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Names may be placed in nomination by any member of the Oakland University community, including students, alumni, staff and faculty. The letter of nomination should contain sufficient supporting statements to permit an initial review of the nominee. It might address one or more of the following criteria: superior classroom performance; innovative instructional practice; high educational standards; maintenance of a productive or inspirational learning environment; and concern for students. Nominations will be accepted through February 18, 1987.

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Can we top this?



Oakland's soccer team celebrates a tournament victory en route to the national finals.

OAKLAND HAD quite a year in 1986, as the following highlights from OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE illustrate. And, remember, this is on top of the "every-day" achievements of the university, such as educating students and engaging in productive research, and hundreds of other milestones that no doubt have gone unreported.

Numbers: Enrollment reaches an all-time high of 12,707 . . . external research funding record of \$5.8 million . . . '86 alumni telefund passes \$100,000 goal by \$7,000 . . . forensics team finishes 7th in the country (best ever).

Launches: "A Share in the Vision," Oakland's \$15 million capital fund-raising campaign, announced with \$7.1 million in hand . . . a \$1 million alumni campaign for Kresge Library renovation . . . joint educational programs with Ford, Chrysler and the UAW . . . the McGregor Chair in Arts and Humanities,

a distinguished professorship funded by the McGregor Foundation . . . School of Business Administration (new name for the School of Economics and Management).

Openings: Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute opens new facility in renovated farm buildings . . . Sunset Terrace opens as a conference facility . . . Theta Chi becomes the first Oakland fraternity to buy a residence for its members.

Rankings: 5th among Michigan public universities in external support for research and academic development . . . 2nd nationally (behind Columbia, ahead of Harvard) in funding for cataract research . . . one of the 200 "Best Buys in College Education" listed by the education editor of the *New York Times* . . . 1st in per capita publishing among Michigan biology professors . . . 2nd in mathematics . . . 4th in chemistry and physics . . . 5th in engineering.

Firsts: School of Nursing awards first master's degree . . . Oakland performs world premiere of *False Magic*, a play written c. 1625 . . . Meadow Brook Theatre stages Detroit premiere of *Foxfire* . . . Oakland hosts prestigious Quality and Productivity Research Conference.

Visitors: John Naisbitt, economic forecaster . . . Dr. Ruth, sex therapist . . . Dr. Robert Jarvik, heart specialist . . . Arkady Shevchenko, Soviet defector . . . Billy Hayes, Turkish prison escapee . . . Les Csorba, executive director of Accuracy in Academia . . . *Reader's Digest* art collection, displayed at Meadow Brook Hall.

Anniversaries: Meadow Brook Theatre . . . Upward Bound program . . . President's Club (all 20 years old).

Sports: Men's swim team finishes 3rd nationally (NCAA Division II) . . . Sophomore Mark VanderMey is highest U.S. finisher (100- and 200-meter breaststroke) at Goodwill Games in Moscow . . . Men's soccer team advances to NCAA Division II championship game, falling to Seattle-Pacific 4-1 to finish 2nd nationally . . . Men's basketball team gets off to its fastest start, running its record to 8-1 before the holidays.

Geoffrey C. Upward

Greek circus tarnishes Oakland's image of academic excellence

Thank you for inviting responses to Oakland University's first fraternity house and the presence of social fraternities on campus (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE, Fall 1986). I agree with Mr. Drummond's assessment that Oakland University was not founded upon principles which are congruent with social fraternities.

I am a past president of the Oakland University Alumni Association and hold both undergraduate and graduate degrees from the university. I am proud to be an Oakland University grad, but I fear that social fraternities tarnish the image of academic excellence upon which OU was founded.

I believe that college should be a time for growth, both social and intellectual. I have never perceived social fraternities as growth agents in either area.

It would be great to see all of the energy and time being spent on refurbishing the Theta Chi house devoted to community service or to the pursuit of knowledge. There may even be on-campus projects to meet the needs of the would-be carpenters.

I chose Oakland University because it afforded me an opportunity to learn in an environment devoid of the "Greek Circus" and all its trappings. I'd prefer to see Oakland focus on maintaining its academic profile.

Jeannine Pelletier Daly ('76)
Rochester, Michigan

As an alumna ('84) and a special lecturer at OU, I feel I have a somewhat unique view of the Greek situation on campus, seeing it both as a student and now as a faculty member. I tend to agree with Dr. Donald Morse in that the fraternal system is outdated. Today's incoming freshmen, for all their normal anxieties, exist in an incredibly flexible, nonconformist, and individually oriented society. Today's young adult has the advantage of maturing and developing without the constant and sometimes oppressive stigma of conformity. For the most part, "be true to yourself" has become the trend to conform to.

However, in the fraternal system, this is not always the case. While the fraternal system may offer the floundering young adult happiness and a sense of belonging with the guise of brotherhood and community spirit, it nonetheless attaches strings that are pulled in the organization's favor, regardless of the individual opinion of a member.

Additionally, while never a member of the OU Greek contingency, I have had first-hand experience of their ideas of "brotherhood" and "community spirit." As a freshman staff writer for the *Oakland Sail*, I had the opportunity to write a story on the arrest of several members of a prominent OU fraternity for painting the

spirit rock, then housed in Hamlin Circle. For the two weeks following the printing of the story, I was accompanied by bodyguards from another fraternity (thank you, Kappas) because of threats from the insulted Greek organization. (These threats included being followed home after dark by several large frat brothers and nearly being run down in an OU parking lot.)

While my experience with an OU fraternal organization may be somewhat unique, it is still thought provoking. Is this typical treatment of those who disagree with fraternal policies? If so, these organizations are hardly teaching maturity and a "gentlemanly" way of life. But if this behavior was the result of only a few "misguided" individuals, how were they misguided? Do we want such behavior to act as a representative of OU campus life? I think not.

Academic excellence is not exclusive of social activity. Having visited many campuses, I have found OU's mix of academics, athletics, and social opportunities among the best offered in the Midwest. However, Greek is not the only way of life, nor should we be led to believe so. While not inherently a detriment to Oakland campus life, fraternal organizations should not be shown in the star-studded light that they often are. Maturation and socialization are difficult enough in our complex society. In a time when peer pressure is finally easing somewhat, the slack should not be picked up by the Greeks.

Lisa L. Olsen ('84)
Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Benefits of Greek involvement enrich life after graduation

As a member of Alpha Delta Pi I was very interested in your article about the Theta Chi fraternity. I pledged ADPi in the fall of 1980, and was initiated as a charter member of Zeta Upsilon chapter. Your article brought back fond memories of life at Oakland University and ADPi. My college years would not have been as fulfilling had the Greek organizations been disallowed on campus.

Back in 1980, Alpha Delta Pi was the only sorority on campus and we were trying then to establish a Greek system with more chapters. I am very glad to know that now Oakland students have several Greek organizations to choose from. I only hope that OU realizes the importance of the Greek system, and that it supports its growth through the years to come. I think every OU student at least deserves the right to choose if he or she would like to join a fraternity or sorority. They add so much to the college experience.

Alpha Delta Pi continues to be a part of my life through an alumni group, but nothing can compare to the warm feelings I get when I think about my college years at OU, where ADPi played such a big part in my growth.

Sarah R. Province ('84)
North Miami, Florida

I was an active member of the Eta Phi chapter of Theta Chi for three years (1982-1984).

Previous to this, I was undoubtedly your average Oakland University commuter, driving to campus, attending classes, and driving back home again. Thus, I have experienced Oakland University and college life from both perspectives.

I believe that I am in a much better position to judge the merits of a fraternal organization than someone like James Drummond or Donald Morse. It seems as though their main sources of information about fraternities must be movies like "Animal House" or a story they once read somewhere, someplace about the high jinks of some "frat." Had my knowledge been limited to this level of ignorance I would no doubt hold a similar dim view of fraternities.

The important question is what do fraternal organizations inherently offer? As a student, I accepted an opportunity to find out. To make a long story short, I attended a Theta Chi rush meeting. They were very well organized, they didn't require a lot of money to join and it sure seemed like a great group to become involved with. After I decided to rush, I became a pledge.

The pledgship lasted an entire semester, a good amount of time for me to get to know them and vice-versa. Yes, Mr. Morse during this time we learned plenty of "nonsense." Real useless stuff like the purpose of the organization, where the other Theta Chi chapters were located, the Greek alphabet, the chapter and national structure, etc. We also learned how to run our own pledge class meeting with officers, orders of business, minutes, motions, votes and other ridiculous nonsense.

When the semester had ended I realized for the first time that there was another dimension to college besides what's in the course catalog. In one semester I gained 50 new friends and a newfound excitement in going to school. And Mr. Morse, my G.P.A. went up!

I went on to develop what I'm sure will be life-long friendships with several of the members. Obviously, something more had happened between us than just a few beers and laughs.

Now my old fraternity, of which I am a proud alumnus, has bought a house. It's a very old one but with a lot of potential. I can only guess as to how many guys will develop bonds between each other and find inner confidence, develop personal skills and learn a lot of "nonsense," just like I did.

