encourage independent thinking and cultivate a community of inquisitive learners." He's worked to make it happen through innovative course options. Courses coming in 2003-04: *International Women's Movement* and *A God Who Understands How to Dance: Christianity and Western Culture*.

Residential College in Vandenberg Hall will premiere in fall 2003 to encourage collaborative and communal learning. Nixon hopes to introduce learning communities, encouraging students to work together on a common curriculum, such as *The Power of Genes*. Their work would include a focused community service project.

— Compiled by Dawn Pauli CAS '88

CAREER / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1960s

Evelyn M. Gehres SEHS '63 is vice president and chief operations officer for Presbyterian Homes of New Jersey Foundation.

James Isler CAS '63 and his wife Marti returned in October after a 16-month sabbatical sailing from Essex, Conn., to the island of Antigua and back. The two traveled more than 5,500 miles at five miles an hour.

Betty Youngblood CAS '65 is the newly appointed president of Lake Superior State University.

Jeffrey Koehler CAS '68 publishes the *Put-in-Bay Gazette*, a monthly newspaper serving the Lake Erie Islands.

1970s

Bill Wrenn CAS '70 is a commercial photographer, freelance writer and city councilman in Norwalk, Conn. In 2002, he made an unsuccessful bid for Connecticut's state senate.

Michael H. Emmons CAS '71 recently retired from the insurance industry.

Dennis Kanka CAS '71 retired from General Motors in April after nearly 25 years in transportation and logistics. He is currently working on logistics support for blood distribution and disaster recovery with the American Red Cross.

Stephen Rubin CAS '71 was elected Secretary of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges at the annual meeting in Boston. On the bench since 1987, Rubin was in his fifth year as a trustee of the Council when elected.

Michael Jahn SECS '72 works as a program manager for GRA-MAG, a Magna joint venture company in Novi, Mich.

Caroline (Lind) Stern SEHS '72 recently completed her doctorate in instructional design and information literacy. Her most recent publications include a chapter in an anthology for Kluwer Publishing in the Netherlands and

another chapter for a UNESCO anthology authored by world experts on information literacy. Stern is a distinguished professor of composition at Ferris State University.

Joseph Fleming SEHS '74 is vice president of Providian Financial.

Richard Hubbard CAS '74 is a tenured professor of psychology at Indiana University and a licensed clinical psychologist.

John Darin SBA '75 recently relocated his family to southeast Florida where he is now employed as a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley.

Jeffrey M. Krauth CAS '75 is owner and president of Horticultural Services Inc. in Waterford, Mich. He recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a landscape contractor and horticulturist. His company received the Gold Award for residential landscape design and construction from the Michigan Green Industry Association.

Susan M. Justice SEHS '73, MAT '77 moved to Calif. in 1982 and started her first business, Computerized Business Administration in 1985. In 1993, she formed Justice and Associates, which provides environmental consulting services to Fortune 500 companies. In 2001, she started a personal fitness and spin studio.

Holly (Remy) Ocasio Rizzo CAS '77 is on the part-time journalism faculty at California State University, Fullerton. She is also a freelance writer and editor after 25 years full-time at daily newspapers, most recently the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Evelyn (Marosi) Hart CAS '79 opened her own law practice with an emphasis on immigration law in Fullerton, Calif.

Dennis Kasprovicz CAS '79 has been employed with Ford Credit as a finance and insurance consultant and in various marketing positions. He currently teaches dealership employees on the FORD-STAR Satellite Network.

1980s

Frances C. Amos SBA '80 won a spot in the Michigan legislature in the November 2002 elections. She now serves as a state representative in Michigan's new 43rd District, which includes all of Waterford Township, Le Angelus and 4 precincts of West Bloomfield.

Vic Buhay BSE '80 recently moved his family back to Michigan from Houston, Texas. He will be teaching college-level classes in Grand Rapids this fall.

Beth S. Gotthelf CAS '80 joined the Michigan law firm of Butzel Long as a shareholder. She practices in the areas of environmental law and regulation. Gotthelf represents and counsels a diverse mix of clients on numerous environmental matters throughout the country.



Eva K. Packard MA '80 is the recipient of the Women of Wayne Headliner Award and the Michigan Governor's Honor based on voter service activities for the League of Women Voters, Oakland County.

Ann L. Wiles MBA '80 is a full-time independent French translator specializing in medicine, pharmaceuticals and business. She earned a Certificate of Proficiency in French-English translation from Georgetown University in 2001.

Dawn Duross SECS '81 was recently promoted to operations director for federal channels at Cisco Systems. She and her husband Gary Mack live in Reston, Va.

Randy Grobelny CAS '81 owns his own insurance adjusting company, Washington Claim Service, in South Township, Mich.

Christine E. Wyatt MBA '81 was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church in May 2002 by Bishop Linda Lee. Deacons are called upon to connect the church to the workplace.

Donald Koleber CAS '82 is owner of LogoLite, a business that provides lighting, audio and full production for concerts, corporate events and specialty applications. He recently completed a two-year run as house lighting director at

the Royal Oak Theatre. For more information on LogoLite, contact www.logolite.com.

Richard D. Kuhn Jr. CAS '82 was elected to the 51st District Court in Waterford Township, Mich., on Nov. 5, 2002. Richard and his wife have three daughters and are lifelong residents of the Waterford area.

James Westcott SBA '82, MBA '89 was named general manager of Somerset Collection in July 2002.

John M. Bomarito SBA '83 serves as an account executive for new business development for the Detroit offices of ITA Group, a performance marketing company.

Michael Landry SBA '83 is employed as a chiropractor in private practice in Melbourne, Australia.

David Nacy SECS '83, MSE '89 was recently hired as the designing engineer project manager at General Motors Information Systems & Services operations.

One-time film student succeeds in TV's *Law & Order*

John Roman CAS '78 says he always knew he would make it in film. And not just make it but make it big.

"I thought I'd be Stephen Spielberg," says Roman. "I had grand ambitions." He's getting closer. Roman took over as a producer of *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*, the hit NBC series, in 2001. In April, he was honored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance with its prestigious MaTiDa Alumni Award in Theatre for his achievements in the arts.

Roman graduated from Oakland with a degree in communications and minors in film history and aesthetics. "I remember the professors at Oakland as always being available and encouraging," Roman says. With teachers who believed in him, Roman teamed with University of Michigan student Scott Mann to make a documentary.

The 22-minute, 16-mm film, titled *The Rod Maker*, told the story of Mann's deceased grandfather, a world-class fisherman who handcrafted fly rods and used them to fish from South America to Canada. Roman and Mann located old footage of the elderly gentleman fishing and spliced it with interviews of fellow fishermen. The documentary didn't headline the Cannes Film Festival, but it made it onto a local cable station.

Two years later, he landed a "real" Hollywood job as an assistant director for the TV series *Chicago Story*, focusing on the lives of doctors, lawyers and police. The drama folded after 13 episodes. "It was a terrible show," the Lansing native confesses. "The writing was just awful."

Undaunted, Roman got a succession of movie jobs, working on *Ground Hog Day* and Ron Howard's *Backdraft*. Last year, Roman got the nod from famed creator and producer Dick Wolf to help produce the third drama series in his *Law & Order* franchise: *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*. The New York drama premiered in September 2001.

Roman works 60 to 70 hours per week on the show. Twelve-hour days are the norm. Working in episodic television is particularly difficult, he says. "We start shooting in January, Monday through Friday, and don't stop for nine and a half months," Roman explains. The demanding schedule keeps him away from home during the week. But he makes it home to Georgia on weekends to spend time with his wife Kim (Rust CAS '76) and two teenage daughters.

Despite the chaotic lifestyle, Roman says he wouldn't have it any other way. "I like being in control, having my own crew," he says. "I feel like a minor prince of New York." ■

By Yvonne C. Claes, an Eastpointe, Mich., freelance writer



Roman sent a video acceptance for his MaTiDa Award from the set of *Law & Order*.

Pamela Lyons Dorris

SEHS '84 has been chosen to participate in the Phoenix, Arizona-based National Institute for Leadership Development's *Leaders*, an international program for administrators and faculty members in higher education. The year-long program is designed to enhance the skills that participants need to assume major decision-making roles at their institutions.



