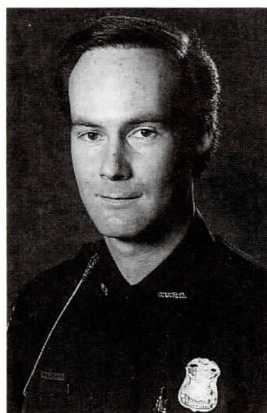
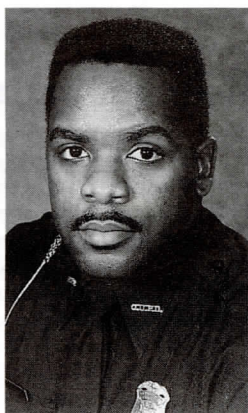


NEWS

OU Police Arrest Two in Assault on Professor



Gordon



Munson

Less than 48 hours after a brutal early morning attack on campus of Stuart Wang, math professor, two suspects were arrested by OU police and are being held on \$1 million bond each in the Oakland County Jail. The men are charged with assault with intent to murder and two breaking and entering charges, and may face life in prison.

OU Officers Mark Gordon and Brian Munson are being credited with the swift identification and arrest of suspects Dwayne Barton and Lee Knight, both 20 and from Rochester. "I'm proud of my guys," said Dick Leonard, chief of police and director of public safety and police at Oakland. "And I'm glad to say we're back to a safe campus atmosphere."

Added Lt. Mel Gilroy, "We've got a great case (against the two suspects). It's a very tight case, a substantial forensic case that was conducted with the utmost precision. These guys (the suspects) are going to do straight up time," he predicted.

Wang remains in serious condition at the University of Michigan Hospital, where he has undergone surgery and is being treated for severe head and chest injuries. His wife, Margaret Wang, a clerk in Oakland's accounting office, says well wishes from the university community can be sent to him in Room 5413, floor 5A, c/o U-M Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

A tip from graduate chemistry student Steve Patton is also credited with tracking the suspects. Patton had noticed the two men on campus earlier in the week, and had reported them as suspicious persons on campus. OU Police suspected the pair in a recent rash of vending machine break-ins on campus. Campus police believe the two gained access to O'Dowd Hall with a building key, stolen from the purse of an Oakland employee.

OU Police believe Wang, who was working late in his O'Dowd office on a research project, had witnessed and/or startled the two men attempting to break into another vending machine. Wang was found outside O'Dowd Hall, severely beaten and lying unconscious in below-freezing weather, by a university groundskeeper coming on duty around 4 a.m. Thursday, March 2.

On Friday afternoon, March 3, grad student Patton was at a local bank when he spotted the same pair, Barton and Knight, trying to cash in coins for dollar bills. He put "two and two together" said Lt. Gilroy, wrote down the license

plate number of the car they were driving, and contacted OU Police.

Officer Gordon took the call around 4 p.m. Friday and together with Officer Munson, they checked out the license plate number, tracked down the suspects home addresses, then went looking for the car and found it at Knight's home address. The officers were surveilling the house when the two happened to walk out and begin to work on the car. The officers called Lt. Gilroy, who gave them the go-ahead to question the men. As the OU police officers approached, the two men split up and through separate interviews, the officers had received enough information to place them under arrest.

OU Police later obtained a search warrant for Knight's home and found heavy bolt cutters, which the two are suspected of using in the assault on Wang, along with clothing and other trace evidence. Police also seized Knight's car for evidence.

The attack on Wang happened during spring break. When students arrived back on campus, OU Police and James McKay, chair of the math department, met with Wang's students. Associate Professor Jon Froemke was asked to take over Wang's class for the duration of the semester. ▼



Wang

After-Hours Campus Safety Tips

Dick Leonard, chief of the Department of Public Safety and Police, advises the university community to use caution and common sense while on campus at night. He adds that though Oakland police are on duty and available "24 hours a day, every day of the year," his department can't be everywhere at once. Leonard offers these tips and precautions:

- If you're working at night, use the buddy system. If that's not a viable alternative, call the public safety and police department at 370-3331 and let them know where you are (room number and building) and that you are working late.
- Police escorts to parking lots are available for the asking.
- When leaving your office and building after hours, make sure the doors are locked and secure. (Normal university hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., when all buildings are generally locked for the night.)
- If you do see or hear suspicious activity, don't investigate, call the police dispatcher (3331) and report the circumstances.
- If an emergency occurs, dial 911.

Oakland Positioned for Growth

In a talk reminiscent of a "state of the university" message, Interim President Gary Russi said Oakland is "doing well and is positioned well" to meet a myriad of challenges and opportunities this year. Russi shared his views at a well-attended staff and faculty Oakland Insight session February 20.

Oakland's "driving forces" for 1995 will be academic quality, focus, growth, student success and outreach, Russi said.

Citing an increase in part-time students, non-traditional students and, for the first time in the recent past, growth in the number of high school students applying for college, Russi said. "We anticipate growth in the next two years in admissions and enrollment," Russi said.

