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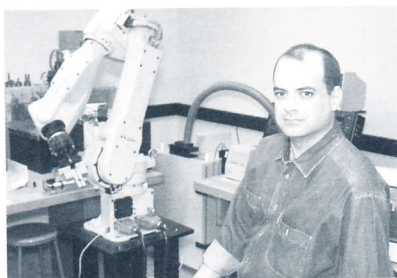


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PDM Center earns \$5-million grant

The Product Development and Manufacturing Center in the School of Engineering and Computer Science has been awarded a grant totaling \$5 million to create the next generation of vehicle electrical architecture. The goal is to expand the capabilities of automobiles in cost-efficient ways — capabilities that will work for military and



Patrick Dessert, director, PDM Center

commercial vehicles. The center is becoming “the premier systems engineering resource for automotives,” according to director, Patrick Dessert. The U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command Automotive Center committed \$2.3 million, while the remainder of the award was contributed by TRW, Lear Corporation, DaimlerChrysler, Compaq, Meritor Automotive, Siemens, Yazaki and Eaton.



Connections 2000 brought recruiters, CEOs and research directors from top Automation Alley companies to Oakland University to explore partnership, internship and research opportunities with OU and other institutions of higher education.

Connections 2000

On October 3, Oakland University hosted Connections 2000, a recruitment fair for members of Automation Alley — Oakland County’s technology cluster of more than 1800 automotive, software, information systems, diversified manufacturing and health care companies — at Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. The purpose of the event was to connect business to internship, research and training opportunities in Oakland County, and featured booths, displays and literature on opportunities at Oakland, Lawrence Technological University, Central Michigan University, Michigan Virtual University, Oakland Community College, Walsh College, Baker College and Oakland Schools.

Recruiters, CEOs and research directors attended the event seeking to strengthen their bottom line through targeted educational services and partnerships. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson welcomed participants.



OU scores high in NCA evaluation

The latest North Central Association of Colleges and Schools comprehensive review of Oakland University administrative and academic functions identified and praised key OU strengths. The NCA commended OU for developing partnerships with business and community organizations, enhancing campus life for students (Recreation and Athletics Center, renovated Oakland Center and residence halls), its dedicated faculty and staff, and for responding to regional needs by developing focused, market-driven programs. The Eye Research Institute and Center for Biomedical Research also were identified as significant assets which “bring OU national recognition and serve as regional resources.”

“We’re very pleased that the NCA is recognizing Oakland University for the dramatic transformation we have made over the past few years,” says Vice Provost Susan Awbrey. Mary Papazian, CAS associate dean and

associate coordinator of the review, agreed. OU is moving to enhance the university’s general education program, at the suggestion of the NCA.

Heart and soul



On October 7, an estimated 16,000 people — Oakland University students,

faculty and staff together with thousands of metropolitan Detroiters — came to OU to walk in support of the American Heart Association and the fight against heart disease and stroke. Many walked in tribute to friends, family and colleagues lost to heart disease or stroke, wearing signs bearing their



Thousands of Heart Walkers hiked over the bridge at Meadow Brook Hall and through the woods.

names. Special angel pins were worn by dozens of OU walkers in memory of the late Shirley Cobb, senior secretary to the president, who died of heart disease last April; she had worked for Oakland University for 33 years.

The 2000 Metro Detroit Heart Walk is the largest fund-raising event for the association in this area. This year's heart walk was the first, single-event heart walk in the nation to raise more than \$1 million.

Sino-U.S. Relations in the 21st Century

Permanent Normal Trading Relations (PNTR) was the topic of the seventh annual Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy Seminar held September 21 at Meadow Brook Hall. Seminar panelists discussed the impact of PNTR since the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate voted to grant China PNTR status, an action many believe



will ensure American access to China's market.

Panelists included Wei Ruixing, consul general, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Chicago; Xia Lili, dean of English and International Studies, Foreign Affairs College,

Beijing; Marcus Chao, president, Delphi-China, Shanghai; Yvonne Warmbier-Ramp, director, State of Michigan Office, Shanghai; and Francis Bassolino, senior manager, Chinese Business Services, Deloitte and Touche, New York City.

The legacy seminar was presented by Oakland University and the Southeast Michigan China Network in association with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the U.S. Department of Commerce,

the Detroit Regional Chamber, the Michigan China Coalition and the Detroit Chinese Business Association. A networking reception hosted by General Motors followed the program.

The Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy is an interdisciplinary program supporting the advancement of China and East Asian scholarship and activities, honoring Leonard Woodcock's distinguished public service career and furthering his vision of a positive relationship between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China.

Rare Jaguars sighted

Although rain-soaked grounds forced relocation of the cars, nothing dampened the spirits of classic car enthusiasts for the rare Jaguars, 1941 Automobile Show marques, Aston Martins, vintage Indy race cars and historic hot rods presented at the 2000 Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance August 6.

Approximately 17,000 visitors took part in the week of activities that make up the annual Concours. This year, events included a golf outing, fashion show, art and auto auctions, a black-tie banquet, automotive tours and the exhibition of more than 250 of the world's most prized automobiles.

Three trophies, including the Best of Show prize, went to Virginia Frazier of Birmingham for her 1953 Delahaye Henri Chapron Cabriolet. Curt Catallo of Clarkston won the People's Choice Trophy for his 1932 Ford "Little Deuce Coupe" —



A 1910 Mitchell owned by John McMullen on exhibit at the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance 2000. Photo by Len Katz.

made famous in the Beach Boys' song.

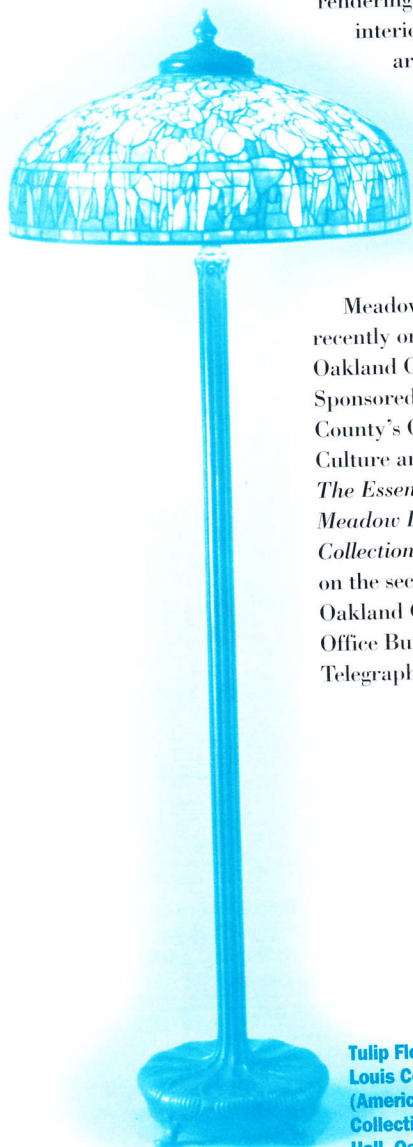
Ford Motor Company was the lead sponsor. Ford President and CEO, Jacques Nasser, served as honorary chairman alongside Larry Moss, who completed his second term as chairman.

All proceeds from the Concours d'Elegance support the preservation and interpretation of Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall.

Tiffany illuminated

An exhibition of authentic Tiffany art glass, original renderings of Tiffany Studios interior designs and archival photographs of rooms in the Dodge and Wilson homes, all from the collection of Oakland University's

Meadow Brook Hall, was recently on display at the Oakland County Galleria. Sponsored by Oakland County's Office of Arts, Culture and Film, *Tiffany: The Essence of Light, The Meadow Brook Hall Collection*, was exhibited on the second floor of the Oakland County Executive Office Building at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.



**Tulip Floor Lamp, ca. 1915
Louis Comfort Tiffany
(American, 1848-1933)
Collection of Meadow Brook
Hall, Oakland University**

OU Foundation welcomes new director and officers

Joan Rosen, Oakland University professor emerita, English, was named to the board of directors of the Oakland University Foundation June 23. Rosen is a member of Oakland's President's Club. She also is a member of OU's Matilda Wilson Philanthropic Society, which recognizes lifetime generosity to the university.

Diane Grieves SBA '83 was named the new chair of the board. Grieves is executive vice president of Data Systems Network Corporation in Farmington Hills. A longtime OU supporter, Grieves has served on the SBA Task Force and established with her husband, Michael SBA '79, the Diane and Michael Grieves Endowed Diversity Scholarship in the SBA. The

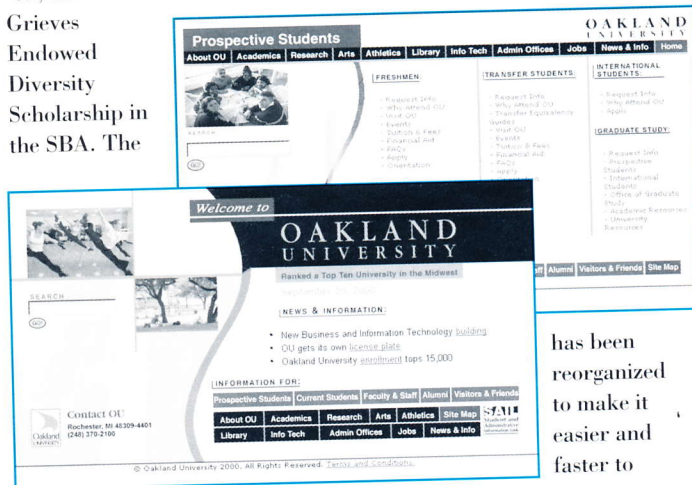
manufacturing for Chrysler Corporation, is the new OUF vice chair. Pawley received Oakland's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in 1995.