I feel sorry for those individuals who attempt to examine an organization such as this through a microscope, just looking for the one blemish or flaw that allows them to dismiss the whole idea. The fruits of a fraternity are not all external, most are internal. It's these that make it an invaluable experience for those who wish to seek it. No, it may not be for everyone, but it sure was for me. Am I atypical? I've got hundreds of brothers who'll give you the answer — ask them.

Jeff Heath ('84)
Troy, Michigan

Campaign to raise \$15 million for continued excellence

Oakland University formally announced "A Share in the Vision: The Campaign for Oakland University" at the annual President's Club dinner November 11.

The five-year campaign will raise \$15 million for special projects vital to maintaining academic excellence at Oakland. Campaign chairman Eugene A. Miller, president of Comerica Incorporated, said the campaign will provide:

- \$4.5 million (combined with \$7 million from the State of Michigan) to double the size of Kresge Library, buy library materials and endow future acquisitions;
- \$3.5 million to improve scientific and computer technology for students and faculty, and teaching and research equipment;
- \$2 million for the University Fund, which will garner capital resources in instruction, research and scholarship;
- \$5 million for the Opportunity Fund, in current support of the university's teaching, research and public service activities.

Even before the announcement, the campaign had raised \$7.1 million, including a \$1 million pledge for Kresge Library from alumni. The Alumni Campaign for Kresge Library is chaired by John F. Mills ('72).

Board of trustees elects new officers

David Handleman was elected to a one-year term as chairperson of the Oakland University Board of Trustees and Patricia Hartmann was elected vice chairperson.

Handleman, formerly the board's vice chairperson, assumed the new post after the board's November 12 meeting. He is chairman of the Handleman Company. Detroit attorney Wallace D. Riley, the board's former chair, resumed his regular trustee status.

Hartmann, assistant treasurer of Ziebart International, is the first woman to be named vice chairperson of the board of trustees.

Congress president receives leadership fellowship

Tony Boganey, president of the University Congress, was awarded a fellowship for the



University President Joseph E. Champagne announces "A Share in the Vision: The Campaign for Oakland University" November 11 at a press conference at Meadow Brook Hall. Oakland journalism students joined area news teams at the event.

1986-87 academic year from the Center for the Study of the President, an organization founded at the suggestion of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Muskegon junior was chosen from among 800 college students participating at the 17th Student Symposium in Washington, D.C.

As a fellow, Boganey participated in the center's annual Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, and will serve on the program committee for this year's Student Symposium.

Chrysler and UAW team with Oakland for continuing ed

Chrysler Corporation, the United Auto Workers and Oakland University are working together to create three special continuing education programs. Chrysler and the UAW are providing \$725,000 to fund the programs.

The project will create a staff development program for Chrysler technical instructors, training supervisors and plant administrators of training programs; a joint UAW/Chrysler program to train administrators how to educate Chrysler workers about hazardous substances; and a pilot project to design, implement and monitor a joint skill development and training center.

"The programs benefit all parties and are examples of the cooperation that should exist between a university and the business and industrial community," said Gerald Pine, dean of Oakland's School of Human and Educational Services. He said the first program will serve as a national model for university-corporate collaboration.

Forget Club Med and try a study tour of China

Looking for a summer vacation you'll never forget? Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology and a Chinese scholar, has just the ticket: a 16-day guided study tour of China, beginning June 27.

Highlights of the trip include the Forbidden City and Ming Tombs in Beijing, the 2,000-year-old city of Xian, the Mandarin Yu Gardens of Shanghai, a four-hour cruise between mountain peaks near Quilin and the floating homes of Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

The trip's \$2,850 fare includes transportation from Detroit and through China, hotel accommodations, American breakfasts and a bilingual tour escort.

For reservations, call Stamps at (313) 375-0246.



Looking as good as new, the Dodge Farmhouse nears the final stages of a much-needed remodeling. Empty since 1978, it will be used for office space beginning this spring.

Dodge Farmhouse facelift nears completion

Careful workmanship is turning the historic Dodge Farmhouse, a campus landmark, into a new university office facility.

When completed in March, the farmhouse will provide new homes for the units of alumni relations, external affairs, development and the Oakland University Foundation.

The conversion process, originally approved by the Oakland University Board of Trustees in June 1985, is being effected with great care. "It was a very, very tender building — sensitive in style and surface," said senior university architect John SoloRio.

The total cost of remodeling the farmhouse is \$340,000, with \$315,000 coming from state appropriations and \$25,000 in supplemental funding provided by the board of trustees.

Alum joins cast of 'Moonlighting'

Former Oakland student Curtis Armstrong has joined the cast of ABC's hit show, "Moonlighting," as Herbert Viola, the love in-

terest of Miss Dipesto, played by Allyce Beasley.

Armstrong, a student in the university's former Academy of Dramatic Arts, appeared in Meadow Brook Theatre's *Present Laughter* last year and in various Meadow Brook productions during the 1970s.

He also played the memorable character Booger in *Revenge of the Nerds*. His other film credits include *Risky Business*, *Bad Medicine* and *Better Off Dead*.

Morning man Nipote spends evenings on Varner stage

Joe Nipote, a member of the morning broadcasting team at WRIF-FM, turned his comedic talent toward the dramatic role of Antonio Salieri for the Center for the Arts' November production of *Amadeus*.

Nipote, a senior majoring in communication arts, has appeared in the films *Radioactive Dreams*, *Stranger's Kiss*, and *Meatballs II*. His television credits include "Happy Days," "Thicke of the Night" and HBO's "Young Comedians Special."

Tom Zizka, a Brighton, Michigan, senior, played the musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in Oakland's production of

the Tony-award winning play, written by Peter Shaffer.

Engineering dean takes up appointment

Robert M. Desmond, director of the Center for Imaging Science at the Rochester Institute of Technology, has been named dean of Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science. He began his duties January 1.

Desmond replaces Thomas W. Butler, Jr., who left Oakland in 1985 to return to private industry. Gilbert L. Wedekind, professor of engineering, had been serving as acting dean.

While at RIT, Desmond also had served as executive director and member of the board of directors of the RIT Research Corporation, as head of the Mechanical Engineering Department and as a professor.

Award creates McGregor Chair in arts and humanities

The McGregor Foundation has awarded \$75,000 a year for the next three years to create a distinguished professorship for the College of Arts and Sciences.

A distinguished scholar, visual artist or performing artist will be appointed to the post each year, said Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College and coordinator of the new McGregor Chair in Arts and Humanities program. The first appointment will be for the 1987-88 academic year.

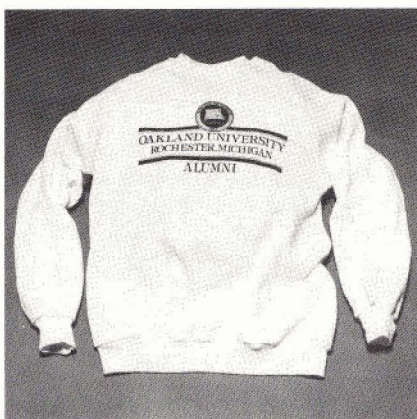
The gift was made to the Campaign for Oakland University.

Nursing school awards first master's degree

September commencement was a milestone for the School of Nursing. It marked the award of the first Master of Science in Nursing at Oakland University.

Dean Andrea R. Lindell conferred the degree on Ann M. Shoop of Wixom, who completed the program's curriculum requirements in less than the scheduled two years.

Shoop is a nursing systems coordinator at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.



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10 PARTLY BAKED IDEAS



FROM JOHN NAISBITT



YOU KNOW, at one time Marshall McLuhan said that he did not know who discovered water, but he was sure it wasn't a fish.

And, similarly, we can be so inside something that we can't see it for what it truly is — as in this period of fundamental change we shift from an industrial-based economy to an information-based economy; easily as profound, I think, as that earlier shift from an agricultural base to an industrial base.

We are in the process of re-inventing the world we live in. Look around you. It is very clear that this is occurring. We are certainly re-inventing what banks are. We are re-inventing our health care system. We are re-inventing our telecommunications. I hope we are beginning the process of re-inventing our educational system. We are re-inventing what jobs are. We are re-inventing politics. . . .

Now in re-inventing the corporation, I think we have to take into account at least 10 considerations, 10 PBIs — partly baked ideas. These have been in the oven for a little while only, but I would like to share them with you as part of the process of re-

inventing the corporation, that being an analog for how we have to re-invent many of our institutions.

1 In an information society, human resources are the competitive edge; human resources are the key to any organization's future growth. Of course, that's always been true on one level and we certainly have always given it lip service, but now, where human capital is truly our competitive edge, we have to understand it at a much deeper dimension and that involves a new respect for the individual.