Oakland is increasing enrollment and gaining visibility by placing print ads in area and college newspapers, by being on the Internet where students can now get information about Oakland and apply for admission to any program via computer, and through radio advertising in major metropolitan markets.

Oakland's "financial considerations" look good, Russi said, citing additional money from increased student enrollment tuition and record-level fund raising by the Division of University Relations, which will bring in

more than \$7 million this year.

The university also is expected to receive a three percent increase in state money this year, but Oakland "is actively lobbying for more." He added that the university is also lobbying Lansing for a new classroom building.

During his talk, Russi also cited a growth in new academic programs and alliances; process redesign as a way that Oakland is "working to enrich our university"; the anticipation of an active, successful presidential search committee; Oakland's launch into distance learning; a revision in the merit pay system for APs; a new cultural diversity initiative spearheaded by Virginia Allen, assistant vice president for academic affairs; and the strategic plan, which is still seeking Board of Trustee approval but will be a "template for decision making" as activities and programs advance Oakland during the coming months. ▼



Interim President Gary Russi shared his views at a well-attended staff and faculty Oakland Insight session February 20.

Despite Efforts, Icy Conditions Remained

Oakland's grounds crew worked two back-to-back 14-hour days shoveling snow and spreading de-icer on campus and it was still not enough to lick the slick conditions experienced when staff and faculty showed up for work Monday, February 27.

Seven slip and fall accident reports were filed with the Employee Relations Department, according to Bill Kendall, assistant vice president for employee relations. Graham Health Center received "three or four" visits from employees on Tuesday, February 28, who experienced strains because of the weather, said Sharon Long, nurse practitioner at the center. And Dick Leonard, director of public safety, said his department "looked into" five incidents of slip and falls.

"We feel badly about anyone being injured," said Alan Miller, assistant vice president for Campus Facilities and Operations.

"By 5 a.m. that Monday, the notification point for closure decision, we had 158 tons of de-icer on campus, the rain-mixed-with-ice had ended and the campus transportation systems were reported reasonably safe and passable," he said. "The forecast was for temperatures to rise toward 40 degrees by mid-day, so we all thought we were okay," he said.

"But between 5:45 and 6 a.m. the freezing rain started up again and began to glaze over the de-icer material and in effect, both encapsulating and insulating the de-icers and rendering them less effective. Though roadways were still passable with the help of traffic, this was not the case in parking lots and walkways."

Groundskeepers were directed to use rock salt on sidewalks, rather than the more "environmentally prudent de-icers" used in other areas of the campus, "for faster action and better traction." Additionally Miller said that about eight custodians were called upon to assist the 11-member grounds crew. At about 6:30 a.m., Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration, was notified that conditions had worsened. The decision was made that it was too late to initiate a closure.

"We provided escort service for handicapped and concerned individuals," said Miller. "We also ran some of our trucks over sidewalks to try to break up the ice."

"Next time we'll use e-mail and voice-mail to alert people of the hazards, that conditions have changed, and to call us if they need special assistance," Miller said.

Oakland has a special phone number for employees and students to get information on school closings, 370-2000. School closings are also reported to local television and radio stations by the university's media relations department.

"Some people think that if it had been an academic day with students on campus, things would have been different," Miller said. "But our decision wasn't based on whether or not we had students." He added that though many K-12th grade schools closed that day, "none of our higher education sister institutions closed and they had the same conditions. Because there were no students on campus, we were able to concentrate primarily on staff and faculty parking areas and pedestrian circulation routes." ▼

Equity Name Change

The Office of Minority Equity has been renamed the Office of Equity, effective immediately. The name change — the same one adopted recently by the Office of Equity for the State of Michigan — provides consistency that will increase public understanding of the function of the office and reflect a broader view of its mission, says Glenn McIntosh, director.

McIntosh says the mission of the Office of Equity is to increase the recruitment, retention and graduation of under-represented racial and ethnic groups at Oakland, to help educate the university community so it can become more receptive to diversity and pluralism, and to monitor the university's progress in these areas and serve as facilitator in resolving student, faculty and staff concerns in these areas. ▼

Read All About It: Ph.D. Program Spells Success

Oakland's Ph.D. program in reading and language arts is garnering high praise throughout the country, and for good reason:

- Four Oakland Ph.D. graduates in the last three years have won top honors for best dissertation from the prestigious, professional International Reading Association;
- A full 37 percent of currently enrolled degree candidates are people of color, making the program a national leader in minority representation;
- The program's blend of reading and language arts (the study of writing, oral language and spelling) is more challenging than a doctorate in reading, alone;
- And many minority graduates are return-

sensation in Oakland's reading program can be traced to two major sources, he says.