Ralph Babb Jr., who became an OUF director in 1998, continues as OUF treasurer. He is vice chairman of Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank.

Gail Duncan SEHS '79, president and co-owner of Jerome-Duncan Ford in Sterling Heights, continues as OUF secretary.

A new look for OU on the Web

Oakland University has updated the look of the top-level pages of its Web site www.oakland.edu and made them more user-friendly. The site also



Oakland's home page and other top-level pages have a new and improved look.

Grieves also named the Open Computer Lab in the new Business and Information Technology building.

Dennis Pawley SEHS '82, CEO of Performance Learning and retired executive vice president of

has been reorganized to make it easier and faster to navigate.

In addition, you'll find updates on

new programs, special events, recent achievements, athletic contests and OU people in the news. Although still in development, the alumni pages are expected to follow soon.

OU teams with MCC to dedicate new facility

Oakland University joined Macomb Community College July 18 in dedicating the new, \$13-million, 53,400-square-foot Engineering and Technology Center at the University Center on the college's Center Campus in Clinton Township. The new facility will house OU engineering and computer science courses and degree programs for Macomb County students.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, an articulation agreement between the two schools was signed that will provide for a smooth transition from Macomb's Pre-Engineering Associate of Science Degree Program to OU's Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Program. Students attending the center can complete the

last two years of coursework leading to bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering or computer science.

"By offering engineering and computer science courses at Macomb's University Center, we are able to provide more Macomb County students the opportunity to attend courses without having as far to travel," says OU President Gary D. Russi.

"We are pleased that our relationship with the University Center continues to grow and enables Macomb residents the opportunity for a more obtainable degree."

Oakland University engineering faculty were involved in the design of the state-of-the-art building, which contains 11 general



Al Lorenzo, MCC president and OU President Gary D. Russi sign articulation agreement.

classrooms, four distance-learning classrooms and nine engineering labs.

"There is no doubt that engineering and technical expertise is in great demand in the new economy," said Al Lorenzo, MCC president. "There is also no doubt that Oakland University is a respected leader in providing business and industry with that expertise."

Finally, Good News for dieters

Fred Stransky, PhD, director of OU's Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, has some good news for people fighting the battle of the bulge. He's just written his second book, *The Good News About Nutrition, Exercise and Weight Control*, co-published by the Oakland University Press and Momentum Books, Inc., of Troy, Michigan. It's a comprehensive guide to helping people lose body fat and achieve better health, using the unique preventive medicine principles Stransky teaches at the institute. Stransky emphasizes managing stress; maintaining a program of regular physical activity and a dietary plan that minimizes or avoids animal products; and minimizing or eliminating consumption of alcohol, tobacco and caffeine.

"In *The Good News*, I bring readers a program that is different from anything else they've seen, because it lets them decide what health outcome they want," Stransky says. "Along the way, I teach readers why the high-protein fads of today may help them lose weight in the short run, but at the expense of their health in the long run."

Stransky stresses that good health is more than simply the absence of disease. "It includes feeling good, being motivated, alert and energetic; it means being capable of doing at age 70 what you were physically able to do at 40," he says. "It means being able to avoid a preventable, disabling health disorder."

The Good News, ISBN: 1-879094-66-5, is available in paperback for \$24.95. Call (248) 689-0936 or (800) 758-1870 for your copy, or visit www.momentumbooks.com on the Web.



Here's a peek at what you can learn in *The Good News*:

- 30 myths about high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets
- How nutrition can prevent — and even reverse — disease
- A plan for controlling weight and achieving your optimal body composition
- 10 myths about losing and gaining body fat
- Seven vitamin and diet supplement claims to watch out for
- 10 steps to a longer, better life

The book also includes recipes from *The Good News* diet plan, 28 daily menu plans, and a fat, food and fiber counter.

"I'm delighted to offer readers the benefits of my more than 25 years of research, clinical experience and patient success stories helping people live healthier, happier lives," Stransky says.

R. Todd Haight CAS '87 edited *The Good News*. He is president of Todd Haight Communications in Troy.

Be true to your school



The Michigan Secretary of State unveiled an Oakland University license plate September 26, one of 15 new university-themed plates now available to Michigan motorists. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each OU plate will benefit the Oakland University Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Registered license plates will be sold through Secretary of State offices. Collectors' plates will be offered through the Secretary of State office in Rochester Hills, the OU Bookstore and at www.oakland.edu.

"This is a great opportunity for universities to raise extra funds while gaining recognition," says OU President Gary D. Russi. "I look forward to seeing OU license plates around the state."

New Skills for the New Century

Technical certifications have become increasingly important in today's job market. The demand for well trained and highly skilled technical personnel is on the increase. That's why Oakland University's School of Business Administration, Center for Executive and Continuing Education, is offering IT Certification Preparation Courses beginning winter semester 2001.

Three instructor-led courses will be offered in partnership with Sequoia Training in the Executive Education Lab of the new Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology, which was dedicated in September. These noncredit courses prepare learners to become Microsoft and LINUX certified professionals. They include:

- Network Technologies (Course #578)



- Microsoft Windows 2000 Network and Operating System Essentials (Course #2151)
- Introduction to LINUX Training

All classes will be offered from 6:30 - 10 p.m. on weekday evenings.

Call (248) 370-4861 for more information or to register.



MBHEI partners with St. John Health System, Providence

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute (MBHEI) has established an innovative partnership with St. John Health System and its affiliate, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, that will promote good health in southeastern Michigan and provide for greater preventive medicine research.

"The partnership between St. John Health System and the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute brings together two organizations that share the same vision," said Anthony Tersigni, president and CEO, St. John Health System, at a press conference on October 11.

"We know that together we can make greater strides in promoting good health and preventing disease through education, treatment and research."

"Already, St. John has been outstanding to work with," says MBHEI Director Fred W. Stransky, PhD. "They've been so supportive and so motivated as our partner in helping the state of Michigan become healthier."

Through the agreement, Providence and St. John will provide a medical director for the institute, support its media efforts, including Stransky's weekly radio program on 760 WJR-AM on Sunday nights, and help develop and distribute a national newsletter.

"We are pleased that this partnership will strengthen our clinical resources and



OU President Gary D. Russi (left) and Anthony Tersigni, president and CEO, St. John Health System, celebrate the partnership.

expand our research efforts," says OU President Gary D. Russi. "Our health sciences students, for example, will have opportunities to gain invaluable experience alongside professionals from some of the most respected health care organizations in southeastern Michigan."



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photo: Robin Lewis, Dennis Robertson, Raymond L. Chapman and Mary Benson in *ALL MY SONS*.

Campaign, Anyone?

“Younger

people

today seem to be more cynical and cautious about politics and government when compared to previous generations,” says John Klemanski, professor of political science at Oakland, and a political activist during his college days in the 1960s and 1970s. “But that is due

in part to the amount and type of information about politics and government the media seem to favor these days. I think that many young people are interested in politics, and I also believe that we need to find different ways of exploring and encouraging that interest.”



New management course

By Ryan Poquette

prepares students to run political campaigns

Klemanski's *Political Campaigns* course is a good start. The class teaches the nuts and bolts of campaign management, then offers students the opportunity to put these skills to use in managing a local or state political campaign.

Klemanski, who himself served as a campaign manager in a state house race, taught the course before in 1996 and 1998, but the winter 2000 course was the first time the state party organizations officially agreed to hire students to manage campaigns. So far, the new class is a success.

"The enrollment for the winter 2000 semester was 43 degree students and three continuing education students," says Klemanski. "This is quite good for a political science course."

The high enrollment is not surprising since the class gives students opportunities they can't find at any other college or university in Michigan.

The course is structured to prepare students for actual campaign assignments. Klemanski divides class time into lectures; in-class exercises, where students work together in groups on developing campaign budgets, writing speeches, creating campaign messages and formulating strategies and tactics; and learning from political professionals who have had campaign experience.

"A number of elected officials in Michigan called me to ask if they could speak to the class," says Klemanski. The response from the political community has been positive in other ways, too.

"We had a lot more demand for students to serve as campaign managers than there were students available to manage," says Klemanski.

In the future, Klemanski is planning to teach the class as a distance learning offering.

"The course is perfect for distance learning, if you think about it," says Klemanski. "Since the political parties need trained campaign managers to work in campaigns that may be in any of the 110 state house districts across Michigan, it would make sense to train people who already live in various locations around the state."

Check out the following comments from some of Klemanski's students, to see how the course has helped them.

Mike Premo

Premo is a senior in political science who is currently managing Democratic candidate Sue Smith's campaign for State Representative in the 99th district (including the city of Mount Pleasant).

"I don't know if there is such a thing as a 'typical day' in my job. I take care of every detail of the campaign, so Sue can devote her time to meeting voters. This includes everything from coordinating various volunteer activities to spending time on hold with technical support because the office printer won't work.

"The *Political Campaigns* course was the best that I have taken in my time at Oakland. I wanted to learn about building campaigns from the ground up, and then use that knowledge, and I have.