Margaret (Murley) Hoffman SBA '80, MBA '85 was recently named vocational business education chair at Citrus High School in Inverness, Fla. She teaches accounting and computer classes and has administrative responsibilities over the business, drafting, agriculture, home economics and ROTC departments.

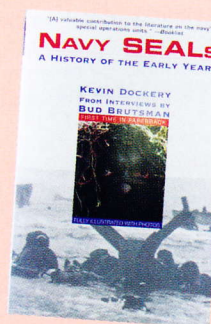
Geraldine Kelly CAS '85 launched Mediabuz Communications, a Chicago-based public relations consulting business in April of 2001.

Class Notes

Navy Seals III: Post-Vietnam to the Present

Author of more than a dozen books on the elite Navy Seals, **Kevin Dockery CAS '80** delivers his latest in August. *Navy Seals III: Post Vietnam to the Present* examines the work of the Seals to adjust to the changing nature of combat. "Learning to outmaneuver terrorists and contain volatile situations, the Seals have maintained their authority into the new millennium," Dockery writes.

Dockery grew up in Royal Oak, Mich., and served as an infantry soldier. According to *Booklist*, his work "blends oral history and conventional narrative with consummate skill." Released by the Berkley Publishing Group, the book follows Seals through operations in Grenada, Bosnia and Afghanistan. Look for it on bookshelves on Aug. 5, 2003.



1980s continue

Kevin Wright CAS '85 is president and founder of Wright Communications, Inc., a Troy-based marketing communications/commercial printing firm that celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2002.

Hermine C. "Bobbie" Baker MA '86 was interviewed on the Today Show on Oct. 15, 2002. Bobbie is a counseling contributor for the *Ladies Home Journal* article "Can This Marriage Be Saved?"



Dave Fortner SECS '86 joined Ross Mortgage Corporation as director of information technology.

Jennifer Young CAS '86 is a development officer for Wayne State University's Alumni Relations offices. She also has a freelance technical writing and editing business, JY Wordcraft.

Tim Zippel SHS '86 is currently an assistant professor at Central Michigan University in the graduate program in Physical Therapy. He completed a manual therapy residency in 1992 and was board certified as an orthopedic clinical specialist in 1993. He is currently enrolled in OU's physical therapy doctoral program.

Timothy J. Carless SBA '87 has been promoted to partner in the assurance and advisory business services practice at Ernst & Young LLP in Detroit. A certified public accountant, he is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Marcia L. Hudson SEHS '87 is a teacher in the Avondale School District. She has been recognized in the Excellence in Education Awards Program and was Avondale Schools Teacher of the Year in 1997. Founder of the Stars Looping Program at Auburn Elementary, she was listed in the 2002 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Donald W. Korn SBA '88 joined AmSouth Bank as Director of Nonprofit Services in the Investment Management Group. AmSouth is a regional bank with branches in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Christopher Ruppel CAS '88 is an ad manager for American Media in Southfield, Mich.

Thomas Tanghe CAS '88, MPA '90 is assistant city manager and director of human resources for the City of Auburn Hills, Mich.

Matthew Basham CAS '89 is the program director for the largest CISCO Regional Networking Academy in the world at St. Petersburg College. He was recently invited to participate as a panel member on the Cybersecurity Education in Colleges discussion in Washington, D.C., and published a textbook titled *Learning by Doing: CCNA 3.0*. He is also pursuing his doctorate.

Laurie (Hickman) Calvert SBA '89 is director of business development for a strategic interactive design company.

1990s

Glen Foldessy CAS '90 recently accepted a position with GMAC Residential as marketing communications manager. He was elected to board of directors of the Public Relations Society of America-Detroit for a three-year term. PRSA-Detroit recently honored Foldessy with a distinguished service award for funding efforts that benefit the student scholarship fund. He also earned APR accreditation from PRSA.

Stacey (Coulston) Hoyle SEHS '91 has been a teacher in Houston for the past 11 years. She married Jay Hoyle 6 years ago. The couple has a 4-year-old daughter named Rachel.

Michael Cartwright CAS '92 recently returned to Michigan with his wife and two children after earning a promotion with Ford Motor Company at the River Rouge Engine Plant.

Eve Haug CAS '92 earned a Bachelor of Nursing from Wayne State University in 1998 and in May 2002 completed a Master of Science in Nursing from Michigan State University Nurse Practitioner Program.

John Honos CAS '92 is vice president of marketing and public relations for Services, Inc. in Livonia, Mich.

Patty Baker SON '93 is working on stroke care in an intensive care unit in the Portland area, where she lives with her husband and 14-year-old son. Before moving to living in Portland, she lived in Australia and England, working in private and national health services.

Tracy (Pifer) Kittel SHS '93 and her family have recently returned to Michigan from Roanoke, Va. She is working for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

Esther M. Coleman SEHS PhD '93 was promoted to associate professor and Chair of the Education Unit at Marygrove College in Detroit.

Pamela (Schleicher) Anderson SBA '93 and her husband Bruce are owners of Moehring-Woods Flowers in Grand Pointe Woods, Mich.

SBA '89 is
development for a
company.

James Ureel CAS '95 recently joined the Southfield, Mich., offices of London-based information technology company Logica as an XML Software quality assurance specialist.

Staci Carr CAS '96 graduated from Harvard School of Education in 1998 with a master's degree in Human Development and Psychology. She has been working in the field of developmental disabilities and is currently a clinical program coordinator at the Autism Center of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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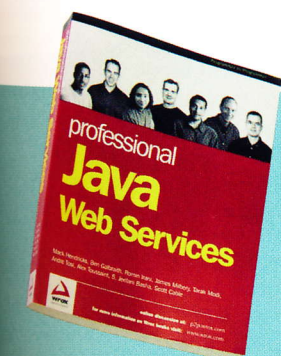
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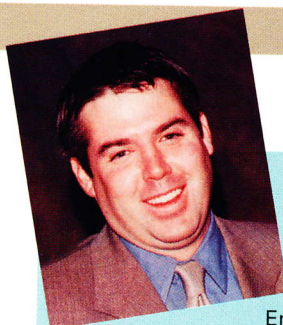
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Professional Java Web Services

Mack L. Hendricks SECS '98, MA '01 teamed up with software engineers from across the country to produce the equivalent of a manual on writing Internet code. Billed as a book by programmers for programmers, *Professional Java Web Services* features expert guidance from nine programmers from IBM, InSync Information Systems and Vignette Corporation, among others.

Hendricks currently works for Sun Microsystems within the iPlanet division as an enterprise support account manager. He has eight years of experience in computer fields with technical interests in distributing computing systems, XML, Java, datamining, object oriented design and operating systems. Published by Wrox Press Inc. in 2002, *Professional Java Web Services* covers core services such as SOAP, WSDL, UDDI and Security.



Jeffrey R. Vogel CAS '98 has been named Campbell-Ewald's 2002 Employee of the

Year for his exemplary leadership and exceptional service to the Campbell-Ewald enterprise throughout the year.

Tanya M. Murnock SHS '96 is currently a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. She was recently deployed for six months to U.S. Marine Forces Central Command on the island kingdom of Bahrain while assigned to Marine Forces Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii. During her tour in the Persian Gulf, she supported the Marine Corps' mission in the command's area of responsibility.

Rayissa (Slywka) Palmer CAS '96 accepted a position at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., as assistant vice president, brand specialist with the Brand & Advertising team. She and her husband Adam moved to Charlotte in 2001 and are enjoying warm winters playing tennis and golf.

Sandra (Mastromatteo) Adamo SBA '97 received her MBA from Wayne State University in December 2001. She is a loan officer at Standard Federal Bank in Troy, Mich.

Michael S. Brown SBA '97 is a manager in the Global Strategic Clients Program at the national office of Deloitte & Touche in Wilton, Conn. He is married and has a one-year-old daughter.

Diane Michele MA '97 is president of the Michigan Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling. She also serves as an international adviser/regional steward for the International Network of Attitudinal Healing.

Lynn Tingley CAS '97 graduated from Illinois State University with a Master of Arts in developmental psychology.

Paul A. Brown SBA '98 accepted a controller position with Form Tech Concrete Forms, Inc. in Wixom, Mich.

Jill M. Ferrari SHS '98 joined the law firm of Dean & Fulkerson in Troy, Mich., as an associate in the real estate and environmental law and litigation practice groups.