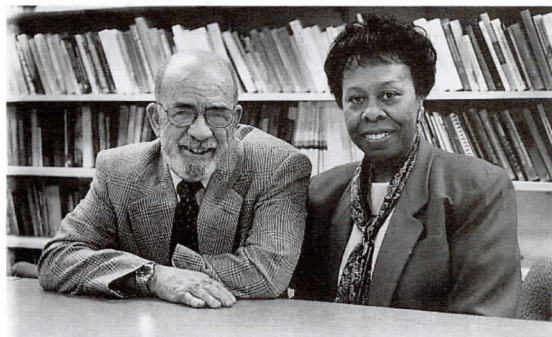
One reason is the "close relationship we maintain with our current and former students and the networking and referrals those students and graduates do for us," Cramer says. The second reason is the King/Chavez/Parks Program supported by the State of Michigan. The program provides financial support for minority doctoral students. The pay back is that these new Ph.D.s return to the university or K-12 classrooms to share their expertise with others.

Esther Coleman, who received her Ph.D. from the program in 1994, was recently honored by the International Reading Association. Her dissertation was chosen as one of the top 10 by the organization, which has 60,000 members worldwide. Its primary mission is fighting illiteracy. (Linda Ayres, also a '94 Ph.D. graduate of Oakland's program, won the distinction of writing the best dissertation for 1994.)

"I've always been a reader, in fact, I've been reading since I was two and my first book was *Jack in the Beanstalk*," says Coleman. Her dissertation was based on the effects of teachers reading orally to sixth graders from award-winning African-American authors.

Coleman says her experience at Oakland "added significantly to my personal and professional persona."

"From the time of my initial interview until my graduation from the program, the faculty members of the Reading Department were personally nurturing and academically supportive. The settings they designed offered many opportunities for interactions between faculty and students that proved to be intellectually challenging and stimulating. The graduate dean and his staff were equally responsive to any concerns I had." ▼



Ron Cramer, chair of the Reading and Language Arts Program, with Esther Coleman, an Oakland Ph.D. grad and now assistant professor of education at Marygrove College, who was recognized for writing one of the 10 most outstanding dissertations for 1994 by the International Reading Association.

ing to K-12 public schools, which have an increasingly greater need for skilled minority teachers and role models.

Ron Cramer, chair of the Department of Reading and Language Arts, says the program has 14 minority students among 37 candidates for Ph.D. work. The growth in minority repre-



Polis, Barclay and Olson

Deans Discuss Status of Women at Oakland

The status of women at Oakland — from career pathing for staff, to recruitment and retention efforts for faculty and students — are topics for meaty discussions in a series of brown bag luncheons being sponsored by Oakland's ACE-NIP chapter. In the first of the series held last month, Deans Polis and Olson shared information and exchanged ideas. Lizabeth Barclay, associate professor of management, moderated.

Polis, dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, said though the field of engineering has traditionally been dominated by men, women comprise 23 percent of Oakland's undergraduate engineering students, compared to the national average of 14-15 percent. Out of 36 faculty, only three are women, he said. "That's lower than it should be and we would like to at least double that," Polis said. He added that one of the school's top priorities is to increase the dollar amount graduate students can receive in stipends in order to be more competitive with other engineering schools, a move that would go a long way to retaining grad students of both genders.

Olson, dean of the School of Health Sciences, said the school's student population is "very strongly female dominated and men are under-represented," though women comprise half the school's faculty. Olson concurred with Polis on the need for larger stipends for grad students, adding that "most grad students are part-time students who work full time. It would be nice to come up with a more flexible system to make it easier for grad students to work on their doctorates."

The next Status of Women luncheon will be held from noon to 1 p.m. March 29 and feature Kresge Library Dean Suzanne Frankie and College of Arts and Sciences Acting Dean Dave Downing. Reservations are suggested by March 21. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Robin McGrath at 370-3352.

THE CAMPUS REGISTER

Of Distinction

Items about professional activities or honors from anyone within the university community may be sent to the Publications Department, 109 NFH. Items run as space permits. Persons with E-mail capabilities are encouraged to send their items to: billingt@vela.acs.oakland.edu

Irwin E. Schochetman, mathematical sciences, recently gave an invited colloquium address at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, on *Infinite Horizon Optimization with Average Optimal Criterion*.

Philip Gould, English, is the author of an essay, "Witch-Hunting and the Politics of Reason in the Early American Republic," which appears in the spring issue of *New England Quarterly*.

Robert T. Eberwein, English, chaired a panel, "Resistance and Change in Theory and Practice," at the 20th annual Conference on Literature and Film at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He also presented a paper, *Forrest Gump, True Lies, Natural Born Killers and Pulp Fiction: The Discourse of Race and Caste*.

Faculty Grant Awards

The following faculty grants have been received:

- To **Michael Hung**, mechanical engineering, \$30,000 from the Ford Motor Company to continue his research on ways to reduce vehicle noise and vibration. Hung had received an initial award of \$55,000 from Ford.
- To **Ka C. Cheok**, electrical and systems engineering, \$68,000 from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command to continue refining and testing "smart automotive traction controllers." The grant is an extension of the research work on traction control Cheok has been doing for the Tank Command with assistance from ITT Automotive and Chrysler.