2 This new emphasis on the quality of our human resources is occurring at a time when the United States is moving to full employment — to a seller's market, to an employee's market, where five or six companies are going to compete for every person (graduating from college) rather than the reverse as it has been for two decades. We are moving to a period of terrific competition for personnel. That's occurring because of two reasons: one, the new economy is accelerating, and two, the number of people entering the work force is suddenly dropping off dramatically.

Last year in 1985, in the United States, we created more than 4½ million brand new jobs. . . . We have never done that before. That was a record year and exceeded the previous record, which was in 1984, when we created 4 million brand

new jobs. The problem in connection with unemployment has been that we have had this overwhelming number of people coming into the work force. But we have a powerful new job-creating economy that's accelerating. . . . It is not a recovery. It is a powerful new economy being put in place . . . creating record numbers of new jobs. . . .

But starting back in 1965, women started to have a lot fewer children. Those kids that were born from 1965 to 1980 are the people we are going to hire in the work force from now until the end of this century. There are not nearly enough people for all those new jobs we are creating. We will be taking people in the work force from now until the end of the century at one-half the rate we have been taking people into the work force for the last two decades. . . . So we are going to have impressive labor shortages for the rest of the century.

Economic forecaster John Naisbitt, author of the best-selling Megatrends, inaugurated the first Business Forum of the School of Business Administration's Student Board October 14. The annual forum, co-sponsored by Ameritech Publishing, Inc., drew nearly 1,000 business people and area residents to the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Naisbitt later addressed several hundred students, faculty and staff at the Oakland Center. These excerpts are from his speech, "Re-inventing the Corporation." — ed.

3 But it's not a smooth turn of the wheel, either. We are going to see a tremendous shake-up period — we are seeing it now — that will continue all through the rest of the century. We will see thousands and thousands of computer companies and software companies go under — and that's the good news, because it is a measure of the vitality of this new economy.

We are creating more companies today than we ever have in the history of the United States and the failure rate has not changed, so of course we have a record number of bankruptcies.

But there is another kind of shake-up going on and it is reminiscent of this part of the world's great industry, the automobile industry. (In the early 20th century) we created hundreds and hundreds of automobile manufacturing companies. Before it was through we had created more than 2,300 separate and distinct companies. Then we had a long shake-up period, and we ended up with three. But given the nature and the character of the new economy, particularly the centralized nature of the economy, we will end up not with a handful of (computer) companies — we will end up with hundreds of thousands. But we will go through hundreds of thousands to get there. I think that in the 1990s we are going to look back at this year and last year (and through 1989 as) the booming '80s. . . .

4 Mostly because of the computer, we are witnessing the beginnings of a tremendous whittling away of middle management. In *Megatrends* I said that I thought the computer would smash the pyramid. We created this hierarchical, managerial pyramid hundreds of years ago. It served us extraordinarily well in keeping track of people and the things that people do, but now with the computer to keep track, we can reconstitute our companies and institutions along much more horizontal lines. . . .

Middle managers have served largely as passers and processors of information up and down the hierarchy. Today, computers are replacing middle managers at a much greater rate than robots are replacing assembly line workers, and that's happening in all developed countries, especially Germany and Japan. We are shifting from the manager as order-giver to the manager as facilitator. In the '80s we are moving from the manager who is supposed to have all the answers and tells everyone what to do, the old industrial model, to the manager whose role it is to create a nourishing environment for personal growth. We have to increasingly think of the manager as teacher, as

resource, as mentor, as developer of human potential. And think about this: The big challenge of the '80s is not the retraining of workers but the retraining of managers.

5 We're moving from being specialists to being generalists, from experts on narrow subjects to learning how to learn. And by the way, the best advice I think we can give our young people today, in college or in high school, is to learn how to learn. None of us can begin to learn even a corner of the information and knowledge in this world today. . . . The important thing is to learn how to learn, and then participate in that process for a lifetime. We are moving from the specialist who is soon obsolete to the generalist who can adapt. In any case, I always have thought that narrow specialization was detrimental to anyone's human growth potential; and indeed, there are some recent studies to show that your I.Q. actually goes down in the process of getting a Ph.D. — something we all suspected. Just kidding, President Champagne.

6 It appears that the '80s will be the decade in which we will deal with the issue of comparable worth. I am not talking about government intrusion in the market place; I'm talking about a seller's market where there is tremendous competition for people. I think in our hearts we all know that what we pay women is not fair, and companies don't have to do anything about that. But in a seller's market, those companies that try to be fair, really try to work at it, are of course going to attract not only the very best women but the very best men who have a well-developed sense of fairness.

7 Many companies are in the process of reconstituting themselves as confederations of entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs operating under the main tent of the corporation. And if companies are smart, women will play a strong if not equal role in this entrepreneurial trend, as it is sometimes called. That's what is happening in the larger society and I don't think we can understand what is going on in this economy unless we see that it is a truly entrepreneurial-driven new economy.

Last year, and again in 1984, we created more than 700,000 brand new companies. Let me give you a reference point for that. In the booming '50s, in the booming '60s, at the height of our industrial period, in not a single year did we create as many as 100,000 companies. The new economy really got under way at the end of the '60s, and as it moved into the '70s we went over 100,000 new companies a year

. . . by 1976 it was 350,000 . . . by 1985, 700,000. The last time we had such an entrepreneurial explosion of this kind was, of course, 150 years ago — the last time we changed economies. Now we are shifting to a new economy again and we have another entrepreneurial explosion — this one much bigger than the last and with something very new: the participation of women. As many as one-third of those 700,000 new companies were created by women. That's new. And that proportion is increasing.

8 The old definition of an adequate compensation package — benefits, salary, security, is as out-of-date as today's (industrial-model) workplace. Now, compensation is measured by company stock and profit-sharing. In the prototype, new companies, all employees own stock and all employees participate in profit-sharing. All employees do this.

The other trend is (toward) more modest salaries. More modest salaries, but participation by everyone in stocks and profit-sharing. And in the strong seller's market that we are moving into, it will be increasingly difficult to compete for the very best people if you don't offer equity as part of the incentive package.

9 Intuition, hunch, even faith are gaining a new respectability in the corporate world, that has been run by the numbers for so long. I think this is also about to catch up with our business schools, as well.

10 Lastly, and very important, these new business priorities don't have anything to do with being nice to people. They have to do with being smart about people in a seller's market and with the recognition that in an information society, human beings make or break your company. Understanding that, I think, is essential to your well-being and even survival.

The re-invented corporations are going to be on the list of what we might call the Fortunate 500. The word will get around about which companies provide a nourishing environment for personal growth, as well as the opportunity to contribute to the growth of the institution. The Fortunate 500, measured not by size, but by quality of life. Measured not by the numbers but by livelihood. And those companies will attract our very finest and brightest.

So, I hope we will all be working for and with Fortunate 500 companies, making money, having fun and only doing business with people who are pleasant. ■

OAKLAND IN FOCUS

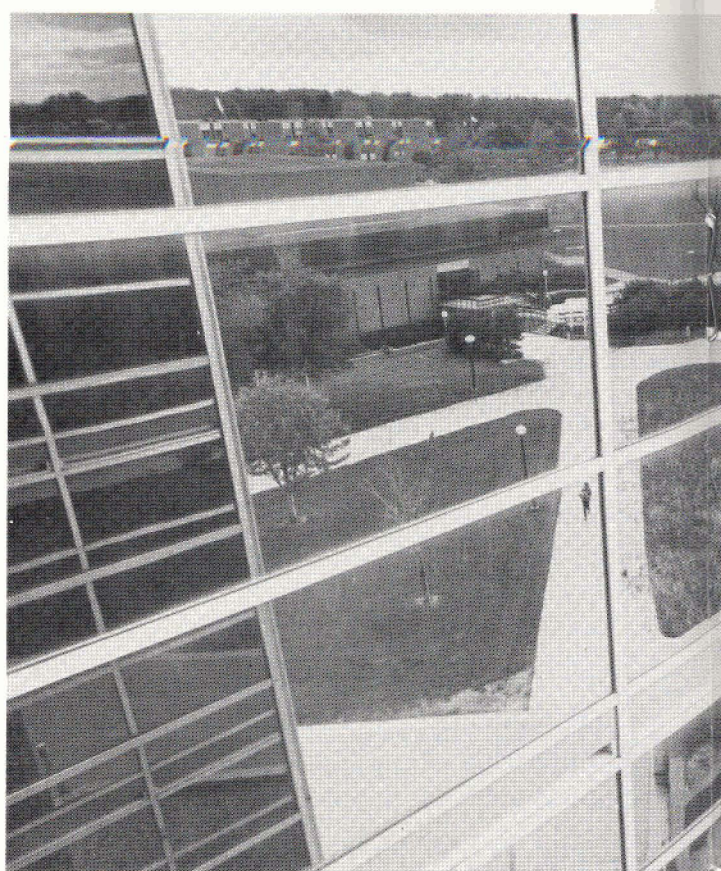


by Rick Smith

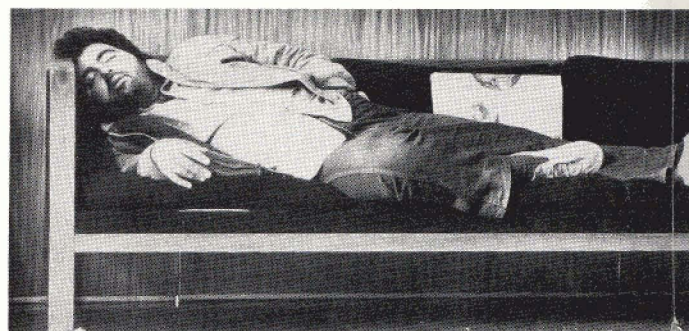
FIRST IMPRESSIONS — whether they come from a handshake with a future father-in-law or the first few days on a new job — create powerful, if private, reactions. But for university photographer Rick Smith, who joined Oakland in October, they were both powerful and public; his first impressions of Oakland were made to be shared. Here are a few from his first weeks on the job. — *ed.*