Tierra L. Stamps SECS '98 received a master's degree in engineering science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in December 2002. She works as a general supervisor/facilities management representative with General Motors Corporation in Livonia, Mich.

Melissa M. Zetouna CAS '98 works as a diagnostic technician and has been a volunteer for Project Healthy Living for several years. She will be attending University of Detroit Mercy Physician Assisting Program in the fall.

Markeeta Burr MAT '99 is a third grade teacher at Courville Elementary School in Detroit.

Jennifer Morford MBA '99 made a career change from General Motors Field Sales, Service & Marketing to Eli-Lilly Pharmaceutical Sales in February 2003.

Thomas J. Murphy SBA '99 graduated from University of Detroit Mercy Law School in May.

Michael Ortschied MBA '99 is a senior consultant with Deloitte & Touche.

Bobi (Schlachter) Pickering SON '99 is a registered nurse at William Beaumont Hospital.

Karen Stahl CAS '99 received a Master's degree in library science with a specialty in archives, records and information management from the University of Maryland, College Park. She currently works as an internet/reference librarian as a contractor for ASRC Aerospace, Inc. at the EPA Library in Washington, D.C.

2000s

Lori Ballard CAS '00 is a reporter for the *Renaissance Times* business newspaper in Detroit.

Brian T. Malesko SBA '00 is an account manager of interior trim at Meridian Automotive Systems.

Aleksander Zafirovski MLS '00 has been elected president of the Chicago Area Radiation Therapists (CART).

Melissa Little SON '01 is a staff registered nurse at the Henry Ford Hospital trauma/transplant unit. She is also a graduate student at Madonna University in the adult primary care nurse practitioner program.

Class Notes

OU basketball star goes pro in Amsterdam

It's not easy getting former Oakland University women's basketball player Sarah Judd to talk about herself. But that character trait is exactly what makes Judd so charming. After all, modesty is an attribute you may not find in many athletes who've reached her level of competition. But then, Judd doesn't think much about the fact that she's a professional basketball player. She just enjoys a good game.

Judd began playing basketball at an early age, and in high school it became clear to those around her that she had a gift. That's when former OU Women's Basketball Coach Beckie Francis stepped in.

"It took us awhile to convince Sarah to play for us when she was looking at colleges," Francis recalls. "But when she did, it was a good day for our team."

A good day indeed. Her coach and others describe Judd not only as a versatile player but an intelligent and respected student off the court. In 2002, Sarah's senior year, she led the team to its first-ever Mid-Continent Tournament title by breaking the tournament record for most points scored in a game (38) and taking home MVP honors. The team then made its inaugural appearance in the Division I NCAA tournament.

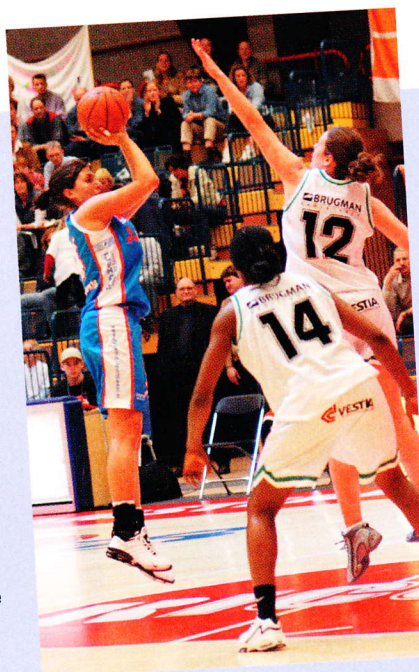
After finishing her impressive run at OU, Judd tried out for a professional women's team in Cologne, Germany. While there, she ran into a friend and former opponent from Valparaiso who played for a team in Amsterdam called BV Lely. Sarah clicked with the Lely coaches and agreed to join the team, which competes with 10 other teams in the Netherlands. In her first pro season, Judd routinely led the team in scoring, with double-digit numbers in most games.

In May, she capped her first season as a pro by helping the team win the Netherlands National Championships, scoring more than 20 points in every playoff game and leading Lely to a 70 to 57 victory in the championship game. Her father flew to the Netherlands to watch the final two games in the series.

For Judd, living in Europe has its perks. Although she misses friends and family, it didn't take Judd long to adjust. "My coaches were great and helped me settle in when I first got here. Amsterdam is an amazing city, with so much to do and see."

So what's next for this OU alum? She's not sure, though she's always had an interest in graphic design and she dreams of owning her own restaurant one day. Given Judd's drive and determination, there's no telling what she might achieve. One thing is certain: a basketball will never be far from her fingertips. ■

By Karla K. Dorweiler, a freelance writer from Farmington Hills, Mich.



Tina Sierink



Courtesy, BV Lely

2000s continue

Heather Marson SEHS '01 is a sixth-grade teacher at Wolfe Middle School Center Line, Mich.

Paula McClure CAS '01 is teaching college prep English, reading and writing at a local community college. She plans to begin graduate work in 2003.

Steven Roberts SBA '01 was recently promoted to terminal manager with Cassens Transport Company in Princeton, Ind.

Jeff Theisen CAS '01 accepted a job as a sportswriter with *The Daily Union* in Junction City, Kan..

Sarah Lehman

CAS '01 has been named assistant account executive at Franco Public Relations Group, a Detroit-based public relations agency. In this position, she provides public relations service and support to a variety of Franco clients including Dearborn's Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, The Heat and Warmth Foundation and Michigan Boating Industries Association.



Karrie Alexander CAS '02 is a marketing analyst for a Tier 1 automotive supplier.

Ke Ma SECS PhD '02 is working for First Heavy Industries as vice president, engineer in charge of the company's development, tech center development and CAD/CA/CAPP/PDM applications.

Tara Revyn CAS '02 recently accepted a position as a financial adviser at Stanley in Troy, Mich. She has Series 7, Series 63 and Series 31 licenses and registrations.

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Elsbeth A. married on May 25, 2002.

Carolyn (K.) married on May 25, 2002.

Jennifer F. will marry on May 25, 2002.

Elisha (M.) married on May 25, 2002.

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BIRTH

Michael L. Creina are John, born on May 25, 2002.

Lisa (Hall) B. husband Tim, first child, Tim, born on May 25, 2002.

Robert Char. Jane announced the birth of Max, born on May 25, 2002.



Chris Leider S. Leider SEHS '02, the birth of the child, born on May 25, 2002.

ENGAGEMENTS / WEDDINGS

Elspeth A. (Galloway) Coats SECS '91 married **Gary F. Coats SBA '95** on May 25, 2002.

Carolyn (Gordon) Craig SECS '93 married John Craig. The couple has two daughters, Claire and Erin.

Jennifer Farina SON '97 is engaged and will marry in spring 2003. She is a registered nurse at St. John Birthing Center.

Elisha (Matichuk) Hamilton SBA '99 married Dustin Hamilton on Aug. 31, 2002.

Jennifer (Kozlowski) Green SEHS '00 married Frank Green in June 2002. She is a teacher in the L'Anse Creuse School District.

Jon C. Helferich SECS '00 married Nicole Simone Spano SBA '02.

Pompeyo Angco SECS '01 is happy to announce his engagement to Jinx Bugante NgSuy. An Aug. 9, 2003, wedding is planned.

Carrie (Przysiecki) Bryll SEHS '01 married Steve Bryll on Oct. 5, 2002, in Livonia, Mich.

Kristin Kouba CAS '02 is engaged to **Jeffrey Olson SEHS '03**. The two first met at freshman orientation at OU. An Aug. 2, 2003, wedding is planned.

DEATHS

Louis Pirochta CAS '64 died Sept. 28, 2002.

John Wesley Smith MAT '71 died Dec. 17, 2002.

Shirley Durnbaugh MAT '75 died Nov. 23, 2002.

Wilma Garcia SEHS '73, MA '75 died Oct. 3, 2002.

Roger P. Miller CAS '76 died Sept. 20, 2002.

Claudia M. Patterson SBA '78 died April 1, 2002.

Shirley Chambers Averill CAS '78 died Jan. 7, 2003.

Nick Chiappetta CAS '90 died Oct. 7, 2002.

Donald Swain CAS '02 died August 30, 2002.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Landry SBA '83 and his wife Creina are proud parents of Cooper John, born Feb. 16, 2002. He joins his sisters Addison, Keely and Lane.