New Faces

- Cassandra Bailey-Ealy, of Clarkston, assistant director of the Office of Equity
- Holly Magnuson, of Auburn Hills, executive secretary, Division of University Relations
- Louisa Ngote, of West Bloomfield, curator of visual resources, Department of Art and Art History
- Brenda Pierce, of Rochester Hills, accounting clerk IV, Office of Controller

Jobs

Information about job openings is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling the Job Hotline at 370-4500.

- Coordinator for field placement and internship, School of Education and Human Services, AP-3
- Publicist, Department of Music, Theatre & Dance, AP-5
- Programmer/Analyst, Administrative Information Services, AP-4
- Director of Athletics - contract position
- Affirmative Action Administrator, Office of Equal Opportunity, casual
- Executive Director, Meadow Brook Hall, miscellaneous
- Scientific Program Analyst II, Academic Computing Services, AP-8
- Senior Systems Analyst, Office of Computer & Information Services, AP-11
- Presentation Production Coordinator, Instructional Technology Center, AP-4

- Training & Network Support Coordinator, OTUS, AP-5
- Network Operations Analyst, OCS, AP-8
- Part Time Secretary, Academic Affairs, casual
- Groundskeeper III, Grounds, AFSCME
- Volleyball coach and marketing director, Athletics, contract position
- Director of Oakland Center, AP-16
- Assistant manager of development services/donor records, University Relations, part-time, AP-3
- CRT operators, Office of the Registrar, casual part-time
- Typesetting secretary, math department, part-time, C-7

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research has relocated to 520 O'Dowd Hall. Stop in to visit the staff and obtain assistance with the external proposal development process. The following funding opportunities include sponsor contact information and submission deadlines. You may contact sponsors directly or request assistance from Information Specialist Pat Beaver at 370-4116.

Telecommunications Infrastructure

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration will support projects that increase the use of telecommunications and information technologies in the public and nonprofit sectors. NTIA is interested in projects that improve quality and public access to education and lifelong learning; reduce the cost, improve the quality and/or increase the accessibility of health care and other social services; promote the accessibility and responsiveness of state and local governments to their citizens and encourage citizen participation in government; improve the efficiency and efficacy of government services; enhance public safety; and promote rural and urban economic development. The deadline for letters of intent is March 23, 1995. Proposals for access and planning projects and demonstration projects requesting less than \$1 million are due April 20, 1995; preliminary proposals for demonstration projects over \$1 million are due April 6, 1995. For additional information, contact NTIA representative Laura Breeden at (202)482-2048.

TSGWNN Sees All

The mission of the mysterious campus group, known only as TSGWNN, is to recognize employees around campus for their hard work and great attitudes. The group recently singled out these folk as being assets to OU: Joyce Eckart, education; Kevin Murphy, business; Mona Wallace, Oakland Center; Glenn McIntosh, Office of Equity; Mel Gilroy, public safety and police; Felecia Bumpus, intercultural programs; Liz Barclay, business; Greg Kampe, athletics; Pat Bennett, engineering; Bruce Johnson, financial aid; Sister Mary Bodde, campus ministry; and Lauri Strong, student accounts.

Congratulations all and keep up the good work! ▼

Outstanding AP Award

The AP Assembly invites all members of the Oakland University community to submit nominations for the Outstanding Administrative/Professional Award. The criteria which will be used in the selection of the Outstanding AP Award are extraordinary effort in support of institutional mission, spirit of cooperation, and community and university service. A \$1,000 stipend, provided by the OU Foundation, accompanies the award. Nomination forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, 161 North Foundation. Deadline for submissions is March 10. For further information, contact Bridget Payne at 370-3370.



The *Oakland University News* is published every other Friday during the fall and winter semesters and monthly from June-August and December. Editorial offices are in

the Publications Department, 109 North Foundation Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309-4401. Next copy deadlines:

March 17 for the March 24 issue
March 31 for the April 7 issue

• **Vicky Billington**, *Oakland University News* editor, and Publications Department staff writer, (810) 370-4347 or E-mail: billingt@vela.acs.oakland.edu

• Fax: (810) 370-3182

This publication is printed on recycled paper.

QUOTE

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

BITS & PIECES

Learn About New AP Evaluations

A revised AP Performance Evaluation System begins this year that will include a four-point rating scale comparable to that used for contract evaluations, the elimination of pool groups, and the establishment of a bonus system. All AP employees and their supervisors are encouraged to attend a training session on the new evaluation system.

"Refresher" sessions are available for those who are more familiar with the system, and be offered at 9 a.m. March 15 and at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 20 and 27. For new employees and supervisors who need more detail about the system, plan to attend a two-hour session, offered at 2 p.m. March 23 and at 10 a.m. March 27. All sessions will be held in the Oakland Center. Reservations should be made to the Employment Office, 140 North Foundation.

Get on the FAST-TRAC

University employees are being asked to participate in an Oakland County Road Commission survey about their driving route preferences and commuting times. Look for the survey to show up in your inter-office mail soon.