"After the election, I plan to sleep until January, and then would like to work for Sue when she wins and goes to Lansing. After Oakland, I plan to pursue a career in politics, with an eye toward holding public office myself some day."

Dan Smith CAS '99

Alumnus Dan Smith had already managed a political campaign when he took Klemanski's course in Winter 2000 as a continuing education student. In fact, Smith is currently serving his second term as campaign manager for Democrat Tim Melton CAS '96 who is up for re-election for Oakland County Commissioner (7th district - Auburn Hills and part of Pontiac). Smith met Melton when they were both students in Oakland's political science program. In addition to his campaign duties, Smith also has a full-time job at the Michigan Association of CPAs as the Government Relations Coordinator.



"Having been on the campaign trail previous to the class, I had learned a lot of things that were definitely reinforced. As a result, I felt much more comfortable. The breadth of knowledge that was brought to the class was amazing.

"Learning both in the class and on the campaign trail has really prepared me for working hard, and for maintaining a level of composure in situations where this is sometimes difficult.

"I want to do whatever I can to help the public. I see myself in politics for a long time to come, and at some point, I will consider running for political office."

Melton agrees that Dan's taking the class made a difference for his campaign: "Before when we campaigned, we did it by feel. Dan validated a lot of things that we were doing, and the experience that he gained in areas like formulas, precinct mapping and literature and web site design really helped out."

Diane Hotchkiss

Hotchkiss is a junior in political science, who is also working on a concentration in women's studies.

Although she works full-time at General Motors, her true passion is in promoting the participation of women in decision making. She does this in her role as vice president of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women, where she has lobbied for such issues as pay equity. This year, she is monitoring the state races to help MFBPW members become better-informed voters.



"When I took the class, I expected to learn the fundamentals of managing a State House campaign through textbook material that was rather generic. Instead, we interacted with pollsters, media, previous campaign managers, as well as elected officials. This added a very human element to state politics.

"I plan to use the knowledge I acquired in this class to help qualified women seeking office at all levels of government. Members of the House and Senate usually get their start at the local level, on the school board, county commission, and as city mayors. I feel that it is important to encourage qualified women to get those first elected positions, so they gain experience to move into more challenging roles.

"In the future, I'd like to find other ways to increase the presence of women, and men who are pro-women, in government. I'd also like to get involved with the Michigan Women's Commission in Lansing to help coordinate this state's numerous women's groups into a powerful voice for change."

Ryan Poquette CAS '96 is a freelance writer who lives in Clarkston, Michigan.



The view from the seventh tee

Oakland University program growth is the number one focus of new golf course.

By Laura Mufz

When Rita and Stephan Sharf donated \$2 million to Oakland University to help create the R & S Sharf Golf Course, they didn't have just a few relaxing rounds of golf in mind.



"There is a great view of the campus from the seventh tee, which will serve to remind all who play that the purpose is to support the university's mission."

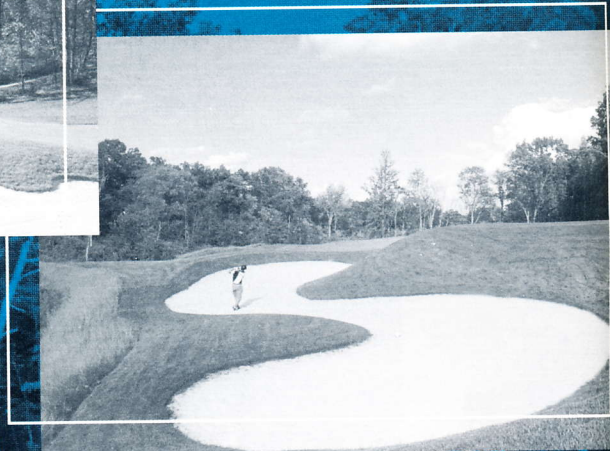
— Bill Rogers,
Managing Director,
OU Golf Course

"We wanted to encourage Oakland to strengthen its partnerships and ties to the community," Stephan Sharf says. "We hope our gift will inspire even more program growth and provide creative new opportunities for students of the future, building on the success of the university in recent years."

Now, with the 18-hole championship course and a teaching and learning center, the Sharfs' gift is about to bear fruit.

The new course, designed by famed golf course architect and teacher Rick Smith (known for his Treetops Resort courses and for improving the games of Jack Nicklaus and Lee Janzen), is built on university grounds next to the existing Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

The design and construction was managed by the Oakland University Foundation with OU Foundation Director Francis Engelhardt heading up the committee that oversaw the project.



"Our motivation to create a second golf course on Oakland's campus sprang from our desire to provide additional support to the academic community," says Diane Grieves SBA'83, chair of the foundation. "With Stephan and Rita's generous gift as a catalyst, we have created a premier golfing center in the hope of inspiring other donors to contribute to Oakland's program growth."

The Oakland University Foundation, a vehicle through which philanthropic gifts are received, is a private, nonprofit corporation comprised of business, civic and community leaders. Its primary objective is to advance the university with financial support of scholarships, internships, academic programs and research.

Through the new golf course, the foundation seeks to attract new members to its President's Club and other giving societies. Sharf believes that current and future President's Club members will double their total annual contributions, currently about \$1 million per year.

Originally from Germany, the Sharfs say the golf course gift is their way of saying thank you to colleagues and many others who made them feel welcome when they moved to the United States.

"We'll pay them back by helping their children and grandchildren," Sharf says. "Since Oakland University is located in the middle of the industry I love, the auto industry, I felt it was the perfect way to reach the people I care for and return the kindness to all who have touched our lives."

"Most students at Oakland hold jobs so they can pay for their education. These are my kind of people; these are the people we want to help," he says. "There are many people who acted as mentors in my career and who worked for me and made my success possible." Sharf retired as executive vice president of manufacturing and a member of the board at DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

According to Bill Rogers, managing director of Oakland's golf courses, the contributions made by the Sharfs will touch lives now and in the future.

"This particular gift is truly an investment in the future and will continue to give through the development of the business," Rogers says.

Hailed as a course rivaling those of old-style golf architecture often found in Europe, the R & S Sharf course has opened to rave reviews for its beauty and design.

"While it is not a 'links course' (no ocean nearby), it has a great deal of similarity in topographical properties and 'heath land' characteristics," Rogers says.

Oakland's campus is no stranger to raising funds through golf. In 1976, Marvin Katke saw the potential of a golf course as a beneficial investment for the young campus. A supporter of Oakland since its inception in 1957, Katke proposed an 18-hole course, donating funds to build the first nine holes. He then recruited longtime friend Harold Cousins to support construction of the second nine.



Benefactor Stephan Sharf (center) cuts the ribbon to officially open Oakland's R&S Sharf Golf Course on August 25. Joining him are (from left) OU President Gary D. Russi; course designer, Rick Smith; OU Foundation Chair Diane Grieves; and Bill Rogers, managing director, Oakland University Golf Courses.

Katke-Cousins Golf Course has proved to be a popular source of enjoyment for Oakland's students, faculty, staff, supporters and friends since it opened its doors in 1976-77. From the time golf course access was extended to President's Club members a few years later, the giving society has generated more than \$30 million for Oakland's academic and cultural programs.

Through their gift, the Sharfs are giving back to the community they love, helping students achieve their dreams, and making a world-class university even better.

Laura Mutz is a freelance writer who lives in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan.



The President's Club

continues its tradition of major support for Oakland

As a program of the Oakland University Foundation, the President's Club exists to advance the growth and vitality of the university through contributions and personal involvement.

Through their financial gifts, President's Club members provide a significant source of support to meet major university needs, from classroom and laboratory facilities to scholarship and academic support programs.

President's Club members add financial strength to the university over and above basic operational funding received through state appropriations and

tuition income. Since the President's Club was formed in 1966, its members have contributed more than \$30 million to the Oakland University Foundation.

Although President's Club members do not receive any benefits in exchange for their tax-deductible contributions to the foundation, they are considered members of the Oakland University community and are eligible to use certain university facilities upon payment of usage fees. Under this arrangement, many President's Club members can use the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, the Kresge and Performing Arts libraries, the new Recreation and Athletics Center and the university's golf courses.

For membership information about Oakland University's President's Club, call (248) 370-2244.

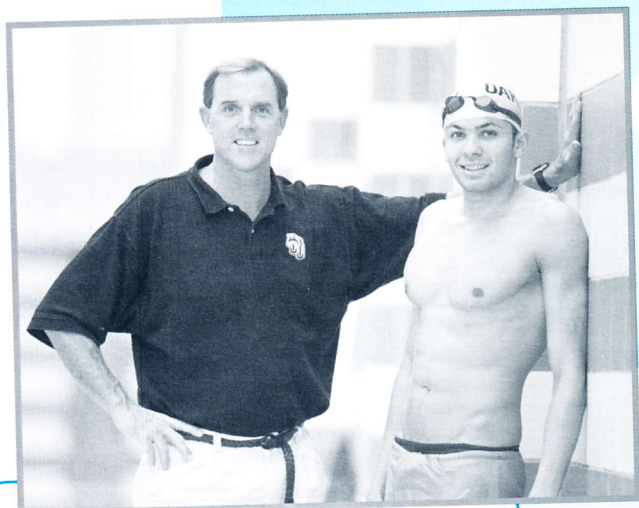
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ALL EYES UPON HIM

Cheryl Angelelli, Haitham Hassan and Anita Rapp normally wouldn't ever expect to have much in common. The trio grew up thousands of miles, and cultures and languages apart.