Lisa (Hall) Breithaupt SEHS '87 and her husband Tim announce the birth of their first child, Timothy Joshua, born Oct. 31, 2002.

Robert Charlton CAS '89 and his wife Jane announce the birth of their first child, Maxwell Scott, on June 2, 2002.

Stephanie (Schiller) Wilson SON '91 and her husband Keith announce the birth of their first child, Ashleigh Claire, born Dec. 22, 2001.

Linda (Phillips) Manuszak SEHS '94, MA '97 and her husband, Don, announce the birth of their first child, Brandon Steven, on Oct. 23, 2002.

Melissa (Parrott) Kolasinski CAS '95 and her husband **David Kolasinski CAS '94** are proud to announce the birth of their son, James David, on May 17, 2002. He joins big sister Sophie.

Staci Carr CAS '96 and her husband Greg announce the birth of their first daughter, born on June 19, 2002.

Derrik Darling SBA '97 and his wife Cathy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Cassandra Ashley on Oct. 19, 2002.

Ashley E. Mabbitt CAS '97 and her husband Paul are happy to announce the birth of their first daughter Rachael Elizabeth on March 11, 2002.

Sheri (Feeley) McPartlin SON '97 and her husband Kevin announce the arrival of their first child, Makayla Lillian, born Aug. 29, 2002.

Michele (Jozefowicz) Alt SEHS '96, MAT '00 and her husband **John Alt SECS '95** announce the birth of their daughter Ashley Elizabeth on Aug. 27, 2002.



Chris Leider SHS '91 and **Jill (Wauldron) Leider SEHS '00** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Evan, on July 16, 2002.

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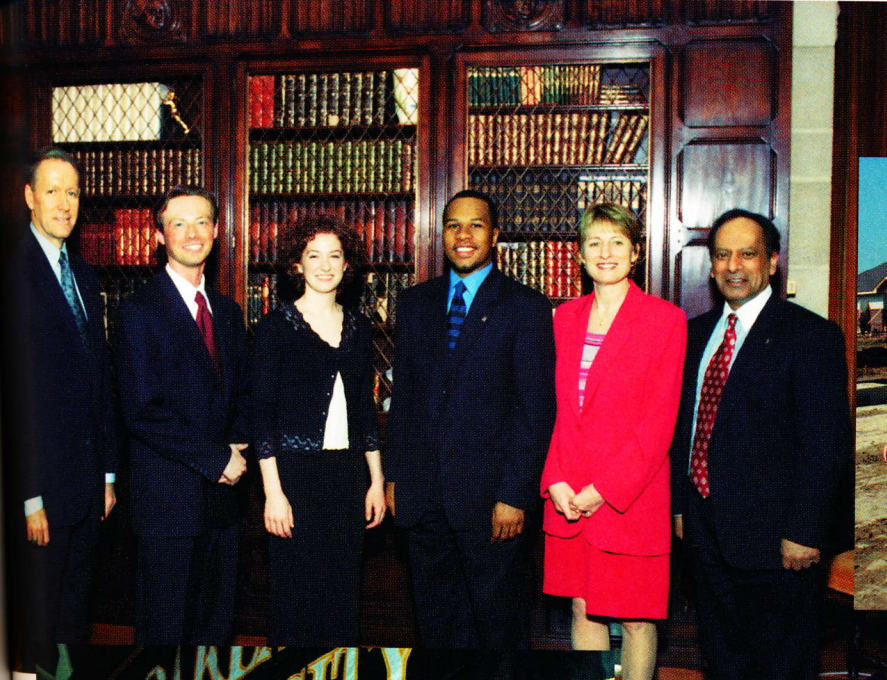
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In 2002, the university received gifts across the disciplines that have helped students to succeed. These include scholarships, funding for new undergraduate research and real-world learning experiences made possible through industry and community partnerships.

To continue to offer students these opportunities, I ask for your support in the coming year. At a time of shrinking state budgets for higher education, our future depends on the partnerships we form with individuals, corporations and foundations. You can help ensure that every student graduates from OU with a portfolio of skills necessary for success in the 21st-century workplace and society.

My sincere thanks and deepest appreciation.

Gary D. Russi

Gary D. Russi
President

New societies recognize sustained giving

Gifts made to Oakland University make a tremendous difference in the lives of Oakland students. In appreciation for these gifts, donors receive recognition through membership in one of several giving societies.

These societies honor individuals who contribute a minimum of \$25,000 over their lifetime and corporations that contribute a minimum of \$50,000 in cumulative gifts.

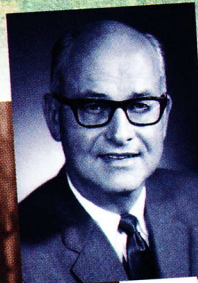
Last year, the societies were reviewed, and changes made to better reflect the scope and scale of each donor's contributions. The university is advancing toward its 2010 vision of providing an even more distinctive undergraduate experience that is complemented by the strength of our graduate offerings and research accomplishments. Donor support by members of these gift societies has made it possible. Oakland is grateful for the generosity of the individuals, corporations and foundations who have made these giving societies possible.

- Those who donate cumulative gifts of \$10 million or more or a planned gift of \$20 million to the university are eligible for membership in the **Matilda Wilson Founder's Society**. This society honors Oakland University benefactor Matilda R. Wilson and pays homage to her as a university founder.
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Woody Varner



OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson



Oakland University's charter class members

- The **Pioneer Society** recognizes donors who contribute \$250,000 or more in cumulative gifts or a \$500,000 planned gift. Known as an educational pioneer, Oakland University focuses on providing faculty and students with the resources they need to be leaders — pioneers — in their field.
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- The **Matilda R. Wilson Society** recognizing those who contribute \$50,000 or more in cumulative gifts or a planned gift of \$100,000, is another tribute to Matilda Wilson and the vision she placed on education and community service.
- The **Alfred G. Wilson Society** is reserved for individual donors who contribute \$25,000 or more in cumulative gifts or a planned gift of \$50,000. This society was named in honor of Alfred G. Wilson, whose vision and generous donations led to the establishment of Oakland University.
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Technology gives OU nursing students valuable experience

Catherine Vincent sees great things ahead for Oakland University's nursing students.

The interim associate dean has watched the School of Nursing's teaching lab transform into a highly interactive, multimedia facility, thanks to a \$75,000 grant from Crittenton Hospital Medical Center.

Dedicated in May, the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Multimedia Laboratory simulates real-world learning experiences for students using technologies that range from CD-ROM training programs to an interactive mannequin that mimics human responses.

Many of these technologies cost thousands of dollars each and would have been out of the program's budgetary reach without Crittenton's support. "We are extremely grateful to Crittenton because we couldn't have this extensive a lab otherwise," said Vincent.

The interactive mannequin will be key to the learning process, according to Vincent. "Students can actually insert a real catheter into a membrane device. It even tells them if they've caused a lot of pain. It helps students get practice and gain competence without practicing on ill and frail people."

The lab's media equipment will supplement and enhance classroom learning, Nursing Laboratory Manager Patricia Ketcham said. In addition to private rooms for viewing instructional media, the lab will include new computers capable of running the high-end graphics used in virtual simulation programs. "The lab will be available to students the whole time they're in the nursing program," Vincent said.

Crittenton President and Chief Executive Officer Lynn Orfgen said the gift was a wise investment not just for students, but for the health care industry as well.

"In the next 10 years or so, there will be incredible demand on the health care industry. In the nursing field, we've already had shortages all over the country. The demand is going to go up, and we will need people who are well trained to enter the workforce. Anything we can do to help support educational programs, and certainly high-quality programs like those at Oakland University, we will try to do."



Cutting the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Multimedia Laboratory. From left: Chair Henry Benson, Board of Trustees; Catherine Vincent, interim associate dean of School of Nursing; Lynn Orfgen, president and CEO, Crittenton Hospital Medical Center; Gary D. Russell, recent graduate of School of Nursing; and Crittenton President Gary D. Russell.

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Between Matter and Spirit: Russian Icon Painting, a month-long exhibition at Meadow Brook Art Gallery, featured centuries-old examples of iconic portraiture, bridging history and art for students and audiences alike.