Additionally, some volunteers will be selected to participate further in a program designed to reduce congestion and improve safety and travel efficiency within the county. The project, Faster and Safer Travel Through Traffic Routing and Advanced Controls (FAST-TRAC), will require volunteers to have special equipment installed in their cars (at no cost), drive the equipped vehicle for at least one year, and periodically report to the system evaluators. The equipment will provide drivers with a special route guidance system that will report information about road congestion and suggest alternate routes. The Office of Employee Relations is coordinating the effort.

Did Someone Mention Stress?

Don't let stress get the better of you, learn to manage it through a series of three stress management lectures being sponsored by the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute. The series will feature *Health and Stress*, *Stress Behavior: Why is it so Hard to Change?* and *Humor as a Stress Reliever*. The lectures will run from 6:30-8 p.m. March 21, March 28 and April 4. Cost includes all three lectures and is \$8 for faculty and staff, \$20 for the public. Reservations must be made by March 17. For details, call the institute at 370-4527.

Looking for a Few Good Students

The Office of Student Life is accepting nominations for two important student awards: Keeper of the Dream and Commuter Involvement.

The Keeper of the Dream Award recognizes students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will. Two awards are presented annually and recipients will be recognized publicly at the January 1996 Keeper of the Dream banquet.

Students who will be commuting to campus during the 1995-96 academic year are eligible for the Commuter Involvement Award. A total of 18 awards will be made.

Nominations for both awards are due March 27 and applications are available in the Office of Student Life, 144 Oakland Center, 370-3352.

Get Smart With Your Money

Representatives from Fidelity will be offering two workshops that can be of great value to everyone from the new employee to those preparing for retirement.

"Asset Allocation," offered from 10:30-12 noon April 13, will cover investment strategies and types of risk, prepare personal allocation worksheets and interpretation of Fidelity statement of accounts.

"Distribution Options" will focus on retirement planning and income objectives, and be held from 2-3:30 p.m. April 13.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required by April 8. To reserve your spot, call the Staff Benefits Office, 370-3483, extension zero.

Registration by Phone Coming Soon

In just a few short months students will be able to register for Oakland classes by phone — a new convenience that will save money for the university and save students time standing in registration lines, says Larry Bartalucci, registrar.

"The whole idea is exciting to our staff," Bartalucci says. "It will also be more service-friendly to students, especially for working students. They won't have to leave their jobs early to come to campus and stand in line to register."

Bartalucci says the new system will involve a "voice response unit," which will be installed and tested on campus this summer. "We expect to be able to debut the system in November when we offer early winter '96 registration," he says.

Bartalucci says that at first, the university may offer limited touchtone phone registration to graduate students and seniors, but expects the service to be open to all students for spring '96 registration.

"We expect to be able to offer more hours of registration, too," he adds.

The biggest problem to work out, Bartalucci says, is how to assign and give out 'pin numbers' to students.

"Students will be using a pin number to eliminate security problems," he explains. "We haven't quite decided how that will be done."

Other bugs to work out include payment



procedures, he adds.

"We've already developed a lot of programs that work with touchtone phones in the past," Bartalucci says. "This is not new technology, but it will be new to OU."

Bartalucci says the system, which costs about \$40,000, will be cost effective since the university hires around 35 casual workers during peak registration periods which costs just as much, "and we have to constantly re-train them," he says. "Within three years, the new system will be paid for, even though we'll still have to lease or buy more phone lines to make it all work."

Price quotes from touchtone vendors are expected by the end of March, he says.▼

Distance Learning to Reach Students In a Variety of Interactive Ways

Whether it's college courses transmitted "live" via satellite to locations around the state, classes available on e-mail or videotape so students can learn anytime at their leisure, receiving and providing teleconferences, or offering advising and homework assignments by e-mail — distance learning is a growing trend at higher ed institutions across the country.

Oakland is "poised to move forward" in the distance learning arena and plans to fully equip two distance learning classrooms by this fall, says Bill Connellan, associate vice president for academic affairs and chair of the distance learning commission which just released an extensive report outlining recommendations for the university.

Connellan says Oakland's basic distance learning infrastructure will target high-quality video and audio for courses and programs already using some form of distance learning, including the School of Education and Human Services, the Department of Modern Languages, Continuing Education, and math and advanced engineering courses for Ford Motor Company employees.

Plans call for renovating two 50-seat classrooms — 214 O'Dowd Hall and 206 Varner Hall — for distance learning, and connecting Wilson Hall's Language Lab to the campus backbone network. In addition, the university will purchase two portable "roll-about" distance learning origination stations that can be used anywhere on or off campus.

The university's initial investment in distance learning will be about \$264,000, according to Connellan, and include a combination of university and external funds and equipment grants, including \$150,000 from Oakland's equipment budget, \$73,000 from Chrysler Corp., and \$41,000 from the TCI cable franchise (an 11-community cable system in southeastern Oakland County). Additional funds to create bandwidth capacity for compressed video over the Internet may come from the \$900,000 awarded to the Oakland-Macomb consortium by the State of Michigan, in which the university



"The notion of how you can change the way you can teach courses by bringing resources into

the classroom and enriching courses is limited only by imagination."