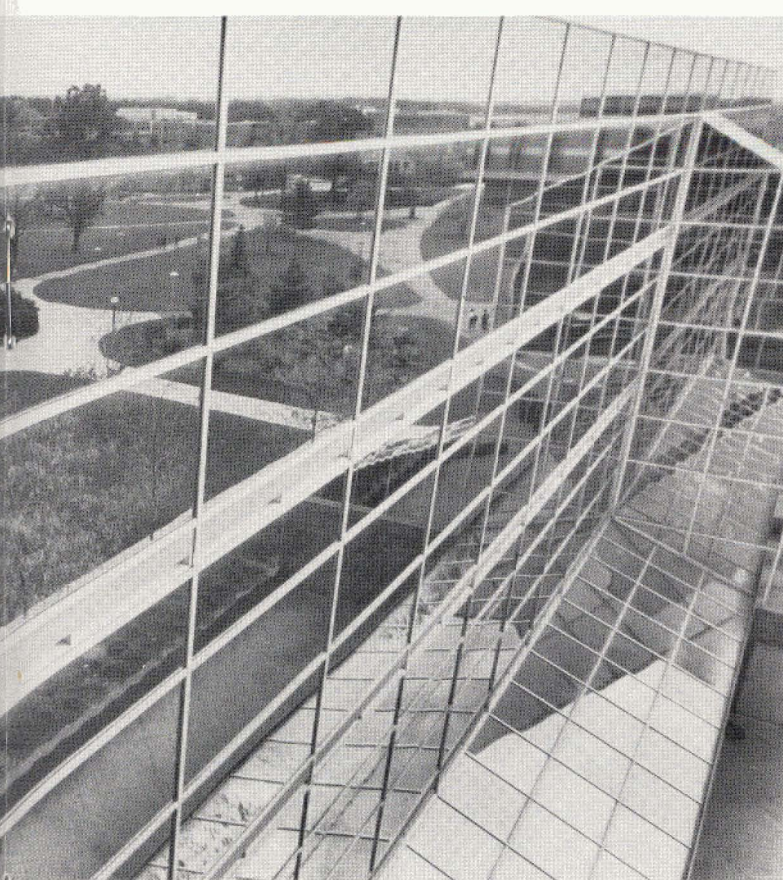
Carmina Carriari of Rochester Hills was cast as Constance in the Center for the Arts' Amadeus but could easily have won a role in Rapunzel. She kept joking that the only reason she was chosen for the part was because of her long blonde hair. I said, 'Okay, turn around and let's get a picture of it.'



I caught these two soccer players at the moment of Oakland's playoff victory over Pennsylvania's Lock Haven State College in November.



TGIF — a late Friday afternoon in the Oakland Center.



A new angle on Oakland's much-photographed O'Dowd Hall was part accident, part inspiration. Hanging from the roof, looking directly into O'Dowd's mirrored walls through a 24mm wide-angle lens gave me this unique view of the campus.



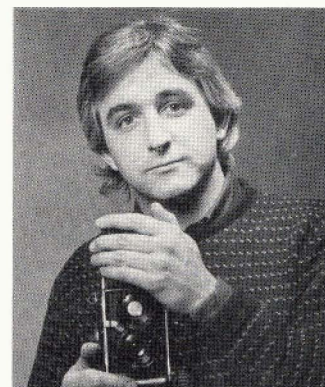
Sunlight on a delicate sculpture — where else but Meadow Brook Hall? I saw it the first time I was there and was drawn to it. So, I went back later to photograph it.



Assigned to photograph Theresa (Spinelli) Cross, assistant professor of management, in the classroom, I caught her as she attempted to scratch a hard-to-reach spot on her back.



During a reception for scholarship recipients, a student unknowingly becomes the focus of attention from two directions.



Richard J. Smith

WANTED

250,000 good teachers



by Karen Hill

*The classroom doors are swinging open again,
and eager students are flocking back to education.
But will there be enough teachers to go around?*

SHE'D HEARD THE horror stories. But Barbara Hartline ('84) had also heard the good news: that teachers were once again in demand.

So when she started looking for her first teaching job, she wasn't particularly worried. After all, she was being recruited by schools in Nevada, New York and western Michigan. Hartline wanted to stay in the metropolitan area, though, and



that was a different story.

She spent her first year out of Oakland substitute teaching for four school districts, trying to build relationships with the building principals while waiting to be hired. Broke and frustrated, Hartline finally came back to the university as a secretary, entered a master's program, and began planning her next move.

"Bill Jorns (placement specialist in the Office of Placement and Career Services) told me that most of the public school openings he saw were going to teachers from private and parochial schools — teachers with experience — rather than to substitute teachers," she said. "He encouraged me to try for a job at a private school."

Which she did. And after two years of looking through haystacks, Hartline found the needle: a full-time teaching post. She's now a kindergarten teacher at Great Lakes School, an independent private school in Clawson with an enrollment of 60.

"I teach a class of six kindergarteners," said Hartline, who also serves as vice president for visibility of the Oakland University Alumni Association. "The small class size is wonderful, but I do get paid accordingly. Even though the pay is low, the competition is fierce for these jobs — I'm very happy to have mine. Hopefully, this will give me the background to get a job teaching in the public schools next year."

Just one day after she signed her contract with Great Lakes School, Hartline received calls from eight parochial schools asking if she were still available. That's when she began to believe that the talk-about turn-around in teaching was finally happening. "I know a lot of people are excited about teaching again," she said. "It will be interesting to see what happens."

Barbara Hartline is just ahead of teaching's new wave.

After years of student disinterest and declining enrollments, the tide has turned. University education programs

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are now the focus of intense interest — from students and educators nationwide — and intense activity.

"Our enrollments have skyrocketed," said Gerald Pine, dean of Oakland's School of Human and Educational Services (SHES). "Applications for our initial certification program at the post-baccalaureate level — college graduates who want to become certified teachers — rose 185 percent during 1985-86. Enrollment in the undergraduate elementary programs rose 71 percent."

"We expected growth but we didn't expect this unprecedented demand. I think our percentages of increase rose more than any other school in Michigan last year."

In fact, large increases in both graduate and undergraduate teaching programs drove the university's overall enrollment to a record 12,596 students last fall and to yet another record this fall: 12,700 students. The university has countered with higher admission standards in education and earlier application cutoff dates for all programs in an attempt to maintain existing enrollment levels. But education classes are larger than they have been in years and the demand is growing.

"The greatest influx is at the graduate level," said Sharon Pray Muir, who was named chair of SHES' Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision last summer. "About 75 percent of the students in our graduate courses have never taught. Many of them have no edu-

cation background at all."

Pine and Muir attribute the surge primarily to two factors: media attention on education and a dramatic change in teaching supply and demand.

The release of the 1983 report *A Nation at Risk*, by the National Commission on Excellence, and a number of other national reports signaled the start of renewed interest in education, Pine said.

Interest in education programs is particularly strong among non-traditional students, Pine noted. At Oakland, the new students are typically employed and have several years' experience in fields ranging from medical technology to engineering to business. For some, the decision to become a teacher will mean economic sacrifice.

"We are seeing many people who have what I'd call a Peace Corps or social service ethic coming back for teaching degrees," Pine said. "Some who are motivated out of idealistic principles didn't go into teaching originally because opportunities were slim. For many, though, the motivation is simply to become a teacher and work with young people in a high-energy environment."

Wanda Lincoln, a national teaching consultant who spoke at "The Total Teacher," an October conference sponsored by Oakland's Student Association for Teacher Education (SATE), also sees the trend.

"I know of many people coming back to education after years of doing other things — often they are individuals who went into higher paying professions," she said. "Now they are realizing that what they really want to do is teach."

But it is a different factor that will fuel the real rebirth of education programs, Pine said: School districts are once again beginning to hire large numbers of new teachers. The hiring is needed to offset the converging factors of large numbers of teachers planning to retire within the next five to 10 years, a decreasing number of teachers being graduated and certified,



and the recent upswing in the nation's birth rate.