The art of supporting the humanities

A. Randolph Judd established The Judd Family Endowment for the Arts and Humanities through a gift from the family's foundation, the Lyon Family Foundation. The endowment supports enrichment programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, including the Russian icon exhibit at Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Funds from the endowment also supported a contest, organized by Modern Languages and Literatures Professor Dikka Berven, in conjunction with cultural diversity week, featuring translation, speaking and writing skills in foreign languages.

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Lowry Center youngsters and teachers enjoy their new surroundings.



Donors seed education growth

The School of Education and Human Services realized a dream come true last August when faculty, staff and students moved into a beautiful new four-story building. The facility provides a school with 132,000-square-feet of much-needed space for classrooms, counseling areas, viewing labs, a library and offices. The new building also houses the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education, a toddler and pre-school program.

"The new building provides OU students with an opportunity to study in an environment designed to accommodate all learners," said School of Education and Human Services Dean Mary Otto. With Oakland's growing student body and the increasing technological demands facing tomorrow's education,

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A new building equipped with the very latest in educational resources became a necessity. "Teachers, counselors and human resource professionals will leave Oakland ready to work in the community," Otto said.

The move was made possible through substantial state funding as well as donor contributions including the support of Oakland University faculty and friends who participated in OU's naming program. Through this program, donors recognize individuals or organizations by naming Oakland buildings, wings and rooms in their honor. Donors included Linda Hahn, wife of former professor Harry Hahn, and Katherine and John Banicki, School of Education and Human Services advisory board members.

J.M. Olson Corporation and Duce Simmons and Associates LLC, construction and design vendors for the new building, were also naming program donors.

To learn more about other naming opportunities, including those in the Education and Human Services building, please contact Bernadette Dore, assistant vice president of major gifts and planned giving, at (248) 370-3700 or 1277 or dore@oakland.edu.



The new 132,000-square-foot Education and Human Services Building offers 11 general-purpose classrooms, counseling rooms, viewing labs, an educational resource library and more.

A club like no other

The President's Club is an annual giving program that provides crucial financial support to the university through generous contributions and personal involvement. Fourteen hundred members strong, the club helps meet major university needs, respond to unplanned challenges and take advantage of new opportunities. In recognition of their support, President's Club members are invited to take part in campus activities and events, and enjoy access to university resources including the Recreation Center, Kresge Library and both OU golf courses.

Since the club's formation in 1966, its members have contributed more than \$30 million to add and upgrade classrooms, enhance academic programs, fund research, award scholarships, assist with the preservation of historic Meadow Brook Hall and maintain Oakland's golf courses.

Members of the executive committee oversee the club's activities and include Molly Beresford (chair), Cliff Adams, Jim Aubry, Ron Ciesielski, Thomas Fabbri, Richard Irwin, Elaine Lewenz, John Mills, Jim Page, Rick Riss, Larry Schloss and Bob White.



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Pictured top to bottom: Ron Ciesielski, Jim Aubry, John Mills, Elaine Lewenz, Larry Schloss, and Chair Molly Beresford

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Oakland's nationally recognized Trustee Academic Success (OUTAS) student scholarship program serves as one example of the significant educational results that come from OUF support.



OU Trustee Academic Success scholarship recipient Lenwood Compton volunteers with boys at Great Lakes Academy in Pontiac, Mich., through AmeriCorps Oakland.

Students are admitted to the OUTAS program according to academic performance and financial need. Since 1994, it has prepared hundreds of students to function effectively in a global economy and society by imparting cross-cultural understanding and communication skills as an integral part of the Oakland experience.

Faculty research and the University Student Research Scholars Program also benefit from OUF support.

By awarding 20 to 40 \$1,000 grants annually for approved projects, the Student Research Scholars Program gives students the opportunity to work with faculty mentors while gaining valuable experience in laboratories, in the field, on stage and elsewhere. Projects range from biological sciences, sociology, psychology and mathematics to engineering, computer science, and art and art history.

"The Research Scholars program has given me a way to incorporate my research into coursework and learn while I go," said Matt Rizzo, senior electrical engineering major and University Student Research Scholars Award recipient. "Plus, I gained experience in other areas. I learned how to write a proposal, organize a project and work with a group of people. All this is great for my resume."

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Keeping the dream alive

Four Oakland University students working to improve the lives of others received a well-deserved show of support at the 10th annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet in February 2002.

Junior Ashli Bobo (journalism major from Huber Heights, Ohio), sophomore Rhonda Hanna (English major from Shelby Township), junior Joi Olden (theatre performance major from Oak Park) and sophomore Diana Pochmara (elementary education major from Lake Orion) were awarded \$5,000 scholarships in recognition of their strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and promoting racial understanding.

The scholarships were generously sponsored by Bank One, Champion Enterprises Inc., the Oakland University Alumni Association and William Beaumont Hospital.

In addition to showing recognition for student achievement, Keeper of the Dream also celebrates the life and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. Fittingly, his second oldest child, Martin Luther King III, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, delivered the inspirational keynote address.

"Surely my father had a dream, but it was a vision for a nation where freedom and justice and equality would exist for all humankind. That was accomplished legislatively, but has it been felt in people's hearts?" King asked, adding, "If we work collectively, we can create a better community and world. It can only happen when a few good women and men come together."

Keeper of the Dream scholarship recipients are prepared to carry that vision forward, excelling academically as they work to bring people and communities together. "I'm excited, honored and really delighted about this award," Bobo said. "It will motivate me, because I see that what I have done so far in school has proven to be successful. Receiving this award further motivates me to excel in the future."



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Marshall Fredericks' "Saints and Sinners" fountain serves as a visual reminder of OU's commitment to the arts. Enrollment in Oakland's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance has increased more than 200 percent since 1995.



Nursing student Jamie Bauer (right) works side by side with her mentor.

Providence provides opportunities for OU nursing students

For the second year in a row, Providence Hospital pledged \$30,000 in support of Oakland University's nursing program. Their generous gift makes it possible for six full-time nursing students to receive \$5,000 scholarships. Providence Hospital also gives eight students the opportunity each year to work side by side with registered nurses, providing exposure to the rewarding career of nursing.

"Our partnership with Oakland University is a win-win situation," said Kathy Ryan, vice president, acute services and chief nursing officer. "We want to help students continue their education and give them the benefit of working with experienced nurses. Students, in turn, bring new vitality and help us refocus on why we went into nursing. We also hope they will stay within the Providence system after graduating."

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Alumnus opens door to a new way of doing business

Dennis Pawley knows the impact lean manufacturing can have on a business. In recent years, the former executive vice president of (then) Chrysler has become increasingly convinced that tomorrow's corporate leaders must learn to "think lean" to succeed.

Pawley took steps to make that kind of success possible with his donation of \$1 million to establish the Pawley Institute. The interdisciplinary institute provides training, research and outreach in the lean approach. The institute is a joint project of OU's schools of Business Administration, Engineering and Computer Science, and Education and Human Services.



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OU alumnus and Board of Trustees member
 Dennis Pawley, founder of the Pawley Institute.

"Basically, lean learning is a set of tools and a thought process (that) organizations use to reduce cost and increase quality — and do them both faster," said Pawley, an Oakland University alumnus and Board of Trustees member.

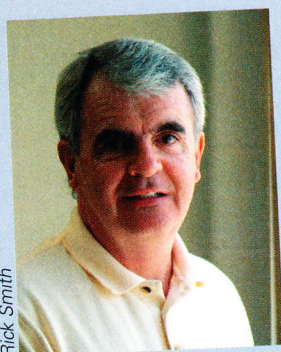
"Too many businesses have the tools of lean manufacturing, but they lack the training and mindset necessary to use those tools effectively," he said. "Without adopting the lean manufacturing philosophy as a total system, the tools become outdated and useless very quickly."

One of the institute's priorities is to equip students with real-world business applications, said Kevin Yamada, the Pawley Institute's executive director. He has met with human resources representatives and executives from area corporations to learn more about what they need in business leaders. "They're looking for a certain skill-set and knowledge base that comes from a combination of academia and life experiences," Yamada said.

The institute will provide an ideal program to address these areas, he added. Students there will combine classroom learning with simulations, applying what they've learned and reflecting upon it.

Pawley said he wants the training students receive at the Pawley Institute to make them sought after by the auto industry. "I'd like to see Oakland become the primary recruiting ground for the Big Three," he said. "Training Oakland students in the principles of lean manufacturing will make them more marketable and also will benefit the automotive industry tremendously."