— Bill Connellan

will serve as the hub for a regional network that will eventually connect more than 175,000 students from the school districts and community colleges of those two counties.

"Distance learning can occur in a variety of ways, not just through interactive TV or a 'talking head' on video," says Connellan.

"The broader concept of distance learning is exciting. The notion of how you can change the way you can teach courses by bringing resources into the classroom and enriching courses is limited only by imagination," he says. "For example, we can bring in medical imaging from a hospital to a nursing course on campus, or be able to pull up different databases while teaching a course in computers."

Distance learning has several other advantages for Oakland, Connellan says, including expanding the student base and reaching new audiences; building partnerships between the university and business and industry, government agencies and schools; relieving stress on an overburdened classroom situation; decreasing faculty and staff travel to off-site locations; and providing students with new channels of access to resources around the world. ▼

Alumnus Named to Board of Trustees

David J. Doyle, a 1980 graduate of Oakland University, has been appointed by Governor John Engler to the university's Board of Trustees. He fills a seat vacated by Andrea Fisher, who resigned in December in order to assume the office of regent at the University of Michigan.

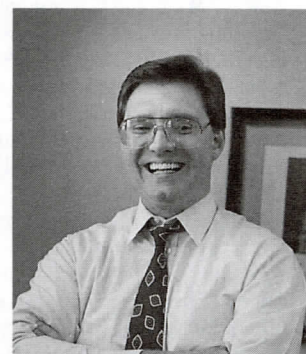
Doyle, 36, of Okemos, is the former chair of the Michigan Republican State Committee. He was first elected to the two-year term at a state-wide GOP precinct delegation convention in February, 1991, then re-elected to the post in 1993 and served until February of this year.

Doyle has also served as executive director of the Republican Party of Michigan and has held positions with the Michigan State Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives. He is currently a corporate and political consultant.

"Dave Doyle brings with him a background that will serve the university well," said Governor Engler in making the appointment. "As an Oakland University alumnus, he has a wealth of knowledge about the university and will be a welcomed addition to the Board."

As a replacement to former Trustee Fisher, Doyle's term to the university board will be effective through August, 1998.

Doyle received a bachelor's degree in political science from Oakland. He is married and has two children. ▼



Doyle

New Gopher Service Gets Students In, and Around, the University

Anyone with access to the Internet can now apply to any of Oakland's undergraduate or graduate programs via computer.

The new online admissions application service became available March 1 through the university's Gopher Service, designed by the Office of Computer and Information Services.

In addition to applying for admission using the Internet, prospective and current students can receive computer screenfuls of helpful information — including registration dates, the ins and outs of the admission and registration processes, and closed class lists during registration periods.

"This is another example of how Oakland is trying to use technology more extensively to provide services to students," says Jean Wersching, director of administrative information services.

Larry Bartalucci, registrar, Bill Headley admissions, and Claire Rammel, Graduate Office, worked together on content for the new service. Jeff Marraccini, senior computing resource administrator, and Raja Vishnubhotla, senior scientific program analyst, teamed together to provide the information about Oakland's admission, records and registration processes in a new electronic format.

New information and services will continue to be added to the service. Registration by computer, however, is still a ways off, says Jeff Marraccini.

"We can't offer registration yet because there's still a security problem with accessibility to student records," he explains.

Anyone with a modem or online capabilities can access Oakland's Gopher Service. On the Internet, you can find Oakland by typing <http://www.acs.oakland.edu>. Those using modems can call 810-370-4306. At the local prompt, enter: c gopher; then at the login prompt, enter: gopher; at the password, press the return or enter key, and then select Oakland University from the main menu.

Some computers may need additional network capabilities to fully appreciate the new service. Staff and faculty can get an "all-platforms" program called "Netscape" loaded on their campus computers by contacting Marraccini at jeff@oak.oakland.edu. ▼



Making the Honor Roll

Tracey Jones Bearden (left), recognized as the top volleyball player in school history, was one of three former Pioneer athletes inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor on February 25. Along with holding eight school records, Tracey was the first player in school history to be selected to the All-Region Team and to be chosen GLIAC Player of the Year. Also inducted into the Hall of Honor were former men's swimming coach Ernie Maglischo and former soccer All-American John Stewart. Acting Athletic Director Greg Kampe (right), presented the awards.

MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

EMPLOYEE: Jeanne M. Carter
POSITION: Associate Director
DEPARTMENT: Academic Skills Center
LENGTH OF SERVICE: Four years
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AT OU:
 Coordinator, Academic Skills Center
 Associate Director, Academic Skills Center
UNIVERSITY SERVICE:
 Process Redesign Training Team Member
 Process Redesign Facilitator and Team Leader
 Training
 AP Assembly Member — Personal/Professional
 Development Committee
 New AP Welcome Committee
 Teaching and Learning Committee



Carter

PLAUDITS FROM OTHERS:
 • "Jeanne is an outstanding employee - she not only does her job well, she helps others do their jobs. She demonstrates all the qualities of a team player. I'm proud to have her on our team."

