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NEWS

Oakland approves contract

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved on December 12 a new, three-year contract that calls for across-the-board salary increases for UAW/TOP Local 1925. These increases are 3 percent in the first year, 2.2 percent in the second year and 2.5 percent in the third year. The contract calls for a 12th district representative to be recognized, once the new Science and Engineering Complex is built.

The contract also calls for OU to provide paid group life insurance to part-time employees who work at least 20 hours a week, based upon lower base salaries.

Palace signs 10-year Meadow Brook deal

Palace Sports and Entertainment, Inc. (PSE) will pay at least \$3.2 million to operate and renovate OU's world-renowned Meadow Brook Music Festival over the next 10 years. A lease agreement, approved by the OU Board of Trustees December 12, also requires the company to build a new electronic marquee on campus to promote the festival and other OU events. Under the agreement, PSE will pay \$450,000 up front, and then \$105,000 a year through 2006, with the option to extend an adjusted lease agreement for five years.

Nation's prices rise faster than Oakland County's, new OU index says

Prices for goods and services rose faster nationwide than they did in Oakland County during the past 12 months, according to a new Oakland University cost-of-living survey.

The survey is OU's first since the university was selected as the Oakland County source for a national cost-of-living survey. OU results are given to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA). ACCRA compiles compara-

ble data from 311 urban cities.

The goal is to give an accurate measure of a "market basket" of consumer goods and services in six categories: transportation, health care, grocery, housing, utilities and miscellaneous goods and services.

The Oakland County index is published quarterly by faculty members Ron Tracy and Kevin Murphy of the School of Business Administration's Department of Economics.

It's the law — and it's available in the library

An electronic law library, via CD-ROM, is available in Oakland University's 1.5-million volume Kresge Library.

Patrons of the library — mainly students, faculty and staff — have access to the new computerized system, called Lawdesk. Lawdesk includes Michigan statutes and court rules, Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions, United States and Michigan constitutions, federal statutes, the

code of federal regulations and U.S. Supreme Court opinions.

Materials are updated quarterly.

The 250 students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences' Legal Assistant Program are expected to immediately benefit the most.

Oakland awards scholarships

Oakland University's College of Arts and Sciences awarded

what's COMING

Articles scheduled to appear in the January *Inside Oakland*:

- Expect long lines during the opening of the much-anticipated **campus food court**. Also, tips for diners to avoid the long lines.
- Student Congress supports **Athletic Ad Hoc Committee** recommendation to move to Division I.
- OU helps **public school in Detroit**; receives grant.
- Education school meets **national excellence** standards.
- Richard Cassle's **distance learning class** bridges Atlantic.
- Library **opens service** to students.



two students \$1,500 scholarships to help them in their studies of Slavic life, culture, language or history.

Nancy Weatherhead has been awarded the Frederick G. Kaviuk Scholarship. Maryann Schaller has been awarded the Fred and Mary Kirachuk Scholarship.

The scholarships are funded through an endowment established by the estate of Annie Kaviuk to commemorate the memory of her parents and her son, a former OU student.