To learn more about the Pawley Institute, please call (248) 370-2685 or visit www.oakland.edu/pawleyinstitute.



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Always be prepared. It's good advice for any situation, especially financial. Planned giving* allows for that kind of preparedness by providing individuals with the opportunity to map out every aspect of their giving future, a concept that's gained in popularity in recent years among Oakland University faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

In the case of Larry Carey, this was a key issue. "I was especially concerned about the wording of the gift," said Carey, who earned his degree in psychology as part of Oakland's second graduating class in 1964. Carey's planned gift will create a scholarship for a student in the College of Arts and Sciences. Carey wanted to ensure that the gift would recognize and honor his parents, neither of whom had the opportunity to graduate from high school or college. He also had other requirements.

"I worded my gift so that the scholarships are renewable," said Carey, a professor of English at Michigan State University. "I also noted that a grade standard has to be achieved. I mainly want to help students who demonstrate the ability and the need."

Carey was surprised by how quickly he was able to set up his gift as part of his normal estate-plan process. "Everything fell into place," said Carey. "It was very easy."

Lee Anderson retired as Oakland University's director of financial aid in August 2001 after 25 years of service. His wife, Sylvia — a 1975 alumna of Oakland's master's teaching program in reading — taught elementary students for 30 years. This shared life in education made a bequest to Oakland a natural choice.

"We wanted to set something basic up today, in case anything unfortunate happened to us in the next several years," said Lee. "Right now we lean toward scholarships for student teaching, since Sylvia was a student teacher and knows the financial difficulties they face."

The amount of planning that goes into a gift is completely up to the donor. While Carey's planned gift details specific requirements, the Andersons' gift was more relaxed, allowing them time to think through details and make changes later, if they choose.

As a testament to the flexibility of planned giving, Anderson also notes that even the amount of their gift, currently \$70,000, is only a guideline. "The amount is based on the estimated value of our estate today," said Anderson. "Depending upon how everything goes, that could change, too."

Some donors, including Mary Otto, dean of OU's School of Education and Human Services, want their planned gifts to apply to more than one area. In Otto's case, her bequest of \$100,000, which she set up as part of her living trust, will fund student scholarships and faculty research.

"I've been here for almost 30 years," Otto said. "Many of the faculty I work with now are faculty who I've worked with most of my life. We've spent much of our personal and professional life together building programs. I want those programs to be there in the future. This is my token to help ensure that future."

Similar concerns motivated OU Finance Professor Ed Farragher. Half of his \$100,000 bequest is designated to the School of Business Administration's Accounting and Finance Department to be used for faculty research and student activities.

"OU has provided me the opportunity to develop all three facets of academic life — teaching, research and service," said Farragher, who has taught at Oakland since 1988. "I hope that this contribution to the Department of Accounting and Finance Gift Fund will help expand faculty research efforts and allow the department's student clubs to continue to provide interesting avenues for learning about business career opportunities."

The other half of Farragher's gift will be donated to the School of Business Administration's technology fund, helping to ensure the school can continue investing in the technology necessary to maintain and grow its programs.

In the end, the convenience, cost-effectiveness and control offered by planned giving has made it an attractive choice for these and other donors, giving them the peace of mind that the Oakland legacies will be forged exactly the way they envision.

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Committed employees help make fund drive a success

For Oakland University staff members Mel and Jenny Gilroy, supporting Oakland's All-University Fund Drive (AUFD) last winter had special meaning.

"In addition to working here, Mel and I are both alums of the university," said Jenny, senior associate registrar. "I like to support, even in a small way, projects I believe in like athletics, the Women of OU Critical Difference Scholarship and my department, English. I also support the Woodcock Legacy, as Mel was instrumental in getting that project off the ground. And, of course, I like getting a refund on my state income tax!"

The Gilroys also supported the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Programs Fund.

"I think, most fundamentally, I donate to support programs that enhance the Oakland University experience," said Mel, lieutenant with the Oakland University Police Department. "All of us need to step up to the plate to make these contributions."

During the fund drive, President Gary Russi matched gifts to the university up to \$5,000 with 50 cents on the dollar.

The drive generated \$167,266, a 39 percent increase over last year.

Campaign co-chairs Patrick Nicosia, former director of budget and financial planning, and Elaine Didier, dean, Kresge Library, describe the event as a success.

"Dr. Russi's match really encouraged people to make a gift because there's so much bang for the buck," Nicosia said.

Nicosia added he's pleased his service as fund drive co-chair was one of the last contributions he made as an OU employee. He retired in January after 30 years of employment with the university.

Didier encourages faculty and staff to show their support of OU through fund drive contributions.

"I am strongly committed to raising funds to help the university and the library

achieve their visions for the future, and contributions to the AUFD are an essential component of that support," she said. "It is imperative that we as faculty and staff show our support for the institution, even as we ask others to join with us and support our efforts."

Mel and Jenny Gilroy,
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Researchers at Oakland University continue to make a difference to the community, region and world. Two Oakland scientists recently received a \$2-million research grant to develop a device to instantaneously detect miniscule amounts of biological or chemical hazards, such as anthrax, smallpox or neurotoxins. Xiangqun Zeng, chemist, and Gabrielle Stryker, biologist, received the grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish the validity of the concept they jointly developed. The novel biosensor could have significant military, environmental and forensic applications. In all, Oakland University received nearly \$10 million in grants and funding for research efforts across multiple disciplines in the 2001-02 academic year.



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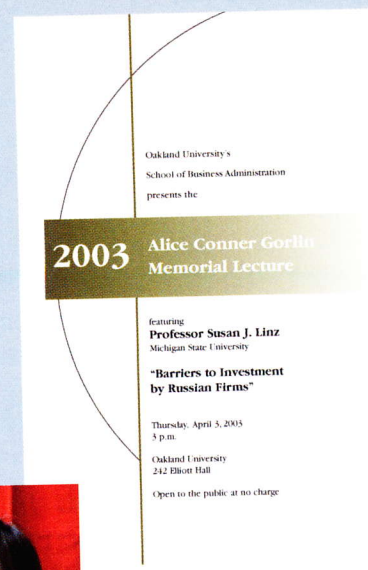
Friends, family and colleagues came together more than 15 years ago to create an endowment for the Alice Conner Gorlin Memorial Lecture Series, honoring the OU economics professor who died of cancer in 1987 at 41.

Since then, the lecture series has a proven record of presenting noteworthy speakers specializing in Russian/Soviet or East European economics.

"Alice had a global view and was a little more serious than the average person in regard to our responsibilities to the world community," said David Doane, chair of the lecture series, OU professor, friend and colleague.

"Now more than ever, the lecture series underscores the importance of understanding international issues and the role played by economics."

Thanks to a recent \$20,000 pledge from Robert H. Gorlin, Alice's widower, the lecture series will continue bringing high-caliber speakers to Oakland's campus to promote understanding of international issues and events.



The late Alice Gorlin, former OU economics professor

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Linking business, technology and learning

Celebrating its fifth anniversary in 2002, Oakland University's Applied Technology in Business (ATiB) program brings real, quantifiable benefits to Oakland students and faculty as well as its business sponsors.

OU students gain invaluable experience while learning, and corporate sponsors benefit from students' bright minds, creative energy and new ways of looking at problems. Not only do corporate sponsors get workable solutions to real problems, they have the satisfaction of knowing their support makes a difference in the lives of talented, hard-working students.

"The ATiB graduate has a huge advantage. The camaraderie, the teamwork and the real-life work experience teach the principles of leadership, self discipline and decision making. ATiB is truly a life-changing experience," said Nancy Robinson, a Ralph Manuelli broker and ATiB graduate.

Since 1997, more than 45 corporations have sponsored ATiB students and projects, including continuing sponsorships from ArvinMeritor, Compuware, DaimlerChrysler, Eaton, EDS and Lear Corporation.

"ATiB is head and shoulders above many other co-op and intern programs. It all starts with the very high caliber of Oakland students. They think out of the box and apply the correct technical solution," said Dick Lefebvre, chief information officer at Metaldyne, a sponsor since 2000.

OU graduates Annelies Rigole and Scott Burgess with Christine Wilcox, whose scholarships supported both students.