Angelelli was raised in metro Detroit, while Rapp calls Lillehammer, Norway, home. Hassan hails from Alexandria, Egypt. But the three indeed share a strong connection.

When I caught up with them last summer, current Oakland University students Hassan and Rapp, along with alumna Angelelli CAS '93, were training for the upcoming Sydney Olympic Games. The accomplishment of being an Olympian is the fulfillment of many years of training and hard work. Here's a look at where they came from, their sacrifices and what lay ahead for each of them in Sydney.



Haitham Hassan (right) with Pete Hovland, men's head swimming coach

OU senior Haitham Hassan tries not to think about how many people will be watching him swim in the Olympics. He imagines the stands in the Sydney Aquatic Center are empty and there are no TV cameras or reporters. The reality won't be as peaceful, as Egyptian TV and reporters will be following his every move. And then there is the noise from the 20,000 fans expected to pack the stands.

"There already is great interest from home about my training, how I am doing," Hassan, 21, says. "There are not many swimmers from Egypt — it's not like America where there are many great swimmers. I am a little scared and nervous. I don't want to let my family or country down."

Hassan is the second OU swimmer to go to the Olympics. Hilton Woods swam for Curacao in 1988, finishing ninth in the 100-meter freestyle.

There are only four swimmers on the Egyptian team, with none favored to medal in Sydney. Hassan will swim in three events: the 200-meter individual medley, 100-meter butterfly and the 100-meter backstroke.

He was named his country's best swimmer in 1998, raising his profile and Olympic expectations.

By Joanne C. Gerstner

mpians

Two students and an alumna give it their all as elite athletes in Sydney

Hassan remained at OU over the summer and trained with men's head swimming coach Pete Hovland. Both felt going back to Egypt could be overly stressful, both travelwise and emotionally.

"We've worked very hard preparing Haitham to be physically, mentally and emotionally ready," Hovland explains. "This won't be easy. It's pressure and stress like he's never experienced."

Hassan trained five to six days per week, swimming up to five hours per day. He also did land training, which includes weights, running and stretching. A mechanical engineering major, Hassan took spring and summer classes too. He said the classes were a good distraction from swimming.

Hassan's selection of OU is an unusual story. He wanted to come to the United States for an education and

possibly to swim, so he e-mailed colleges with strong swimming programs as well as academics.

One of his e-mails arrived at Wayne State. Sean Teeters, a WSU coach and former OU swimmer, suggested Hovland look into Hassan. Hovland checked things out and agreed Hassan's lanky 6-4, 179- pound frame had the makings of a good swimmer.

Hassan came to OU in December 1998. The cold and snow shocked him. He knew less English than he thought. But he quickly adapted, picking up English, adjusting to the cold and enjoying swimming.

"He's come a long way," Hovland says. "I think he can finish in the top 10 in Sydney. This is likely the first of two Olympics for him. If he wants, I can see him going to Athens in 2004 and being even stronger and faster."



Cheryl Angelelli

SETTING THE IMPOSSIBLE GOAL

Cheryl Angelelli's road to Sydney started in 1996, thanks to a profound experience she had at the Atlanta Paralympic Games.

She had gone down to work as a journalist, figuring the trip would be an excellent chance to experience the spirit of the Games.

"I wanted to be there and feel that pressure of competition and the joy of meeting a goal. I turned to my friend and said, 'Next Paralympics, I'm going to compete in swimming. You just watch.'"

Anybody who knows Angelelli quickly realized that once again, the enthusiastic and tough woman would not be deterred. But even the Roseville resident didn't realize how much courage and sacrifice it would take to be part of the 2000 U.S. Paralympic team.

Training brought out buried feelings and fears. Angelelli was a strong competitive swimmer in her early teens. However, a 1983 diving accident

severely damaged her spinal cord. The damage left her quadriplegic, losing use of her legs and her fingers.

"I didn't know how I would feel about getting back in the pool again to train," Angelelli, 31, says. "I was a little scared. It brought back a lot of memories. The smell of the chlorine, the water, little things like that made me remember what happened."



Cheryl Angelelli

Angelelli worked through her feelings, and soon her love of swimming overtook her fears. She still had it. Her body was different now, but some things remained the same.

Her powerful arms helped her cut through the water. And her determination, tested by many years in rehab, gave her the will to continue practicing.

She made the 1998 U.S. Paralympic team, competing in the World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand. The experience gave her a taste of international swimming and whetted her desire to get to Sydney.

"She's always been focused, but I've seen everything sharpen in the last year," says her coach, Steve Riecher.

She will swim the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, 200-meter freestyle, 150-meter individual medley and 50-meter backstroke in Sydney. The Paralympics take place two weeks after the close of the Olympics, using the same facilities.

Angelelli recently broke the American record in the 400-meter freestyle by 16 seconds, lowering it from 8:01.68 to 7:44.57. She was inducted into the Wright & Filippis' Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame last September by Sparky Anderson. And the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports just selected her as the 2000 Female Amateur Athlete of the Year for the State of Michigan.

Angelelli will take nearly the entire month of October off from her job as a communications manager at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan for the Games.

"I really want to take home a medal, and I think I could win a gold," Angelelli says. "Then I'm retiring from swimming. Maybe I'll try triathloning next."



Anita Rapp

OU senior Anita Rapp says it seems like yesterday when she was playing club soccer back home in Norway. Now she finds herself

GAINING CONFIDENCE

one of the key members of the Norwegian Olympic soccer team, one of the most powerful programs in the world.



"It is strange and scary and fun all at the same time," Rapp, 23, says. "I never thought I was good enough to play in the Olympics or the World Cup. It is still a bit unreal."

Rapp's ascendancy into elite international soccer started on a fateful day in May 1996. Rapp was one of the better players in her hometown of Lillehammer. But that doesn't mean much in Norway, home of the 1995 Women's World Cup champions and one of the world's elite programs.

She was playing in a spring tournament in Oslo, unaware that there were two coaches watching who would



change everything. One was Nick O'Shea, Oakland University's soccer coach. The other was an unidentified scout/coach for the Norwegian national program.

"I approached her after the game and asked her if she'd like to play for OU," O'Shea recalls. "I loved what I saw. She was tall,

aggressive, with wonderful field vision. I knew she'd be a great player."

The Norwegian coach saw the same things and asked her to try out for the under-20 national team. Rapp made the under-20 roster and gained her first taste of international soccer by

playing in the prestigious Nordic Cup. She then headed off to the United States to play for OU, finding American life and soccer to her liking.

"It was nice at Oakland," Rapp says. "Sometimes I was homesick for little things, like a certain food or my family. I felt happy with my choice." Rapp maintained a strong relationship with the national team with O'Shea's blessing, and occasionally played with the Norwegians in tournaments. She returned to play in the Nordic Cup in 1998, helping Norway win the title.

Her big break came in 1999. Norway's defense of its World Cup title was a serious matter. Intensive tryouts were held, in an attempt to simulate the tournament's pressure and high-level soccer. Rapp was nervous, again doubting herself.

"I was very surprised when they said I was on the team," Rapp

remembers. "I didn't think I was ready or as good as the other players."

Rapp, a midfielder, saw spare playing time in the World Cup. The Norwegians finished fourth, behind the U.S., China and Brazil. She followed up her World Cup year with a strong junior season for OU.

"She's a great player," O'Shea says. "She keeps working hard and improving, letting you see what she's capable of. It's a wonderful thing to watch. She's one of our team's leaders."

Rapp will see the U.S. team in Sydney, as the Norwegians open Olympic competition against the defending 1996 gold medalists. "They are a very good team and I would love to beat them," Rapp says. "Hopefully we can do that in Sydney."

Rapp will miss the first six weeks of the OU fall semester, as well as a month's worth of soccer games. She hopes her professors will help her maintain her studies while she's away. Rapp is a political science and German double major.

O'Shea has mixed feelings about Rapp competing in the Olympics.

"I'm very, very happy for her and I hope she does very well," he says. "The bad thing is she's going to miss some crucial games for us. We're going to have to get by without her."

"Lord knows she's got an awfully good excuse for missing those games. We'll all be watching and cheering for her on TV."

Joanne C. Gerstner CAS '93 is a sports writer for The Detroit News. She covered the Olympics and attended the Sydney Games.

Golden Girl

For the first time in university history, an OU athlete has captured Olympic gold. Women's soccer player Anita Rapp, a native of Norway, returned from Sydney, Australia, with the prized gold medal. Rapp played for the Norwegian team.

Here's how other OU Olympians fared in Sydney:

Haitham Hassan

100-meter Butterfly:	53rd
200-meter Individual Medley:	51st
100-meter Backstroke:	44th

Cheryl Angelelli

Cheryl Angelelli had not yet competed at the Paralympic Games at press time. Look for her results in the next issue of *OU Magazine*.



Ready for the new century

Oakland's innovative

OUTAS scholarship program

primes diverse students for a global society.

By Ryan Poquette

Oakland University's Trustee Academic Success scholarship program (OUTAS) is becoming a national model for retaining and graduating a diverse group of high-achieving university students. The program's goal is to prepare the students to function effectively in a global economy and society, says Glenn McIntosh, director, Advising Resource Center and Office of Equity, which administers the program.