• "Jeanne is always going above and beyond. She has such a full calendar and frequently stays late - yet is always asking others what she can do to help them. On two occasions she voluntarily stayed for half a day to help out when our program was short-staffed. She readily shares resources, enthusiastically volunteers for extra projects, and is the walking definition of a team player. I know I can always rely on Jeanne."

• "Jeanne loves chocolate, funny cards, and jokes. Anyone who has seen the backwards

clock in her office knows what I mean. She brings all of this fun-loving stuff to her work. As a result, staff meetings often start with a cartoon, and people who have had difficult days often get a cute greeting card to make them laugh. This approach really improves her ability to get the work of the center done with efficiency and keeps the morale of the staff high. Oakland University is fortunate to have her management skills and her wonderful sense of humor at work in the center."

Employee of the Month nomination forms are available in all departments, ERD, and CIPO. For more information, call Gail Ryckman at 370-3480. *The Employee of the Month column is provided by the Employee Relations Department.*

EVENTS

Persons with disabilities who need special assistance to attend any of the events listed should call the sponsoring unit, or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 370-3496.

MARCH

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

10-April 9 — Exhibit, *Art of the Indonesian Archipelago*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. 370-3005.

10-12, 17-19 and 24-26 — Play, *Quilt*, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3103.

12 — OU Family Day/Winter Blues Buster, 1-5 p.m. Lepley. Fun and games for all ages. Free. Sponsored by the AP Assembly Special Events Committee.

14 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

14 — HRD Career Day, 3-6 p.m. Oakland Center. Sponsored by Alumni Relations, 370-2158.

15 — Poetry reading, Poet Rodney Jones, 4 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room B, followed by reception. Free. Sponsored by the Department of English, 370-2266.

15 — Lecture/panel discussion, *East German Women After the Fall of the Wall*, featuring Pam Allen-Thompson, University of Toledo Women's Studies, 2:30-4 p.m., Oakland Center, Oakland Room.

16 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

16-April 9 — Play, *The Glass Menagerie*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

18 — Utica Public Schools SAGE Engineering Contest, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall.

18 — Jazz program, *James Tatum Trio Plus*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

18 — Coffeehouse Extravaganza with Bernice Lewis, 8 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall.

21 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

22 — Brown Bag lunch/lecture, *How to Increase Productivity through Value Based Time Management*, featuring Richard Stapp of Franklin Quest, Lounge II Oakland Center. Free. Sponsored by the Women of OU.

23 — Novel reading, Author JoAllen Bradham, winner of the 1994 Breakthrough Award in Southern and Southwestern Fiction, noon, Oakland Center Gold Room A. Free. Sponsored by the Department of English, 370-2266.

23 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

25 — Film Festival, *Women and Work in Contemporary Film*, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 156 North Foundation Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Women's Studies. 370-3221 or 370-3390.

28 — Arts at Noon, noon-1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-2030.

28 — Lecture, *Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women*, by Susan Faludi, 2:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by the Student Life Lecture Board. 370-2020.

30 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

30 — Afram Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 52nd Street, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

APRIL

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

1-9 — Exhibit, *Art of the Indonesian Archipelago*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. 370-3005.

1 — Saturday Fun for Kids series with folk entertainers Cathy & Marcy, 11 a.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

1 — Pontiac Oakland Symphony, *Season Finale*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. 370-3013.

5 — Brown Bag lunch/lecture, *Nice Things Aren't Always New: Resale Fashion Show*, Oakland Center Rooms 128-130. Free. Sponsored by the Women of OU.

6 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

6 — University Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m., Oakland Center.

7 — Community Chorus, *Two Choral Giants*, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Continuing Education. 370-3013.

7-8 — Meadow Brook Estate, *Spring Spectacular*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

12 — Concert Band, *Season Finale*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

13 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

14-15 — Oakland Dance Theatre, *Spontaneous Combustion!*, 8 p.m. Friday and 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

15 — Chorale and University Chorus, *Dido and Aeneas*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

20 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

20-May 14 — Play, *She Loves Me*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

21-May 14 — Student/Faculty Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Opening reception April 21, 5-7 p.m., 370-3005 or 370-3375.

27 — Videoconference and Annual Secretaries Briefing, *Leading Through Influence*. Admission. Sponsored by Continuing Education. 370-3120.