Scholarship gift is dream come true for local donor

For Christine Wilcox, attending the recent graduation of Oakland engineering students Scott Burgess and Annelies C. Rigole was a dream she was never certain she would realize.

"I'm so happy I lived to see them finish," said Wilcox, 94, who added that the two students were like children to her.

Wilcox and her husband, Ivan, an automotive engineer who passed away a few years ago, were never able to raise their own children. Yet, they recognized the financial difficulties that many students like Burgess and Rigole face today — the same kinds of challenges that Ivan had faced several decades ago while supporting himself through school.

As a result, when the couple created their estate plans, they set up the Christine and Ivan Wilcox Endowed Merit Scholarship Fund, which provides full scholarships annually to two Oakland freshman engineering students with high qualifications. Burgess and Rigole are the first two students to graduate with the assistance of the fund.

Initially, the Wilcoxes only planned to sponsor one annual scholarship. When Christine reviewed the two candidates for the first scholarship, however, she couldn't bear to see one student go away empty-handed.

"When we found out that we could add a little more money and help two students each year, we jumped at the chance," said Wilcox.

For their part, the students are very grateful for the scholarships. "When most people leave college, they are not debt-free like I am," said Burgess. "Because I had this support, I was able to save money for graduate school."

Burgess is working on his master's degree in management and plans to become an automotive engineering manager.

The Wilcox estate plans include a permanent scholarship endowment, which will continue to benefit Oakland engineering students for years to come. This seems fitting to Wilcox, since she and Ivan had been enamored with Oakland — or at least its location — since before the school's existence.

"We used to go horseback riding on the land where the Oakland campus sits today," Wilcox said. "We loved it there, it was so beautiful."

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Foundation expands namesake's vision through engineering scholarships

The DeVlieg Foundation is an example of a good thing that keeps getting better.

When Charles B. DeVlieg established the foundation in 1961, his original intent was to provide financial assistance for undergraduate students. Since then, the organization has achieved this goal, donating scholarships to several educational institutions, including Oakland.

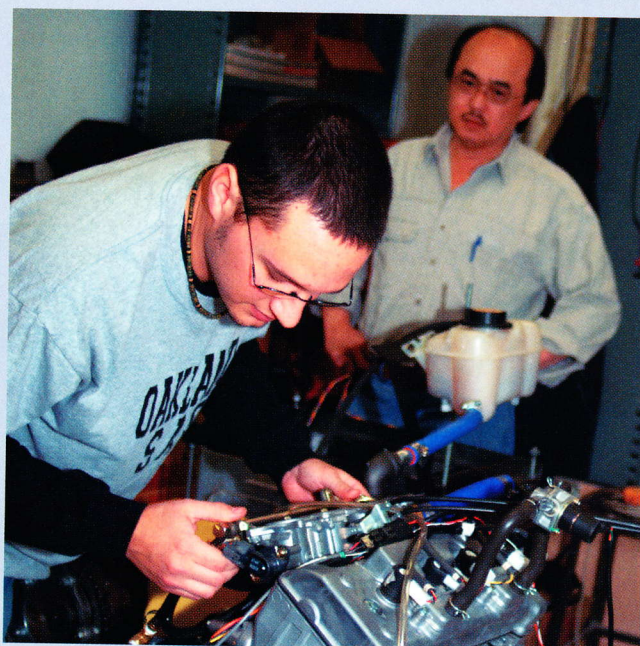
As the DeVlieg Foundation grew, it tailored its focus from general to engineering education — something its founder believed in deeply. As the owner of his own industrial organization, DeVlieg Machine Company, Charles B. DeVlieg had seen firsthand the need for educated engineers.

Following the death of Charles B. DeVlieg in 1976, his son, Charles R. (Bud) DeVlieg continued to nurture the organization's growth. Bud's own passions included an interest in the outdoors, so after his death in 1988, the DeVlieg Foundation, under the support and guidance of Bud's wife, Kathryn S. DeVlieg, honored his memory by expanding its reach to include wildlife and environmental matters.

These days, the DeVlieg Foundation is a bustling organization that continues to provide opportunities for countless students. The foundation aids and promotes educational programs and experiences throughout the United States with a special focus on engineering and natural resource conservation.

Oakland University is honored to be included in this ongoing mission. In the past few years, the DeVlieg Foundation made two donations of \$20,000 each to Oakland University "to assist the university in furthering engineering excellence through scholarships to students."

Last year, eight students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science received undergraduate scholarships. And, a graduate student was awarded a PhD fellowship.



Rick Smith

OU's Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) ranks among the nation's top competitors in the annual Formula SAE competition, where students engineer and build their own cars. SAE is one of many opportunities available to DeVlieg-supported student scholars.

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Jose Juarez, The Oakland Press



Journalism major Gayle Issa receives her award from Executive Editor and OU alumnus Garry Gilbert of *The Oakland Press*.

A letter-perfect award

Oakland senior Gayle Issa earned *The Oakland Press* Endowed Scholarship for Journalism Excellence in 2002. Issa was selected from 167 journalism majors for the \$1,250 prize, given annually to deserving journalism students. Issa credits two of her OU professors, Holly Gilbert and Jane Briggs-Bunting, for encouraging her to pursue a journalism career. Issa was the managing and opinions editor for the 2002-03 academic year for the student newspaper, *The Oakland Post*.

Donated books enrich OU community

Oakland University Professor Emeritus Jane Bingham has journeyed to the most exotic countries in the world. However, travel isn't Bingham's only passion. During her treks from China to South Africa, Bingham searched for unique works of children's literature to add to her 8,000 volume collection. Last year, Bingham donated her entire collection to OU.

"I was so overwhelmed that they would accept the gift," said Bingham, who served as professor of education from 1969-99. "I spent my whole career at Oakland and I was given so many opportunities to do so many things."

Valued at \$100,000, the collection includes works from the 19th and 20th centuries and spans the globe, from Bangladesh to America.

"We have a lot of folk stories," Bingham said. "Each country has their own legendary heroes, gods and goddesses. The cultural accouterments are different, but the heroes are all honest, kind and fight evil. Cultural values in most countries are pretty similar."

One of the most unusual volumes is called *The Casket*. Written in the early 1800s, it's a book of prayers for children who died young. "They were probably read to children who were dying," Bingham said. "Coping with death was often a daily occurrence for people in the time before antibiotics."

The collection opens up a vast new resource for students and scholars both at Oakland University and throughout the region. "It adds enormous depth for us in terms of a scholar's ability to look at literature from a given period and think in context of issues such as stereotyping or racism, art, child-rearing practices and the way science was presented to children," says Dean of Kresge Library Elaine Didier.

Bingham sent a wish along with her gift.

"I look forward to reading articles by my colleagues and students who have used the books," she said. "I trust my colleagues interested in children, literature, social issues, women's studies and political science might look at the collection in a critical way, so we can take stock about how we are caring about the next generation."



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Elementary education major Kari Kocher leads a class at Pontiac's Hispanic Outreach Center.

Giving the gift of language

Department of Linguistics students in the College of Arts and Sciences earning English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor certification are completing their required practicum by teaching ESL to Spanish-speaking parents in Pontiac through a partnership with Catholic Social Services' Hispanic Outreach Services. This community service is made possible through generous donations of \$20,000 from General Motors and \$12,500 from Haden Schweitzer Corporation to the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Programs Fund. The contribution covers course materials, childcare for the participants' children and transportation.

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Associate Professor of Engineering Brian Sangeorzan demonstrates the type of one-on-one learning that makes the PDMC a leader in technology and engineering education.

Center gives manufacturing students head start

Oakland University's Product Development and Manufacturing Center (PDMC) is an internationally recognized center providing education, applied research and technology transfer for the auto industry. The program is thriving thanks to support from partners such as Visteon Corporation, which pledged \$25,000 to the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the PDMC.

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A sampling of trophies won by Frances Dodge, daughter of OU founder Matilda Dodge Wilson.

Antique treasures come home

Luminous "new" treasures have been returned to their original home at Meadow Brook Hall, thanks to a contribution from a descendent of OU founders Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson. Sixty sterling silver platters and trophies won in horseback riding competitions by Matilda's daughter Frances Dodge are back in the Meadow Brook Hall collection. The prized items help give visitors to Meadow Brook Hall, the 110-room Tudor-revival style mansion that once served as the Wilson residence, a sense of what it was like to be a child living amid the grandeur of the hall.