"To reach this goal, students must develop cross-cultural understanding in communication skills as an integral part of their education," he says.

Students of all backgrounds are admitted to the program according to academic performance and financial need. Scholarships are awarded for one year; they are renewable for three additional years, and are limited to \$3,000 per year per student.

The program works so well, McIntosh says, because it provides financial assistance; psychological, academic and social support; and career exploration. Frequent interaction promotes strong ties between the student and

the university community, connecting them with helpful resources. Students meet biweekly with their counselors during their first year and throughout their academic careers. They also meet weekly with a peer mentor, an upperclassman who provides support for making the transition to university life.

Another important part of the program is a 10-week leadership development seminar, an academic and personal skill-building course that promotes student involvement. The seminar particularly helps to reduce feelings of alienation that many new students experience.

OUTAS started in 1994 and has graduated 33 students, including its largest class of 16 students in 1999-2000. So far, it has been effective. The proportion of OUTAS students who serve in campus leadership positions has increased annually. And the average grade-point average of 3.27 was higher for participants than that of 2.98 for all part-time and full-time OU undergraduates when compared in winter 2000.

In 1999, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators recognized OUTAS as a noteworthy program. Earlier this year,



Bonefacio De La Rosa: Working to make a difference

Tgive much credit to the work of Glenn McIntosh and Gloria Sosa for making my experience at OU a successful one," says Bonefacio De La Rosa, a Mexican-American whose parents were migrant workers. When he started, he wasn't sure what to think about the program's ultra-structured approach.

"At first it was a little uncomfortable meeting with a counselor" De La Rosa says. How can a person who doesn't know you, all of a sudden care for you and what you are doing? I suppose I was questioning who to trust and who to talk to."

Today, De La Rosa is talking to many people, including some people in high places. A senior in political science, De La Rosa, who is also pursuing a minor in Spanish, spent this past summer in Washington, D.C., working as an intern for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. He was the only intern of 30 who worked on the Senate side, for Sen. John Kerry (D, MA) in the Leadership Office of the Democratic Steering

Committee. During his time in the nation's capitol, he worked primarily on Latino issues.

"I attended hearings, press secretary meetings, and compiled reports on happenings in the Latino community such as the Arizona-Mexican border issue that involved ranchers who detained and captured Mexican immigrants at gunpoint."

At Oakland, De La Rosa holds a number of student leadership positions, including serving as one of two Student Liaisons to the Board of Trustees and as president of the newly founded Latino organization ¡FUERZA! ¡FUERZA! was founded to promote an understanding of and appreciation for Latino culture, as well as to provide an academic, social and political network for its membership. De La Rosa was also a recipient of an OU Keeper of the Dream Award in 2000.

His future looks equally active. After attending law school beginning in the fall of



2001, he plans to pursue a life of politics and law.

"I see myself as a representative/ senator/ governor/justice. I want politics. I want law. I want to be part of a solution."

Tierra Stamps has always known that she wanted to be an engineer. In fact she never really considered anything else. But during her junior year at Oakland, she ran into a dilemma.

"There was one particular engineering course I didn't understand. So I had decided I was going to change my major to general studies so that I could take all of the other classes in my major without having to take that course."

Luckily, the Office of Equity staff was there to talk

her out of this decision. This kind of support and attention was very beneficial for Stamps, but it extended beyond academics.



Tierra Stamps SECS '98: Engineering her future

"Before OU, in high school, I was kind of quiet, and didn't really get involved in a lot of stuff. But the OUTAS program really helped me to open up and get involved."



In her years at Oakland, Stamps helped start a chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), worked as a mentor and tutor for various offices and programs and served as an Orientation Group Leader, among many, many other leadership positions.

Stamps also received a number of awards, including the Wilson award and the Keeper of Dream award — two of Oakland's highest honors.

"My undergrad experience at Oakland would have been a lot different without the OUTAS program. I learned how to interact with different types of people and appreciate their differences."

This type of people experience has come in handy for Stamps, who has worked at General Motors in a number of management and engineering assignments since graduating from Oakland. But this semester, Stamps is back on campus, working on her Master's in Systems Engineering, with plans to get her PhD and teach in college.



OUTAS program students participate in several initiatives and events designed to build leadership skills and an appreciation for diversity. These include a 10-week leadership development seminar, the annual Keeper of the Dream program, and lectures. Salvador Monroy, consul, Consulate of Mexico (pictured left), spoke on the global impact of Latin politics in September.



"Working with 18 other people for 70 hours a week for 11 weeks, really pushes your communications skills," says Damon Brown, an Oakland journalism grad with a computer science minor, who recently received his MA in Magazine Journalism from Northwestern University's prestigious Medill School of Journalism. "Without the OUTAS program, I wouldn't have been as

This type of interdisciplinary thinking is not new to Brown, who knew as a freshman that he wanted to combine his interests in journalism and computer

science.

In fact, he was afraid that the structure of the OUTAS

Damon Brown CAS '98: Playing the game of life

good at communicating and expressing my needs."

As part of the NWU program, which includes only about 100 people, Brown and his fellow students produced a new magazine from initial concept to finished product, in 11 weeks. "We created a magazine called *Avode*, which is kind of like Martha Stewart for Gen X."

program might get in his way. "Structured programs sometimes end up squelching your ideas. But at Oakland, they supported the ideas that I had coming in."

Brown's ideas include his passion for video game developing, something which he has been doing (and writing about) for years, and which was the major reason

for enrolling at NWU, where he hoped to learn how to publish his own games magazine.

Currently, Brown is checking out major publishing centers in the nation, although any move he makes may be temporary. "I will continue to pursue the things I love, whether that's writing for an exciting publication or working for a struggling dot.com, I don't know. Wherever it takes me, I'm going."

Ryan Poquette '96 CAS is a freelance writer who lives in Clarkston, Michigan.

A golden moment

Ed Eickhoff SBA '85 received the Golden Key Council President's Award from the Golden Key National Honor Society at the organization's annual international convention in August. The award recognizes an individual "who embodies the purposes of the Golden Key and who has served the society with distinction." Members, advisers and honorary members are eligible; winners are selected by the council president, the highest ranking elected official of the Golden Key.

Eickhoff was invited to join the society in 1982 when he was a junior at OU and has been an active member ever since. He served as OU chapter president during the 1983-84 academic year and was selected to serve as the society's second National Student Representative — the highest student leadership position in the Golden Key in 1984.



Ed Eickhoff

Following his graduation from the School of Business Administration in 1985 with a BS in economics, Eickhoff established The Gold Club, the society's first alumni organization. Over the years, he made financial contributions to the Golden

Key through the organization's Invest in Excellence Fund, leading the way for alumni giving.

Eickhoff is vice president of leasing and director of asset management for Ramco-Gershenson, which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange with 54 shopping centers across 16 states.

Governor's award

Terry Blackhawk PhD SEHS '93 was the recipient of the Arts in Education Award at the 15th annual Governor's Awards for Arts



Terry Blackhawk

and Culture October 25. The Reading and Language Arts alumna and former OU adjunct professor retired in 1996 from the Detroit Public Schools (DPS) where she taught English and creative writing for 28 years. In 1995, Blackhawk founded InsideOut, a literary arts project for DPS students that places dozens of professional writers in schools for residencies, publishes student writing and art and sponsors student performances and workshops. InsideOut operates in 20 schools with participation from 2,000 students annually. More than half see their writing or art published in the program's literary magazine.

Blackhawk is the author of *Body & Field*, a full-length collection of poems (Michigan State University Press, 1999) and *Trio: Voices from the Myths* (Ridgeway Press, 1998). She won the 1990 Foley Poetry Award, and was a finalist in the 1997 and 1999 *Marlboro Review* Poetry Prize competitions.

OU vs. Michigan

Oakland alumni will be cheering on the Golden Grizzlies at the basketball season opener versus the Wolverines on Friday,

November 17.

Individual tickets will be made available through the Alumni Relations office at the season ticket price of \$20 per ticket for this game only! Please contact the Alumni Relations office at (248) 370-2158 or e-mail jlbourna@oakland.edu for further information.

All tickets must be paid in advance.

A pre-game tailgate party is planned and will be included for those registering through the alumni office.

Alumni and corporate partnerships on and off the court

The Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) will be hosting a series of networking opportunities in collaboration with the 2000-01 basketball season. Your company can purchase blocks of tickets at a discounted rate through the Alumni Relations office. Corporate participants and their guests will be invited to pre-game receptions and

networking parties hosted by the OUAA. Come and exchange business and marketing information as you enjoy pre-game food and beverages. Please contact Adrienne Bass, acting director of Alumni Relations, at (248) 370-4687 or bass@oakland.edu for more information. We look forward to reconnecting you to Oakland and other alumni.

College Hoops

Oakland University and the Palace of Auburn Hills present College Hoops — Oakland University vs. Wright State and Michigan State vs. Bowling Green — on Wednesday, December 27, 2000 at 5 p.m. Tickets are available through the Alumni Relations office at the following discounted prices: \$25, \$15 and \$10. The price includes both games. Please call Tamara Mires at (248) 377-0175 to order tickets, or for more information.

French Travelers reunite

Members of the class of 1966-67 will remember a group formed by the late Woody Varner, first chancellor of Oakland University, called the French Travelers. The travelers took several trips to France as part of their liberal arts education — expanding their worlds and world views. Recently, Oakland University President Gary D. Russi met with two charter members of the French Travelers who want to reunite with other members to plan a return trip to France — their first in the new millenium. Contact Adrienne Bass for more

information at (248) 370-4687.