"To meet the demand for teachers nationwide, we are going to have to graduate 250,000 teachers a year for the next six to seven years," Pine said. "In fact, we will need 23 percent of all college graduates for the next 10 years to simply maintain current staff levels nationally.

"In Michigan alone, 20,000 teachers have said they plan to retire within the next five years. Statewide, the demand for new teachers will be about 4,500 annually, while the current supply of new graduates will provide only about 3,200."

Jennifer Albertson, a Harper Woods junior majoring in English and philosophy, thinks she may be just a little too early for the predicted demand. Albertson hopes that her double major and experience gained by tutoring Oakland students will give her an edge; she also plans to begin work on her master's degree immediately after graduation. "Things are starting to open up at the elementary level, but it's still very discouraging at the secondary level, especially for English majors," she said.

Albertson is right, Pine says; the demand for teachers will come more slowly to this area. And because nearly 85 percent of Oakland alumni remain within 90 miles of campus after graduation, the competition will likely be almost as stiff as before. Temporarily.

"Michigan, particularly southeast Michigan, may not immediately feel the teacher shortages that are already affecting other states," he said. "Our pay scales are relatively high and our quality of life is good. These will prove to be tremendous advantages when the competition becomes fiercer. That's why, although other states are already facing teacher shortages, we are just beginning to feel the need for more teachers here."

Critical shortages are already the case in Georgia, where teachers were recruited from Germany; in New York, where

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— Jennifer Albertson, junior

teachers from Spain have been hired; and in other states, Pine pointed out. And in the not too distant future, these shortages will catch up with even the most fortunate areas because for most of the past decade enrollment in education programs has fallen sharply. In 1972, for instance, 300,000 teachers entered the national job market, but 10 years later that number had dropped to 150,000. Michigan certified 10,000 teachers in 1977-78, a number that had dropped to 3,100 by 1983-84 and is still shrinking.

"If we continue certifying teachers at our present rate, we will fall short by one-third to one-half the number of new teachers needed over the next five years," said SHES' Muir. "Unfortunately, we do not now have the funding in teacher education to support the kind of growth needed to offset the coming shortages, especially at the national level."

Ultimately, if universities do not develop adequate resources, she said, state boards of education may be forced to provide alternative methods of certification in order to provide enough teachers. "For example, if a French teacher were needed, a district might select a person who had the language background but who did not have the education preparation," Muir said. "I find that an unacceptable alternative.

"Despite such possibilities, we need to expect and maintain rigorous admission standards. It is my belief that admission

standards should be independent of supply and demand. They should be based on the skills qualified teachers need to have, and we need to resist influences that would lower those standards. The people we are now accepting surpass the minimums."

This in light of the fact that SHES has beefed up its minimum requirements at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Since last semester, graduate students need a minimum grade point average of 2.80, compared to 2.50 required previously. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA before admission to SHES, compared to the 2.0 grade previously required in each course. Upperclass education majors must earn at least a 2.8 grade in each class (previously 2.5). In addition, undergraduates applying to elementary education must take the Preprofessional Skills Test (PPST) administered by the Educational Testing Service and graduate students in some programs must take the Miller Analogies Test.

Besides revising minimum grade requirements, SHES is working to strengthen its curriculum, stressing earlier involvement in the field and the need for a strong general education and academic depth in a major and two minor fields. The stricter standards will attract better students and ultimately help improve teaching quality, Pine said.

He also is proposing a more innovative way to boost the quality of Oakland's secondary teacher education program. He is seeking approval for a five-year undergraduate/graduate program requiring a full year of internship (student teaching) and culminating in the award of a bachelor's degree in an academic major at the end of the fourth year and a teaching certificate at the conclusion of a successful fifth year of internship.

The program would initially require at least 65 hours of supervised classroom placement for sophomores and continued



field experience afterwards. Students would major not in secondary education but in a discipline such as history, mathematics or English. The fifth, or master's, year would combine a year-long internship for 12 credits with 12 additional credits in professional courses and a final project.

The proposal, developed by the Oakland University Secondary Teacher Education Council, is pending approval by the faculties of SHES and the College of Arts and Sciences and the Oakland University Board of Trustees.

"We began talking about this idea during the university's 25th anniversary celebration (in 1984)," he said, "and we've been working to fully develop such a program since then. I'm hopeful we'll be able to begin offering the program next year."

Pine was involved in establishing a pioneering five-year program at the University of New Hampshire in the early 1970s. A number of Michigan universities are now considering similar programs, he added. "We hope to be the first to implement this program in Michigan. We began talking about this before many of these universities. We were about 1½ years ahead of everyone else."

Cheryl Snell ('65), principal of DeKeyser Elementary in Utica, likes the idea of im-

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— Diann Sanders, senior

plementing a five-year program. "I especially see the need for a program that would give student teachers a salary for the year they spend in the schools," said Snell. "I hope the teaching profession will begin moving in that direction."

SHES is definitely moving to set higher standards in all its programs, Muir said. One area where Oakland's program is particularly strong is field placement. "Oakland students spend considerably more time in required field work than students at other universities. Our students generally have more than 100 hours in the classroom prior to taking their internship. You know, it wasn't too many years ago that student teaching was a student's only classroom experience.

"We're also placing more emphasis on

non-professional course work — the general education and major/minor classes — and insisting on more rigorous content in the professional courses. I think that professional course work today is more scholarly than it was five years ago."

Higher standards also may forestall the likelihood that the dramatic increase in teaching openings will attract individuals who are not well-suited to the profession, Muir added.

"I would caution students that loving children is not reason enough to be a teacher," she said. "The children most of us know personally are well-behaved but that's certainly not always the case in the classroom. It's important for students to have some challenging encounters before they commit themselves to teaching as a career. We want students to learn early if this is something they really want to do or not."

Diann Sanders has always known she wanted to teach. "My father's a principal and my mother's a teacher, and I was always interested in education," the Utica senior said. "But my parents discouraged me because there were no jobs."

So, as a freshman, Sanders followed their advice and prepared to major in engineering. Still, she couldn't get teaching out of her mind and finally switched to mathematics and early education. She will start student teaching next fall and will begin job-hunting seriously next year. Partly because she's seen SATE's membership jump from 15 last year to more than 100 this year (she's the group's curriculum, instruction and leadership representative), Sanders feels certain that she is in the right spot at the right time. She is confident her parents' prediction won't come to pass after all.

"I've been in school so long, it's coming back around — teachers are starting to be in demand again," she said. "I've been waiting a long time for this." ■

Michigan's growing demand for teachers

1986-91

22,500 teachers needed (20,000 plan to retire + 2,500 for enrollment increases/other)

-12,000 new teachers employed (16,000 graduated - 4,000 who don't accept teaching jobs)

10,500 additional teachers needed

1977-84

10,000 teachers certified in Michigan, 1977-78

- 3,100 teachers certified in Michigan, 1983-84

6,900 fewer teachers certified in Michigan in 1983-84 than 1977-78

THE PUZZLE OF THOMAS EDISON'S PAST

*Oakland archaeologists
piece together the
inventor's boyhood
in Port Huron*

by Richard B. Stamps
and Nancy Wright

BUY A JIGSAW PUZZLE. Destroy the illustration on the box without looking at it, and throw away a generous handful of the pieces. Then start putting it together. Part of the puzzle may interlock with little difficulty, giving you satisfaction and confidence, but some sections will defy all your efforts. Several pieces may go together but then seem not to mesh with anything else. There will be gaps where you can only guess at what the picture should be. Logic may help you fill in some of them, but only your own ingenuity can show you the close-to-completed picture.

The work of archaeology is to complete just such puzzles. And the boyhood of eminent American inventor Thomas Alva Edison is a classic example of an unfinished archaeology puzzle.

Though Edison is famous, his many biographers have devoted few pages to Port Huron, where he lived from 1854 to 1864, and only scant lines to his boyhood house there. Histories, maps, newspapers, letters, legal documents and other written records have provided only fragments of knowledge about his Port Huron years.

When we, a team of archaeologists working under the auspices of Oakland University and the Port Huron Museum of Arts and History, excavated Edison's boyhood home, we carefully sifted the soil and took numerous photographs, notes and measurements. We numbered, catalogued, studied and restudied every artifact. Slowly the missing puzzle pieces from Edison's youth in Port Huron are falling in place.

Edison was born in Milan, Ohio, on 11 February 1847, the seventh and last child of Samuel and Nancy Edison. His siblings included Marion, 17 and soon to marry; William Pitt, 14; and Harriet, 13. Two of his brothers had died before he was born, and the death of a sister would follow within a year of his birth. His mother watched anxiously over her youngest, frail child.

Thomas, whom his family called Alva or Al, was born with an unusually large, strangely triangular head, which the doctors attributed to brain fever. Their fears seemed to be borne out by his childhood antics. He was perennially curious and always running off and getting into

things. He tried such experiments as sitting on goose eggs to incubate them. In other words, he was a normal, adventurous boy. Yet fearing manifestations of brain fever, his parents viewed every incident, from his near suffocation in a huge pile of wheat to his burning down his father's barn, with suspicion. His father wondered if he was normal. His mother hovered near and adored him.