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Donors put spotlight on OU's fastest-growing area of study

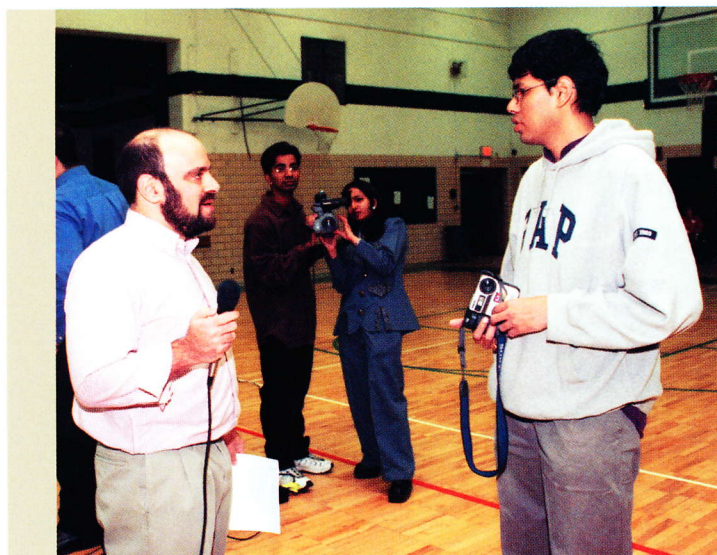
One of Oakland University's fastest growing departments — the College of Arts and Science's acclaimed and nationally accredited Department of Music, Theatre and Dance — received three generous gifts in 2002, enhancing the programmatic experience for performers and audiences alike.

A \$75,000 grant from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund will renovate the acoustical systems in Varner Recital Hall, replacing original equipment from the hall's opening in 1971. The Wilson Fund, a charitable trust established by Matilda Wilson in Detroit in 1944, has provided resources to support educational projects and programs since its founding.

An anonymous donor gave \$70,000 to purchase a new concert-level Steinway grand piano for use in Varner Recital Hall.

And, OU Professor of Music Flavio Varani held two fund-raising concerts, generating \$6,000 to help restore an existing concert piano for use by advanced piano students. An additional \$4,000 from the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Programs Fund, plus \$10,000 previously earmarked for restoration, assisted this effort.

Each gift will help sustain a program that has grown more than 200 percent since 1995. In 2002, more than 2,000 students took courses in the performing arts with more than 100 non-performance majors participating in ensembles and performances.



Mark Simon, associate professor of Management, discusses strategy with an Entrepreneurship Institute participant.

Faculty help new generation of students

Two Oakland University faculty members have gone above and beyond their ordinary duties to help hundreds of young men and women prepare for their futures.

School of Business Administration Associate Professor of Management Mark Simon said one teen helped inspire the financial gift he made in support of the Entrepreneurship Institute.

Founded in 2001, the Entrepreneurship Institute offers business workshops and camps for economically disadvantaged middle and high school age youths.

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"An 11th grader who was juggling work and school was about to quit the program," said Simon, who also serves as director of the institute. After an OU student who worked at the camp contacted him, he not only continued on, his team was first runner-up in a business plan competition. When he was presented with his award, this tough street-smart student had tears in his eyes.

"We don't all get to play on a level playing field," said Simon. "The kids in the program have worked tremendously hard to overcome obstacles. The workshops and camps help give them that little extra push."

Helping underprivileged children is also the aim of Dawn Stapleton, a faculty member in the School of

Education and Human Services. Her \$10,000 gift to the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education established a fund in memory of her mother, who died last September.

"She had graduate degrees in special education and taught school on the south side of Chicago for 35 years," Stapleton said. "She was a first-generation American from a poor rural background."

The fund will help children who have educational, emotional and physical disabilities get a better start in life.

"The Lowry Center is one of the best early childhood education centers there is," said Stapleton. "Children must have access to the best minds and materials if they are to succeed in any way, shape or form in this society."

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For many students, acceptance to their college of choice is only the first hurdle in their drive for academic success. A far more difficult challenge comes in finding a way to pay for it. Each year, dozens of gifted Oakland University students find a way to meet that challenge with the aid of scholarships funded by generous donors.

"Oakland University provided me with academic challenges and development, mentorship and opportunities," said Adam Kochenderfer, a 2002 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences. "OU also gave me the financial opportunity to (earn my degree and) open doors to some prestigious law schools

that otherwise would have been closed."

Scholarships powered a successful academic career for Kochenderfer, who earned numerous merit-based awards including the Oakland University Alumni Association scholarship, Golden Key National Honor Society scholarship, two Commuter Involvement Awards and the Talented Scholar Award.

Scholarships also made it possible for Lani Morgan, a 2002 Honors College and College of Arts and Sciences alumna, to attend OU. "I wanted to come to Oakland University and reach for a comprehensive, diverse, four-year degree," said Morgan, a Stockbridge, Ga., native.

When out-of-state tuition seemed beyond her reach, Morgan earned financial assistance through a number of awards and scholarships including the Top Scholars Award, Trustee Academic Success Scholarship, Student Life Scholarship, Tuition Differential Scholarship, Marshall P. Atkinson Endowed Memorial Scholarship, Hildum Scholarship for Communications* and the Wal-Mart Scholarship.

Scholarship students enrich the OU community beyond measure. "Ms. Morgan is one of our best students," said Barry S. Winkler, professor of biomedical sciences. "She is an active, dynamic, socially aware woman of utmost integrity and high intensity." Thanks to the generosity of those scholarship supporters, Morgan was able to choose Oakland University as her place to shine.

If you are interested in learning more about scholarships, including how to establish one at OU, please contact Julie Vulaj, director of Annual Giving at (248) 370-3700 ext. 1693 or vulaj@oakland.edu.

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To honor a favorite professor entering retirement, more than 20 former students from Oakland University and University of Detroit-Mercy (UDM) combined forces to raise \$30,000 to establish an award and endowment.

The Horwitz Award, named for OU Professor of Finance Ron Horwitz, recognizes a graduating finance student from OU's School of Business Administration for academic excellence and student leadership. It also "serves as part of Ron's legacy as a finance educator," said OU Professor Ed Farragher, who spearheaded the effort.

Horwitz's career spanned nearly 43 years. He began teaching in 1959 and held positions at Wayne State University and UDM before joining OU in 1979. He retired in winter 2002. Horwitz says he is most proud of "the cumulative effect of all the students whose paths I crossed nearly every day. I enjoyed working with them."

Recent School of Business Administration graduate Craig T. Baker received the first Horwitz Award at the annual accounting awards banquet at the end of the 2001-02 academic year. The award will help this promising graduate launch a successful finance career.

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OU Moment



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Senior Art History major **Corey Gross** polishes an exquisite Russian tea set in preparation for an exhibition of Russian Icons and metalwork at Meadow Brook Art Gallery. As a research scholar, Gross worked for a semester with Assistant Professor of Art History Tamara Machmut-Jhashi on a paper about 13th- to 15th-century Novgorod School icons — religious works painted on wood using egg tempera. He was one of more than two dozen undergraduate and graduate students taking part in the Provost-sponsored Student Research Scholar Program. Supported in part by the Oakland University Foundation, the program provides research stipends for a wide range of work and offers travel assistance to students who present their results at professional conferences. For a link to more information on the program, visit *OU Magazine* on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu ♦

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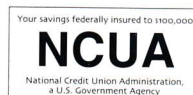
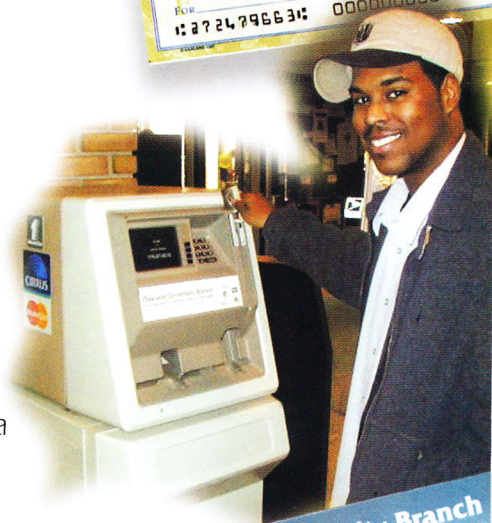


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