Career development resources for alumni

Oakland's Placement and Career Services office now offers career development programming to alumni through its Career Resource Center located in 154 North Foundation Hall. The center provides one-on-one counseling, including career assessments, academic and occupational information, decision-making tools and goal-setting strategies at no cost. It also will hold free workshops for adults contemplating career transitions on three consecutive Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, from 6 -7:30 p.m. To reserve your place, please call (248) 370-3263. Space is limited.

Alumni employers and job seekers can access free online job postings on the placement office Web site, <http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/connect/career.htm>. On-campus recruiting, career fairs and other services also are available at no cost. Contact the office at (248) 370-3250 or visit the Web site for more information.

The placement office invites alumni to volunteer with its Career Coalition Program, which pairs OU alumni with current students based on their majors and interests. The goal is to give students an intimate look at the careers they have chosen through the eyes of alumni. Many have engaged in job shadowing, information sharing and informal interviews. To volunteer, simply complete the online registration form found on the placement Web site at

<http://phoenix.placement.oakland.edu/connect/career.htm>.

25th annual alumni golf outing raised \$15,000

More than 200 Oakland alumni and guests participated in the annual golf outing on August 14. The alumni association raised more than \$15,000 in personal and corporate contributions, which will provide future students the opportunity to enjoy the Oakland experience. Although the \$10,000 hole challenge and the 2001 Harley Davidson hole challenge were not won, golfers enjoyed Katke-Cousins, considered one of Michigan's top courses.



Alumni enjoy Katke-Cousins Golf Course at 25th annual outing.

The OUAA extends special thanks to the golf committee and the following sponsors: ANR Pipeline Company, Bank One, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, EA Graphics, OU - MSU Federal Credit Union, Pepsi and *TV Guide*.

An ovation on Oprah

Kathie Ruegsegger Anderson SEHS '74 is not easily forgotten. Her enthusiasm and warmth are so extraordinary that one of her former second-grade students nominated her to appear on an episode of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* about people who make a difference. The nominator, now a pediatrician, saved all the encouraging notes that Anderson gave her and talked about them on the 1995 show.



Anderson recently retired after 26 years of teaching grades 1-3 at Martell Elementary School in Troy. She was also named in this year's

Who's Who for American Teachers and was nominated for the Disney American Teacher Award.

"I tell my students, do what you love to do and it will never be a job! Every time a student understands what we've been discussing, it's like magic. That's what it's all about — you're not there for the paycheck."

CAREER/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1960s

Anna Barnes CAS '64 and Carl Barnes Jr., her husband, an OU professor of art and art history, recently donated 259 fine prints and 314 related research volumes to Oakland. Anna graduated magna cum laude from OU with a BA in Spanish and a minor in French.

William Connellan CAS '67 is the vice provost, Academic Affairs, at Oakland University. He recently visited Harvard University and assisted with faculty appointments.

Sondra Forsyth CAS '64 is a veteran New York City ballet teacher, the artistic director of Ballet Ambassadors and an award-winning journalist.

Michael Honey CAS '69 teaches at the University of Washington, Tacoma. He is the author of



Black Workers Remember: An Oral History of Segregation, Unionism and the Freedom Struggle,

University of California Press (1999). His first book won three national book awards.

Jerry Johns SEHS '65 is a distinguished professor at Northern Illinois University, director of the NIU Reading Clinic and has been elected president of the International Reading Association. He received the Outstanding Service Award from the College Reading Association and



was honored by the Illinois Reading Council with induction into the Reading Hall of Fame. Johns' most recent recognition is the Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award presented by the International Reading Association.

Estela Moreno-Mazzoli CAS '69 lectured last year in Caceres, Spain, at the University of Extremadura. She is an associate professor, Modern Languages and Literatures, at Oakland University.

James Selecky SECS '69 is an owner and managing principal at Brubaker & Associates in St. Louis, Missouri, where he has been employed since 1984.

Michael R. Vitale CAS '68 is professor in the Centre for Management of Information Technology, Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne. He recently wrote an article in the January/February 2000 edition of *Educuse Review* entitled "Recovering from Software Development."

Anderson graduated with an OU degree in elementary education and says she enjoyed her time at Oakland.

As for role models, Anderson says she looked to her mother, whose name is also Kathie Ruegsegger, an elementary schoolteacher who raised her four daughters by herself.

Anderson's retirement plans so far include spending winters in Hawaii, where she and Albert, her husband, were married seven years

ago. They live in Rochester Hills. Although the couple doesn't have children of their own, Anderson says she considers her former students her children. Each week, up to a dozen former students visit her, some with their own children. "That makes me a grandma," Anderson says.

1970s

Kathryn Brimmer CAS '71 is enrolled in the PhD program in Reading and Language Arts after 26 years of classroom teaching and being a reading specialist.

Alice Easterling SON '78 is the director of community health initiatives at St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland.

Anne Cairns Federlein SEHS '74 was named president of the Newark Campus of Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College.

Wilma Garcia CAS '73, MA '75 was honored at Oakland University's Faculty Recognition Luncheon this year. She is a professor emerita, Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, CAS.

Daniel Gordon CAS '75 is a professional sports bettor in New York and the author of *Las Vegas Blackjack Diary* under the pen name of Stuart Perry.

Sheldon Gordon CAS '72 visited Athens, Greece, to speak on "Cytoskeletal Regulation of Corneal Endothelial Cell Migration and Growth on the Natural Basement Membrane" at the Fourth World Congress for Advances in Oncology, which earned him an award for outstanding achievement.

James O. Harris CAS '72 has been a teacher for 41 years and teaches mathematics at Oakland Community College, after retiring from full-time teaching in 1993. Both of his children attend Oakland University and one is in graduate school.

Therese Hercher CAS '79 was featured in the *Detroit Free Press* last Mother's Day. The article was about Hercher caring for her mother.

Jeffrey G. Johnson CAS '78 announced that his 50th article was accepted for publication and one of his scientific papers was published as the lead article in the *Archives of*

General Psychiatry. He was interviewed about this paper and notified that his biographical sketch will also be included in the 2001 edition of *Who's Who in America*. As a photographer, Johnson's first solo photography exhibition is on display in New York City. One of his photos was published on the cover of the *Physicians & Surgeons Journal*.

Ronald Kelly CAS '76 teaches technical theatre at O.D. Wyatt High School in Fort Worth, Texas. He is working on starting a theatre for the deaf.

Marilyn (Bridenbaugh) Legacy SON '78 received her master's in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University in May 1999.

Philomena (Rossi) Mahoney SEHS '73 has recently retired. She and Russell, her husband, joined OU's President's Club.



The Oakland University Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Center for Student Activities, is offering an enchanting trip to Ireland from May 2-9, 2001. Enjoy Ireland's picturesque history as you explore spectacular scenery and landscapes, visiting

attractions in Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Dingle, Shannon and more. The trip will include round-trip transportation from Detroit, lodging in Ireland at a superior tourist-class hotel (based on two-person occupancy) and transpor-

Come travel the rolling hills of Ireland with alumni and friends



on 20 participants; price may vary with lower participation level.) Family and friends of OU are welcome to sign up.

For more information, and to sign up for the trip, please contact: DeWald Event Management & Travel Company, 575 E. Big Beaver Road, Suite 220, Troy, MI 48063. You may also call Jen Knoflach at (800) 228-0707 or send e-mail to J.knoflach@dewald.emt.com.

tation through Ireland by motor coach. Most meals are included (breakfast and dinner).

Cost of the program is \$1,930 per person (based

Darien Martus CAS '73 received his Master of Music in Composition degree from the University of Redlands in May. He works as the choir director at Palm Springs High School in Palm Springs, California. This year he was given the University of Redlands Composer of the Year Award and in the past seven years he has twice been awarded Teacher of the Year in the Palm Springs Unified School District. Martus also received the Bay Area Drama Critics Award for original musical score in 1995 and is writing music for theatre, film and television.

Michael T. Paradise CAS '77 is a technology coordinator and Media Lab Manager at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills.

Shaheed Saleem (Jeff Grimes) CAS '77 is the City High School basketball team coach in Detroit who led his team to the Class D High School state basketball championship.

Janice Schimmelman CAS '71 is a professor in the Department of Art and Art History at Oakland University. She was chair for the session American and British Art at the 26th Annual Conference of the Midwest Art History Society held in Detroit last March.

Gary Schlueter CAS '78 announces that his two short stories were accepted for publication this summer: *The Common Enemy* and *The Phantom Bike Rider*. Gary is an associate editor of the *Coastal View News* in Carpinteria, California, and a columnist for the *Pacific Coast Business Times*.

Zelma (Feingloss) Sussman SEHS '72 teaches reading and tutors children who have attention deficits. She is a grandmother of two: Hillary and Rachel.

Gary White SEHS '76 is the director of Human Resources at Walker Art Center. He has two sons and two grandchildren.

Sarah L. (Glasgow) Wilson SEHS '78 is an instructor at Great Lakes College in Bad Axe, Michigan.

1980s

Mary Jane Arsenault SON '81 is married to **Joe Deckenbach CAS '81** and they have four children. She works as an emergency room nurse.