Milan's fortunes rested on a short canal that connected Ohio's rich farmlands with the Great Lakes. When the railroad bypassed Milan, its prosperity declined as did Samuel Edison's. Thus the Edison family moved to Port Huron, a bustling lumber center and busy port commanding the gateway to the upper Great Lakes. Here, in this dynamic environment, Thomas Edison spent the remainder of his youth with his family.

Edison's biographers have little to say about the house that he lived in as a young boy in Port Huron. The only known view of the house is a sketch by a former inhabitant, Caroline Farrand Ballentine, who drew it from memory long after its destruction. Edison's own recollection of it was evidently vague. He barely mentioned it in the notes he wrote

at the turn of the century for biographers Frank Dyer and Thomas Martin. Yet research in historical documents has uncovered several colorful and unexpected puzzle pieces that place the house in the picture we are building of Edison's boyhood.

The house Edison lived in was on the military reservation at Fort Gratiot, just north of Port Huron. It was built around 1840 by Reuben Hyde Walworth, the last chancellor of New York, for his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Jenkins. Her husband, Edgar, was the Fort Gratiot sutler. Mary was unhappy with the garrison houses, so her father requested a special license from the Secretary of War to build her a home on the 614-acre military reservation. The area he chose was a 10-acre parcel south of the fort that overlooked the St. Clair River.

The house was a large, two-story white frame colonial. It was nearly square with columned balconies that shaded the porches at the front and rear. The house faced north toward Fort Gratiot and Lake Huron. The St. Clair River was to the east. A pine grove curved around the building's south and west sides, leading local people to dub it "The House in the Grove." The main floor had a central hall running north and south. Upstairs were six bedrooms, and below were a cellar and storage rooms. Outside at the rear of the house were a carriage house, a barn, an ice house, a well and other outbuildings.

The house had changed hands at least once before the Edison family took possession of it in 1854. The license under which the house had been built granted the government land to the occupant with the stipulation that all rights would return to the government if the land were ever needed for military purposes. In 1864 the house was requisitioned for use as a military hospital; however, it was probably never used as such.

An 1893 letter to Edison from James Symington, a friend of Samuel Edison's, alleges that Henry Hartsuff, the agent-in-charge of the military reservation, and his three sons, all high-ranking army officers, wanted control of the military reservation for their own economic gain and that they obtained an order for Samuel Edison's

eviction. Symington claimed that they forced Edison to accept \$500 for the house, only about one-third of its value.

On the other hand, a letter written by George Hartsuff justifies his father's need for the home on the military reservation and describes Samuel Edison as a "thoroughly bad man of the worst Copperhead type." Hartsuff claimed that Edison received almost twice what he paid for the house and that he and his friends were continuously persecuting the older Hartsuff.

Today, the accusations in both letters sound extreme. However, the Hartsuffs were all Republicans who had served in the northern army, and Samuel Edison was a staunch Democrat who professed sympathies with the South. Whichever letter is closer to the truth, the Hartsuffs won their battle for the house. The deed transferring the property from Samuel and Nancy Edison to Henry Hartsuff for \$500 on 2 February 1865 is on file in St. Clair County.

The story did not end with the sale. From the *Port Huron Press* of 30 October 1867 comes this report:

"An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday forenoon to burn the house, until lately occupied by Henry Hartsuff. Straw, etc., was put against the west side of the building; but it was discovered by parties on the street car, who gave the alarm, and the soldiers and sailors from the Fort succeeded in putting it out before serious damage was done."

The cause of this fire is not known, and the final cause of the house's destruction remains a mystery. But we do know that by 1881 the Port Huron and Northwestern had laid a narrow-gauge rail line across the Edison house site. The railroad was subsequently sold, first to the Pere Marquette Railway and later to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. The tracks remained in place over the site until the early 1970s.

As we excavated Edison's boyhood home, we gathered puzzle pieces that had been buried for a century. We used nineteenth-century maps to pinpoint the location of the house. The most helpful of these was the 1866 "Sketch of the Port Huron Horse Street Railroad Map." It not only showed four structures in the area where the house was supposed to have stood, but identified one of them as Edison's Tower. (Samuel Edison is said to have built a 100-foot observation tower near his home as a tourist attraction.) Ruger's 1867 "Bird's-Eye View of Port Huron" also shows a house, an out-building and a tower surrounded by a grove of trees south of Fort Gratiot.

Superimposing the older maps over a modern city map placed the Edison house on lots 1 and 6, block 39, at the corner of



Thomas and Erie streets. The first excavations began in the late summer of 1976. The discovery of melted glass, fire-cracked ceramics, fire-hardened nails, ash and charcoal, all lying over charred cellar or basement floorboards, provided ample evidence that there had been a fire in some structure. Analysis of the ceramics, nails and hardware gave a mid-nineteenth century date for the building.

This evidence was enough to secure the funds for more extensive investigation and gain support for the City of Port Huron's purchase of the property. Full excavation began in 1979 and continued through 1981.

Our excavation crew exposed close to 70 percent of the cellar area. We found that the cellar was about 24 feet east to west and 50 feet north to south. We still are locating the remaining walls, foundation piers and fireplaces.

Artifacts are the key to assembling any archaeological puzzle. A simple door lock may merely reveal hardware of the mid-nineteenth century or a minute fact such as whether the door was locked or not at the time of destruction. One of the 11,167 fragments of window glass from the Edison house does not convey much information, but groups of fragments can help determine the placement of windows in the house. The number of like artifacts can also be significant. The 46,852 square-cut nails recovered from this excavation buttress the conclusion that the Edisons lived in a frame house.

Restoring and reconstructing artifacts often take longer than excavating them. At the Edison house site we found 7,957 ceramic fragments. They included cups, saucers, plates, mugs, bowls, crocks, inkwells, a chamber pot and several doll parts. All are now in the process of being reconstructed in the laboratory. Also

awaiting analysis and restoration are 6,741 pieces of bottle glass and 408 glassware fragments in a variety of colors. The distribution patterns of the bottle glass could confirm accounts of Thomas Edison's collecting over 200 bottles for his cellar chemical laboratory.

We can only infer that some of the bottles we found were used by the budding scientist, but another group of artifacts provides more direct information. Edison had obtained a job as newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railroad Port Huron-Detroit run, and began printing his own newspaper, the *Weekly Herald*, on the train. His use of a Grand Trunk boxcar as a laboratory and print shop came to an end after his chemicals caused a fire in the car. According to biographical sources, young Edison salvaged what he could and resumed printing his newspaper at home. In the basement area of the house on Thomas and Erie were found 185 pieces of printer's type. Being relatively impervious to the ravages of time and burial, 139 of the pieces of type were still printable. Of these, 119 were letters and 20 were numbers, special signs or punctuation marks. The remainder were blanks or unidentifiable broken pieces.

Only two copies of Edison's *Weekly Herald* are known to exist. Over 30 percent of the type pieces found were of a single size and were identical to the type used to print the text in those two copies. Other pieces of type matched that found in the two papers' headlines, advertisements and train schedules.

A distribution study of the type shows that it was used or stored in two places in the cellar: in the small room on the south side of the house and near the fireplace on the west side. Almost all of the type that matches the text of the *Weekly Herald* was found in or near the room on the south side. One of Edison's biographers noted that Mrs. Edison had a room in the cellar where she stored kegs of carrots and potatoes in Lake Huron beach sand and that young Edison's laboratory was in this root cellar.

The room with the layer of sand spread over the floor and a variety of printer's type, broken bottles and ceramic fragments thus could be a major segment of the puzzle archaeologists are assembling in order to have a more complete picture of Thomas Edison's youth. ■

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ALUMNI

1963

James Burkhart has been appointed senior administrator of labor relations for the Pontiac complex of Chevrolet Pontiac Canada Group of General Motors Corporation.

1964

Gary A. Wickham has been named president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Zinc Company, Palmerton, Pennsylvania, a division of Horsehead Industries, Inc., New York, New York.

1965

Edmund Marosso has been appointed research planning manager of facilities services at Ford Motor Company.

Florence Ruhmann has recently joined Capac (Michigan) Community Schools as a fifth grade teacher. Ruhmann, her husband, Roger, and their two children live in Metamora.

1966

Lolita Fox Balch has earned an Ed.D. degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University.

1967

Marianne Doss is the owner/director of Lakeshore Learning Center in Port Huron, Michigan. The learning center helps students learn to read, increase comprehension skills and develop better study habits. "We work with kids who need a little extra time and help to get their work done," Doss said.

1968

Barry M. Klein, president of Barry M. Klein Real Estate, Inc., of Southfield, Michigan, was elected trustee of the International Council of Shopping Centers for Region 11, which encompasses Michigan and Ohio.