27 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

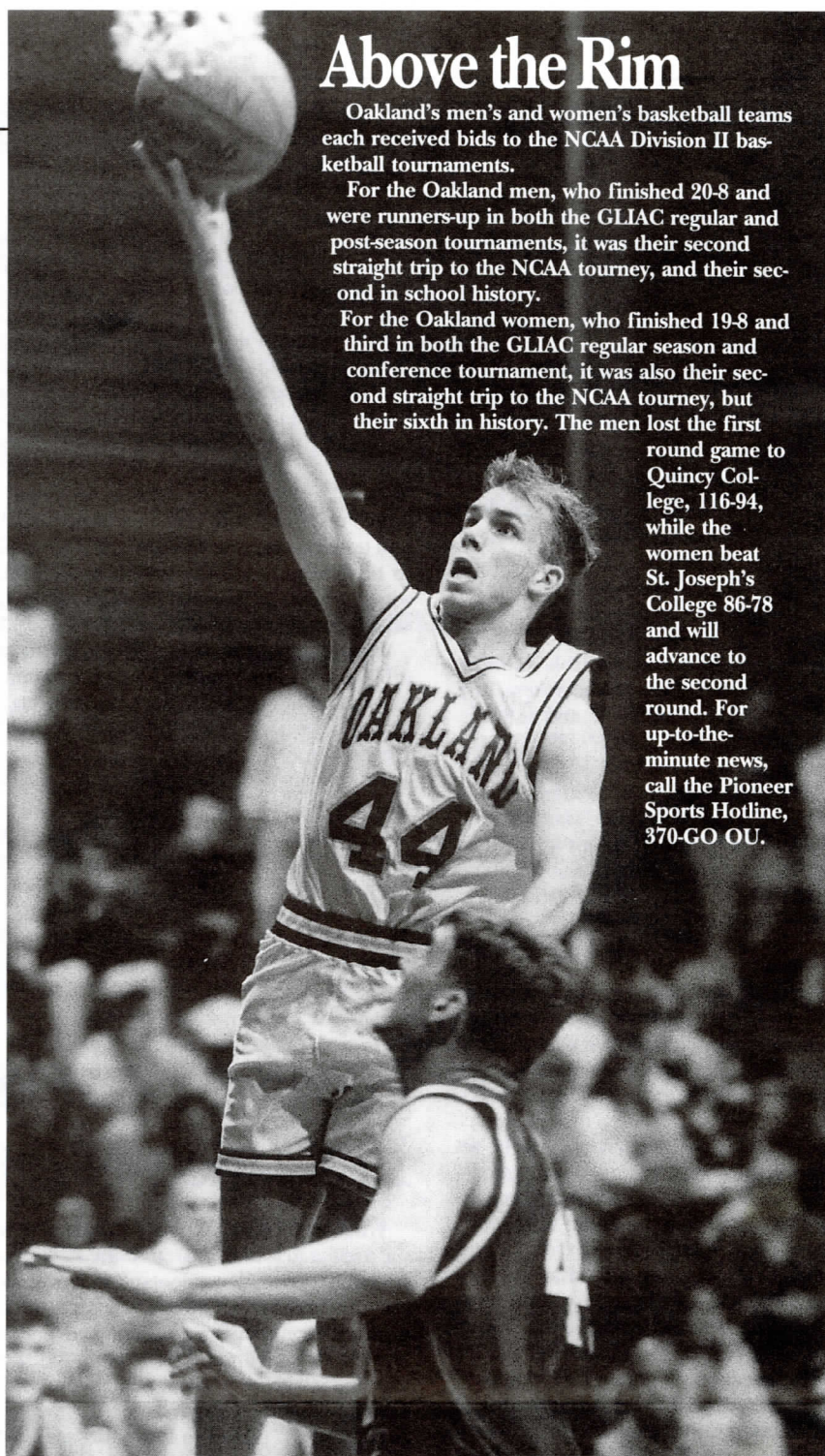
Above the Rim

Oakland's men's and women's basketball teams each received bids to the NCAA Division II basketball tournaments.

For the Oakland men, who finished 20-8 and were runners-up in both the GLIAC regular and post-season tournaments, it was their second straight trip to the NCAA tourney, and their second in school history.

For the Oakland women, who finished 19-8 and third in both the GLIAC regular season and conference tournament, it was also their second straight trip to the NCAA tourney, but their sixth in history. The men lost the first

round game to Quincy College, 116-94, while the women beat St. Joseph's College 86-78 and will advance to the second round. For up-to-the-minute news, call the Pioneer Sports Hotline, 370-GO OU.



The Glass Menagerie

Meadow Brook Theatre celebrates the 50th anniversary of The Glass Menagerie's Broadway premiere with a rarely performed version of the classic, March 16 through April 9. The play features J. Paul Boehmer (left), as the "gentleman caller," and Amy Lammert as Laura. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or by calling 370-3300.



A wood statue (above) from Bawomataluo, Sumatra, representing the village's last chief and his two sons. This ancestor figure was used to hold the spirit of a deceased relative.

Art of the Indonesian Archipelago at Gallery

Noted collectors and alums Paul and Diane Haig ('73 and '82, respectively) share their extensive collection gathered during their travels to Indonesia and its more than 1,300 islands stretching from Malaysia to Australia, in a special exhibit at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, in conjunction with the Field Museum of Chicago. The exhibit runs through April 9.