Kristen M. Blackburn CAS '85 was recently appointed to senior loan officer in Ross Mortgage's Macomb office. She has been involved in the financial industry for more than 15 years and has been a loan officer since 1989.

Deshan Chang SECS '89 was Oakland University's Employee of the Month for February 2000. He works as a PC maintenance coordinator in the Office of Training and User Support and has been employed at OU for 10 years.

Laurel (Toby) Felsenfeld SON '87 has worked as a case management nurse since 1995. She has been married to Mark since 1984 and they have three children: Emily, Rachel and Aaron.

Deborah Gleason SEHS '81 has a private practice in counseling and psychotherapy in Rochester Hills.

Hooray for the pioneering Pioneer

Charles "Chick" Conklin SBA '79 extended the frontier for OU spirit. He was the first of Oakland's "Pioneers," Oakland's mascot before the university's athletic teams changed in 1999 from the NCAA Division II Pioneers to the Division I Golden Grizzlies.

Conklin's first hurrah was as a cheerleader for University of Detroit High School.

In 1977, he transferred his love of college

basketball and cheerleading from the University of Notre Dame to Oakland. The cheerleading coach suggested that he put his zeal to work as the university's first mascot. Conklin came to the next game sporting a pioneer costume: a fringed leather jacket, moccasins, a coonskin cap and a toy rifle. For the next two years, Conklin led the men's and women's basketball teams onto the court for every home

Dale O. Brandt CAS '82 MS '87 works for Raytheon in Falls Church, Virginia, as a principal software engineer.

Mark Brooky CAS '80 is the morning radio announcer at KBZ Broadcasting in Muskegon.

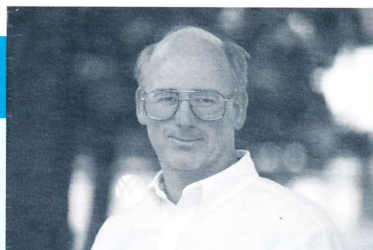
Sandra Korba SON '81 is a cardiology research nurse at Affiliated Internists Detroit Medical Center.

John Lauder SBA '82 was promoted to vice president at Affiliated Computer Services, Government Solutions Group in Rockville, Maryland.

Ann Miller-Bonano SON '87 has worked in IV infusion as a consultant/specialist for 10 years. She is married with two children.

Patricia (Morrison) Malone CAS '80 MBA '92 recently moved back to Michigan from California to join Campbell-Ewald Communications as senior vice president and management supervisor.

Phyllis (Thomas) Meadows SON '80 is the program director for the WK Kellogg Foundation and was nominated for Oakland University's 2000 Distinguished Alumni Award.



game. He also gave the cheerleaders a hand.

"I enjoyed getting the crowd going," Conklin says. "I had great camaraderie with the players and really felt involved in school spirit."

After graduation, Conklin kept his connection with the teams by announcing at basketball games through 1982. He attends basketball games

Gail J. Pietrzyk SON '87 is the director of surgical services at Bon Secours Cottage Health Services. She lives with her husband and four-year-old son and is active in the Rochester Historical Commission.

Robert J. Plescow CAS '85 joined General Motors as a color and appearance engineer with the North American Car Group and is enrolled at Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute in the Management of Engineering master's program.

Larry A. Ranahan BGS '86 MBA '88 was appointed director of product marketing for Riptide Technologies in New Orleans on July 10, 2000.

regularly, keeps in touch with Greg Kampe, OU men's basketball coach, and says he likes Oakland's new mascot, "Grizz," and the new arena in the Recreation and Athletics Center.

Today, Conklin is an accountant and sales manager at Comprehensive Accounting in Farmington Hills. He and Karen, his wife, have been married for 14 years. They live in Walled Lake.

John J. Nicholson CAS '88 graduated from Cumberland University on May 13, 2000, with a Master of Science in Public Service Management.

LaVerne G.E. Perrollaz SON '80 retired from Hospice of Michigan but continues to serve as a consultant. She has four children and three grandchildren and spends her summers in Naples, Florida.

Mary Jo (Ward) Richard SON '80 is employed at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township as a contingent nurse. She married Larry Richard in 1980 and they have three children, ages 15, 12 and 10.

Debra (Schneider) Simon SON '88 is a registered nurse at Bon Secours Hospital. She has three children: Chloe, Tristan and Madeline.

Kristy Smith SEHS '86 received her second master's degree from Western Michigan University in December 1999. She works at the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program as a certified family life educator and teaches part time at WMU.

Tracey Stanyer SECS '88 MS '90 is the vice president of Original Equipment Manufacturing after 11 years with DaimlerChrysler Corporation as a telematics executive.

Kathleen M. Walton CAS '82 has been appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court Family Division as a referee in the juvenile court division.

Mary Jo (Pachla) Whitbey SBA '80 and Jeff, her husband, were named 1999 Agents of the Year at Century 21 Sakmar and Associates in Rochester. They have one daughter.

Mary C. (Murphy) Wright SON '83 received the 1999 OU Nightingale Alumni Award and is the manager of PACU and OPS at Heritage Hospital.

1990s

Kristen Andersen SEHS '99 works at Oakland University as an academic adviser.

Christopher Ash CAS '91 graduated in 1995 from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and finished his general surgical residency in June. He will be starting his own general surgical practice in Flint.

Dawn Aubry CAS '92 has accepted the directorship of the New Student Programs Office at Oakland University.

Michelle M. (Livernois) Baker SHS '95 is now living in Norton Shores, Michigan, with Kevin I. Baker, her husband, and their son, Benjamin Steven, born October 17, 1998.

Tamika Bates SON '99 works at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak in Labor and Delivery. She also volunteers by assisting with breast cancer awareness and detection presentations.

Ariadne (Schartman) Ben Aissa CAS '95 was awarded an Adam Noel Darling Memorial Scholarship at the Monterey Institute of International Studies last April.

JoJeanne (DeVore) Benton SON '99 works at Genesys Regional Medical Center Health Park in Grand Blanc as an oncology nurse. She lives in Davison with Dale, her husband.

Heather Bliss-Glaza CAS '95 completed her master's degree in clinical psychology and is employed as a child and family therapist in the Seattle area, where she moved with her husband after their marriage in 1996.

Mary Lynn (Marg) Bowen SEHS '99 is an at-home mother who tutors and is a Junior Great Books discussion leader.

David P. Cameron CAS '98 has been a sportswriter for the last three years at *The Oakland Press* and is moving to attend the University of Northern Colorado to earn his master's in education. He was the head basketball manager and in 1996 was the sports editor for *The Oakland Post*.

Della Cassia CAS '97 is the editor of the *Northwest Gazette Newspaper* for Farmington Hills.

Tracy A. Chirco SBA '98 works at UUNET as a global client service manager supporting Fortune 1000 companies.

Amy (Gardner) Cody SON '99 is employed at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac as a staff nurse in Labor and Delivery.

Michelle (Simmonds) Daniels SON '91 is a clinical therapy specialist in medical sales for Hill-Rom.

Susan DeMeulenaere SON '95, MSN '99 has passed her certification exam for family nurse practitioner and accepted a position at Mount Clemens General Hospital. She and Robert, her husband of 22 years, are parents of Tom and Michelle.

Dominic V. Drohan SBA '96 received an MS in information systems from Lawrence Technological University in May 2000.

James Early SEHS '97 has been promoted to assistant superintendent at Imlay City Community School District. He has a master's from Northern Arizona University.

Donald J. Gillespie CAS '97 runs ADT's Aware program at Haven Shelter.

Having the days of his life

You may have seen him as the villainous Bart on the soap opera, *Days of Our Lives*. Or perhaps you've seen him in one of his many other TV roles. He has appeared in the drama, *NYPD Blue*; the western, *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*; and the comedy, *The Nanny*. Although he is very much in the public eye these days, Steve Blackwood CAS '78 started out as a painfully shy kid. It was only when he attended Oakland that he started to open up.

"Through my communications minor,

I took some theatre courses," says Blackwood, who graduated from OU with an English degree.



"I started doing scenes in various plays, and I got hooked. I have to thank Oakland and its theatre department for giving that to me."

After Oakland, Blackwood moved to New York, where he studied acting for the next nine

years under renowned acting instructor, Uta Hagen. He acted in plays off-off-Broadway. At the same time, Blackwood was developing his vocal

Kelly (Bliss) Glaza CAS '96 was Oakland University's Employee of the Month for March 2000 and is an office assistant at Meadow Brook Hall.

Marc J. Glaza SBA '94 works as a programmer analyst for Safeco Corporation and has just received a promotion to systems consultant. He and his wife reside in Seattle.

John P. Godoy SON '97 received his licensure as a certified emergency nurse in April 2000 and is working for St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, California.

Mark K. Goldstein SON '99 works as an emergency nurse at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and recently started work at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw as a flight nurse.

Melanie (Pennazoli) Heitz SON '91 works at St. John Health Systems Home Care Services and married David Heitz in August 1994. She has three children: Michael Pennazoli, Veronica and Annemarie. Michael will be attending Oakland in the fall.

talents, singing in a blues band that opened up for other performers, including James Brown.

Actor-singer Blackwood then met his future wife, Karen, also a multi-hyphenated artist (painter-illustrator-writer). The two combined their talents, said their vows and scrapped the Big Apple for Hollywood. "Actually, our honeymoon was the drive from New York to L.A.," says Blackwood.