1969

James Cook has been appointed vice president of CMS Cogeneration Company, a new subsidiary of Consumers Power. He will oversee projects, engineering and construction.

Richard Fessler was re-elected to the Michigan Senate.

1970

John Moore has been promoted to cost accounting officer at Security Bancorp, Inc. Moore joined the bank in 1982 as a cost accountant.

1971

Judy Allen has been promoted to senior director of the Kelly Girl Division, branch operations staff, at Kelly Services headquarters in Troy, Michigan.

Judy Nolish has been appointed a vice president of the Michigan Regional Advisory Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith. She also serves as curator of the Anti-

Defamation League exhibit "Jewish Life in Michigan."

1972

Jane Threet Johnson has worked for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board for 11 years and was recently promoted to vice president and field manager for the Seattle (Washington) Field Office, which covers Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Wyoming.

Sam J. Kennedy has been named vice president for development at Siena Heights College in Adrian, Michigan.

1973

Daniel D. Bedford has been appointed vice president and cashier at First of America Bank in Ludington, Michigan.

Christopher J. Champion has been appointed to the faculty of Lake Forest Academy-Ferry Hall in Lake Forest, Illinois. He will be a mathematics and science instructor.

Roselyn M. Van Raalte earned an M.B.A. from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio last August. She is an accounting analyst for Marathon Petroleum Company in Findlay, Ohio.

James R. Wilbert has been named audit partner of the Detroit office of Coopers & Lybrand.



Camille Turski White ('71)

Camille Turski White isn't a career counselor, but she sounds a bit like one. Her perspective comes from personal experience — which she shares regularly with Oakland students.

White was one of 41 alumni to participate in the fall Career Day sponsored by the School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate, the Department of Placement and Career Services and the Alumni Relations Office.

White's brother, Warren Turski ('68), also an engineer, first encouraged her to take an engineering class. Later, she made a two-year career search before accepting an engineering position with Chrysler Corporation. Today, she is an engineer on a special team charged with improving quality and reducing costs in electrical/body work.

He recently was named to the Board of Visitors of Oakland University's School of Business Administration.

1974

John Busch has been named store manager of Hudson's at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, Michigan.

Richard W. Hubbard, Ph.D., has left the University of Notre Dame to join the faculty of the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is director of the Western Reserve Geriatric Education Center. He is also pursuing post-doctoral training in clinical psychology.

Ronald Johnson has recently joined ABC Appliance, Inc., in Auburn Hills, Michigan, as vice president/chief financial officer.

Michael McGarragan has been named director of insurance and risk management at Horizon Health Systems in Oak Park, Michigan.

1975

Howard Aston and **Risa Berris-Aston** ('77) announce the birth of their first child, Rikki Alana, August 29. The Astons reside in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Thomas R. Bieglecki and his golf partners placed ninth out of 127 teams in the National Oldsmobile Scramble golf tournament held October 10-13 in Orlando, Florida.

Kathleen Crooks recently was appointed special needs supervisor for the vocational education department of the Holland (Michigan) Board of Education.

1976

Rev. Ronald Leon Bobo has been appointed pastor of West Side Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, one of the largest congregations in that city.

Bruce Brown has been appointed president of Michigan operations of United Development in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Kenneth J. DeBeaussiaert, D-Mt. Clemens, has been elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 75th District.

Barbara Kabcenell is leaving Mercy College of Detroit to go into a private practice focussing on easing the transition from high school to college for young people. Her new business, First Semester, Inc., is located in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Pamela Lesperance has been named assistant principal for Reuther Junior High School in Rochester, Michigan.

Karen Milton has been named principal for Perry (Michigan) Elementary School.

Marilyn G. Palliaer was named public relations director for Baker, Abbs, Cunningham & Klepinger in Birmingham, Michigan.

1977

Linda Cole has been named account coordinator for Trentacosta-Hamilton Advertising, in Birmingham, Michigan.

John Hartwig was elected chairman of the American Red Cross, southeastern Michigan chapter. He is an attorney and a partner in the Birmingham law firm Colombo and Colombo.

Delores Thomas Miles, who works for the Detroit Board of Education, recently completed requirements toward a master's degree in mathematics at Wayne State University. She and her husband, author **Gregory Miles** ('74) reside in Southfield.

William Richards has been named director of print production for Campbell Ewald Company, in Warren, Michigan.

Susan Theisen is teaching first grade at North Ohio Elementary in Gaylord, Michigan.

1978

Kenneth J. Bell of Liberty State Bank & Trust in Troy, Michigan, has been appointed bank officer. Bell, who is branch manager of the Sterling Heights office, joined the bank in 1986.

Gayle Good has been named director of operations at JB Communications in Birmingham, Michigan.

Judith O. Landvoy of Longview, Washington, has been appointed student counselor at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts. She is also employed as a psychologist at Hubbard Regional Hospital in Webster, Massachusetts.

Walter Owen has been promoted to general manager of the *Football News* and *Basketball Weekly* in Detroit.

Robert I. Schostak, vice president of Schostak Brothers & Company, Inc., was appointed chairman of the State Government Affairs Committee for Michigan at the International Council of Shopping Centers' annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Candy Corsel Sidlosky and **David Michael Sidlosky** ('77) announce their marriage. David received a Master of Science degree in electrical/computer engineering from Oakland in December 1984 and is presently working as a consulting engineer. Candy is a human resource recruiter. They live in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Sally Newton Watts and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their first child, Jameson Joseph, August 14, 1986. The Watts work for Ector County Independent School District in Texas. Mike is a band director at Bonham Junior High and Sally teaches ninth grade English at Crockett Junior High.

1979

Shelley Czeizler is a general assignment reporter for WKBD-TV (Channel 50) news in Detroit.

Lorin Oles has been promoted to product center manager for Burroughs Corporation in Rochester, New York.

Jane Kerich Sundmacher has been appointed assistant director of the Department of Community Health and Health Education at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan.

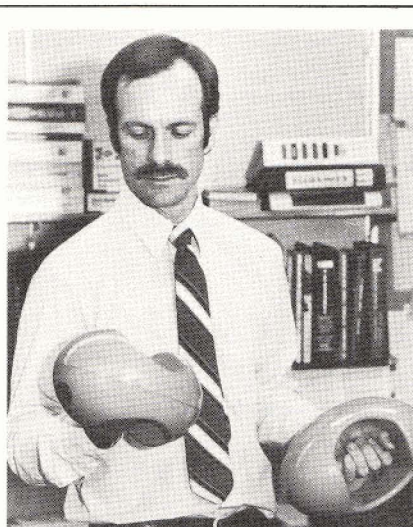
Sheryl Wragg, an attorney for General Dynamics Corporation, has been transferred to

Cairo, Egypt, for work on a long-term project. She will function as chief liaison with the Egyptian government, coordinating all legal, contracting and negotiations on behalf of the corporation. She received a J.D. degree from the University of Detroit in 1984.

1980

Catherine M. (Butcher) Keenan received an M.B.A. from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1985. She moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and married Paul Keenan last April. She is director of computer operations at a 300-bed hospital in Charleston.

David Miller has joined the *Traverse City*



Forrest Wright ('84)

Inventor Forrest Wright beat the odds. Not only did he develop, patent and find a manufacturer for his invention — he even managed to get it into the Sears catalog.

Sears sells his "Space Weights" for \$19.99. The exercise weights can be filled with water (five pounds), sand (eight pounds) or even lead shot (25 pounds), depending upon the user's preference — and strength. Not only are they practical, says Wright, "they're an artistic statement." They also have physical therapy applications.

The manager of mechanical equipment and instrumentation for Oakland's School of Engineering and Computer Science, Wright has been working for 10 years to market his invention. Since it became available about three years ago, sales have exceeded \$400,000. He plans to use his royalties to help fund some of his newer projects, including an electronic telecommunications system he hopes to unveil in about a year.

Record-Eagle news staff in Traverse City, Michigan, as a general assignment reporter.

1981

Bob Bukari of Clarkston, Michigan, has been elected State Youth Coach by the Michigan State Soccer Association. An instructor at Birmingham's Detroit Country Day School, he is director of the Junior Olympics development program, a USSF-licensed coach and has coached soccer for more than 12 years. His wife, **DeAnne Bukari** ('80, '83), is a probation officer for 52nd District Court, third division. The Bukaris announce the birth of their second child, Benjamin, September 3.

Ronald G. Frith completed Thomas M. Cooley Law School in January 1986. He practices in Boynton Beach, Florida, and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, with Frith, Henderson & Kennelly.

David Lockhart and **Cheryl Herman Lockhart** ('82) announce the birth of their first child, Grant Dennison, on March 29, 1986.

Karen Richie has been named editor of the Sunday edition of the *Port Huron Times-Herald* in Port Huron, Michigan.

Carolyn Sucaet has been promoted to director of work hardening programs at the Center for Physical Rehabilitation in Troy, Michigan.