Patricia Jorgensen SON '97 has started her own company handling occupational safety cases. She developed the award for Nurse Internship with Janet Dezenski.

Adrienne Kozlowski CAS '93 was named director of development at Common Ground Sanctuary. She was an agency volunteer in the 1980s when she trained to be a crisis line counselor.

Nicole Kram SON '95 works as a public health nurse at Livingston County Health Department and has three sons.

Sharon Kramer-Bonser SON '93 has relocated back to Michigan from California and works as a public health nurse. Kramer-Bonser serves as chair of the reunion committee of Oakland University's SON Alumni Affiliate Board. She is planning a nursing reunion dinner.

Once in L.A., Blackwood landed various roles on TV shows. He eventually got his *Days of Our Lives* role, which started out as a three-day part.

"The producers liked my character so much that they made it a recurring role," says Blackwood.

This exposure led to other opportunities for Blackwood, whose first feature film, *Ed Gein*, opens in the United States in October 2000. And with the release of his first jazz CD, *I Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing*, he is in his element, pursuing both his acting and music interests.

The biggest success in the Blackwoods' lives,

Grant A. Lange CAS '94 graduated from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in May. He has begun an internship in internal medicine through St. John Health Systems. Lange is married to **Laurie (Bush) Lange CAS '96**. They are expecting their first child in November 2000.

Laura Lee CAS '91 authored a new book that was recently released: *Arlo Alice and Anglicans: The Lives of a New England Church*, published by Berkshire Publishing. She wrote another book, *Bad Predictions* published by Elsewhere Press.

Frank Lepkowski CAS '92 is interim associate dean of OU's Kresge Library. He was recently appointed to serve on the Greenwood Press' Library Review Board, a group of librarians who evaluate reference book projects.

Brenda (Mundt) Malkowski SON '92 moved to the Lansing area in 1997 and is working at Ingham Regional Medical Center as a clinical nurse in the CCU. She and her husband have three children; the youngest is Jamie, born on June 11, 2000.

Nancy Martens-Ward SON '90 is the heart and kidney transplant coordinator at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She married in 1997 and had her first child in March 2000.

however, is their two-year-old daughter, Nicole.

"She's the light of our lives," says Blackwood. "The biggest thing for me is family."

Theresa (Bellow) Martin SEHS '96 teaches second grade at Rose Pioneer Elementary in Holly. She is studying Albanian language to aid students and is continuing work toward earning her MED in elementary education.

Karen (Broker) McEwen SEHS '95 is working as a senior instructional systems designer for a company in Durham, North Carolina, and was married this past year to Brent.

Linda Mebius SEHS '98 earned her MED in instructional systems from Pennsylvania State University in August 1999 and lives in Maryland.

Kristen S. Montgomery SON '94 has completed her PhD in nursing from Case Western Reserve University and received the *American Journal of Nursing* Book of the Year Award for her book, *Maternal Child Health Nursing Research Digest*, published by Springer Publishing Company.

Mary Ann (Sobania) Moriarty SON '91 has worked at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn for nine years in the ICU. She married John in 1998 and gave birth to their daughter, Megan, on February 18, 2000.

Rose (Detroyer) Mrosewske SON '96 has been a registered nurse in the special care nursery at Mount Clemens General Hospital for the last 15 years and was named Special Care Nursery Service Specialist almost two years ago.

Thomas J. Murray CAS '94 is an associate of the Dykema Gossett PLLC Litigation Practice Group. He is a member of the Oakland County Bar, American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.



Shannon (Sullivan) Nagaj SEHS '99 teaches first and second grade at Taft Elementary School in Ferndale.

Terri L. (Houthoofd) Neuman SBA '91 will be relocating to Switzerland in September to follow her husband's career with Dow Chemical. They have one daughter, Gabrielle, who is four years old.

Michael Oblizajek SBA '96 graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in May 2000.

Frank Randazzo CAS '96 received his medical degree from Wayne State University's School of Medicine in June 2000. He is a resident at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak specializing in radiology.

David J. Rost SEHS '95 has worked for the Michigan Family Independence Agency for the last two years.

Metrona Sinka SON '99 is employed at Denver Health in Trauma/Surgical ICU.

Kathleen (Youngblood) Sosnowski SHS '91 works part time as a medical technologist at University of Michigan Medical Center in Molecular Diagnostics. She has two sons, ages one and three, and is working toward her black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Jason J. Sprague SBA '96 received an MBA from the University of Michigan and works as an associate at Plante & Moran Management Consulting in Southfield.

David M. Stokes CAS '93 was promoted to assistant professor of library science and is a gifts and development librarian within the Edith Garland Dupre Library at the University of Louisiana.

Heidi Thibodeau CAS '97 is enrolled in a master's program of Business Administration and Organizational Development at Bowling Green University. She is in Washington, D.C., for a three-month internship for Creative Solutions Administration.

Christine (Welton) Weglarz SON '93 earned her master's in 1999 to become an adult primary care nurse practitioner. She presented a master's thesis "Research Veterans' Perspectives of Quality Health Care," at Wayne State University's Research Day 2000.

Deedra (Szymanski) Wolas SBA '93 and Lyle, her husband, celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary in June 2000. They have two children: Lauren and Julie. Deedra works as a CPA for PriceWaterhouse Coopers.

Ellen R. Zehnder CAS '93 is working toward her master's degree in civil war history. She is a bereavement counselor for the Oakland County Medical Examiner.

2000s

Tramale K. Turner SBA '00 is the chief systems developer at SilverCube Inc. He has worked in the high-tech field in Tokyo, San Francisco and Philadelphia. He is working on his MBA and volunteers for Think Detroit.

ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS

John A. Cafagna SEHS '97 was married to Laurie Opolski on October 2, 1999. John completed his third year teaching eighth grade at Grissom Middle School in Warren.

Aaron Carpenter SBA '97 married Carol Brown on August 12, 2000.

Donna Davis SEHS '98 was recently married to Paul Jokiel and is teaching in the Anchor Bay School District.

Aaron Michael Dean SON '99 married Denise McCartney on September 22, 2000. He has recently finished his critical care internship and now works in MICU at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Shareen (Fedor) Digasbarro SEHS '97 was married on July 10, 1999 and teaches fourth grade at Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

Jennifer Freese SBA '96

married Ron Gillson in June 1999 and is a software engineer for DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

Lisa Hornbeck SON '90

married Keith Hughlett in July 1998. They had their first child, Andrew, last April. They live in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Michelle Lambert SON '97 was married to John Headley on September 11, 1999. She is a staff nurse at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Denise McCartney SHS '98

married Aaron Michael Dean on September 22, 2000. She works at Oakwood Hospital as a physical therapist.

Michael S. Nykiel SBA '95

married Annemarie Edwards, a dental hygienist from Milford, on July 15, 2000. Michael was promoted to assistant vice president for Altegra Credit Company.

AnnMarie Passalacqua CAS '94

married Anthony DeVito on July 25, 1998. She went on to graduate from law school in



1999 and works as an associate attorney at Mellon McCarthy & Van Dusen P.C. in Troy.

Kimberly Rostek SHS '98

married Adam Walleman on June 3, 2000.

Theresa K. Sams CAS '63

married James L. Kelly on October 2, 1999.

Cassie Senical SECS '97

announces her engagement to **Jeff Fenoseff SECS '97**. A June 2001 wedding is planned.

Laurie Sliwinski SEHS '96

announces her engagement to **Frank Randazzo CAS '96**. A May 2001 wedding is planned.

Stanley J. Wallace SECS & CAS '94

married **Marla B. Goslin SHS '97** on April 29, 2000.

BIRTHS

Ingrid Chambers CAS '95

and John Chambers announce the birth of their daughter, Heather Lynn, born on January 6, 2000.

Stacey L. (Chidester) Donovan CAS '91

and Rick, her husband, announce the birth of their son, Jacob Chidester, born January 17, 2000.

Laura L. (Croff) Duncan CAS '90

announces the birth of her son, Terrance, born June 26, 1999.

Nancy (Beamish) Moorman CAS '82

and John, her husband, welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Carolyn Anne, on May 18, 2000. Carolyn joins her two-year-old sister, Nathalie Page.

David Scillion SBA '94

and Heather, his wife, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Carter David Scott, on September 12, 1999.

Michelle Lynn (Rodanhisler) Smith CAS '93

and Scott Smith welcome the birth of their second child, Michael Scott, born March 16, 2000.

Angela (Fazzini) Updike SEHS '97

and Michael, her husband, announce the birth of their son, Justin Michael, on July 6, 1999.

DEATHS

Linda M. (Goerlich) Albright SHS '84

died in October 1999 after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. She held positions at Crittenton Hospital, Lifespan Health Consultants and was on the faculty of the PTA program at Macomb Community College. She was the mother of Chelsea, Thomas and Emily and the wife of Bruce Albright.

Peter M. Biglin SEHS '78 died on February 26, 2000, at age 59 after a 13-year struggle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Peter and Marjorie, his wife, had one son, Dr. Peter E. Biglin, and one daughter, Emily.

Thomas Gamble CAS '72 died on March 20, 1997, after living in a nursing home with the companionship of **Larry E. West CAS '71**.

Francis J. Wanzie CAS '80 died on December 27, 1996. He spent much of his life at the side of his disabled mother, Helen.

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