Pamela Trapp has been appointed assistant principal at Port Huron (Michigan) High School.

1982

Lynn Badyna is a systems analyst at Kmart World Headquarters in Troy, Michigan. She was recently married to **Dave Khadra** ('83) who is employed by General Motors' BOC Group as a finite element analyst. Dave has been awarded a General Motors Fellowship to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Jacqueline Boyd and her husband, African musician, playwright and artist Nana Okoko Kojo Boachie-Yiadom have opened the Heritage Cultural Center in Pontiac, Michigan.

James Falk has accepted a position as a labor relations representative at B.O.C., General Motors Corporation. He works in the personnel department at Detroit-Cadillac. Falk and his wife announce the birth of a son, William James.

John Kennelly and his golf partners placed ninth out of 127 teams in the National Oldsmobile Scramble golf tournament held October 10-13 in Orlando, Florida. Playing in the "biggest tournament in the world for amateurs," the OU team turned in scores of 57, 58 and 57.

James Allan Perlaki and **Susan Schumacher Perlaki** ('84) were recently married. They live in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

1983

Louella Allen has been named head of the department of English, foreign language, art, music and media at Port Huron (Michigan) Northern High School.

John Budzynski has been named assistant to the financial forms manager of Doubleday Brothers and Company's financial forms division in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Ted Gitter and his wife announce the birth of their son, Ryan Theodore Gitter.

Mike D. Henderson was a member of the ninth-place team at the National Oldsmobile Scramble golf tournament held October 10-13 in Orlando, Florida.

Kevin P. Smith has joined Baker, Abbs, Cunningham & Klepinger as account executive.

1984

Rosemary Fedorow was promoted to national residential services area manager of Tigor Title Insurance Company in Birmingham, Michigan.

Linda Keathley earned a stipend from the German Academic Exchange Service and spent last summer studying at the University of Regensburg in Regensburg, West Germany. The exchange service chose 38 students from the U.S. to participate in the summer program. She is currently working on a second undergraduate degree in German.

Denis J. Napolitan was recently named editor of two Michigan weekly newspapers, the *Algonac Courier-Journal* and the *St. Clair County Independent Press*.

Mark Sancrainte has been appointed director of pharmacy systems for Perry Drug Stores, Inc., making him responsible for overseeing the chain's pharmacy computer system and for managing claims processing for the company's 204 drug stores.

Susan Renee Schult was married July 26 to John Michael Ogden. The bride earned her bachelor of science degree in biochemistry and is employed by BASF-Inmont in Detroit.

1985

Barbara J. Bolz is the recipient of the 1985-86 Graduate Assistant Award for outstanding teaching and the Elizabeth Youngjohn Teaching Award for 1985-86, established to recognize instructors whose student evaluations have been consistently outstanding. Both honors are from the Department of Speech Communication, Journalism and Theatre at Wayne State University.

Melinda Callahan has been appointed director of community relations for Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute, Inc., a specialty hospital for adult physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Shelia R. Comis has been appointed executive director of the East Detroit Chamber of Commerce. She is an administrative aide for the City of East Detroit.

Daniel Dooley is a salesman and trainee with dp Brown in Saginaw, Michigan. He was recently married to Renee Sue Blonde.

Peter McBryan and **Kristin Oberer** were married recently.

Joy Thorpe has been named technical sales representative with Great Lakes Environmental Services, a hazardous waste management company in Warren, Michigan.

John J. Vallance is music instructor and organist/director at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Elementary School in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He also is director of children's music at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Windsor, Ontario, where he lives. He plans to begin graduate studies at the University of Windsor, and hopes to study 17th and 18th century English music in Great Britain next summer.

Michael A. Warnez married Eve Vitale last summer. He works for General Motors Corporation.

Audrey Wilamowski had a starring role in the Richmond (Michigan) Community Theatre Production of *Showboat*.

1986

Thomas Billups is a senior sales engineer with York International Corporation.

Lia Iacocca is a public relations and sales representative for Beige, a local fashion firm.

Lon C. Kuehn has recently affiliated as a registered representative with Mutual Service Corporation, a financial planning securities broker/dealer headquartered in Detroit.

Timothy McDonald is a sales representative for Health Care Network, a subsidiary of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan.

Ann Parsley, the founder of Ann Parsley School of Dance, is celebrating a decade in business. Her studio offers ballet, pointe, jazz and modern tap lessons.

Mary Ann Uhazie is program director of the Crosswell Center, a day care center operated by the Community Services department of Romeo (Michigan) Community Schools.

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Alumni are a vital source of information to Oakland University students seeking careers in today's tough job market. Your views, occupational experiences and participation are needed to advise Oakland students at this year's Arts and Sciences Career Day, to be held Wednesday, March 18, 1987, in the Oakland Center.

If you are interested in offering your unique perspective as a College of Arts and Sciences graduate to help students in making career decisions, please return the Career Day coupon by February 13, 1987.

This program is sponsored jointly by the Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate, the Department of Placement and Career Services and the Student Alumni Association. For more information, contact Alumni Relations at (313) 370-2158 or Placement and Career Services at 370-3250.

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I suggest you contact the following Arts and Sciences alumni who may be interested:

In memoriam

George C. Landenberg ('71), died November 1, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia, following a brief illness.

Mary Fine ('78), a Wayne County Juvenile Court probation officer, died August 28, 1986. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Ronald S. Fine, a Traverse City psychiatrist, and sons Kenneth, 18 and Stephen, 14.

FACULTY/STAFF

Sonya Friedman, psychologist, author and star of her own radio and television talk shows, has been named to the faculty of Oakland's School of Health Sciences. Friedman, an adjunct assistant professor, also is a consultant to the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

Frank Giblin, associate professor of biomedical sciences, has won \$850,000 in research support and an appointment to a prestigious National Eye Institute review committee. Giblin, of Oakland's Eye Research Institute faculty, will use the grant to continue his pioneering research on the oxidation of lens proteins.

Venkat N. Reddy, director of Oakland's Eye Research Institute, was the principal speaker at the dedication of the Michigan Eye Bank Research Center at the University of Michigan. The research center is part of the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center. Reddy spoke on "State of the Art in Eye Research."

In memoriam

John P. Cutts, retired professor of English, died November 24 in Phoenix, Arizona. Poor health forced him to retire in September, 1985. An internationally known scholar, Cutts was particularly noted for his studies in Renaissance music and was the author of more than 80 articles and three books. His Shakespeare classes were particularly popular with students. Cutts also had served as chair of the Department of

English and taught rhetoric. Before his death, the English department had voted to recommend to the Oakland University Board of Trustees that he be awarded the title of professor emeritus.

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Association and affiliate board meetings*

OUAA Board of Directors: February 2, March 2, April 6

Black Alumni Affiliate: February 4, March 4

College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate: February 5, March 5

School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate: February 10, March 10

School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate:

February 19, March 19

School of Human and Educational Services Alumni Affiliate: March 11

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News and information (be sure to include your year of graduation and maiden name, if applicable):

Calendar

February

4 Oprah Winfrey, talk show host and actress, 2:15 p.m., Oakland Center. Advance tickets suggested; call CIPO.

6 Center for the Arts: *Gemini*, weekends through February 22, Varner Studio Theatre.

8 Center for the Arts: Mitchell Rose Dance Concert, through February 11, Varner Recital Hall.

14 Center for the Arts: *Love Concert X: Madrigal Amorosi*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Also February 15 at 3 p.m.

16 Alvin Poussaint, script consultant for *Cosby*, 2:15 p.m., Oakland Center. Advance tickets suggested; call CIPO. (Presented by the Black Awareness Month Committee.)

26 *Pack of Lies*, through March 22, Meadow Brook Theatre.

March

6 SPB Winter Film Series: *Crocodile Dundee*, 7 & 9:30 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall. Also March 7 at 2:30 p.m.

14 CIPO Cinematheque: *Das Boot*, 7 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall.

18 Arts and Sciences Career Day, Oakland Center. Volunteers are welcome. Call 370-2158.

19 Center for the Arts: Afram Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall.

20 Center for the Arts: *Antigone*, weekends through April 5, Varner Studio Theatre.

26 *Play it Again, Sam*, through April 19, Meadow Brook Theatre.

April

1 Hitlerism and the Holocaust: Former Nazi Youth leader Alfons Heck and Auschwitz survivor Helen Waterford offer their views, 2:15 p.m., Oakland Center. Advance tickets suggested; call CIPO.

5 Men's baseball home opener: Oakland vs. Northwood Institute, 1 p.m.

12 Center for the Arts: Renaissance City Chamber Players and Oakland University Chorale, 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall.

20 Winter classes end.

23 *Go Back for Murder*, through May 17, Meadow Brook Theatre.

Complete schedules and ticket information are available from:

Athletic Department, 370-3190

Center for the Arts box office, 370-3013

Campus Information, Programs and Organizations (CIPO), 370-2020

Meadow Brook Theatre box office, 377-3300

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