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News briefs for Oakland University colleagues

## Oakland opens 2 laboratories

Oakland University dedicated two laboratories this past month — one to improve software reliability April 3 and another for its unique Applied Technology in Business (ATiB) program March 17.

Created with a \$200,000 gift from Electronic Data Systems, the new EDS Software Verification and Testing Laboratory is a consulting center that will serve area industries.

Goals for the teaching and research facility include studying the development and testing of safety-critical software. Such software is vital to many industries such as avionics, nuclear energy, medical monitoring and vehicle brake control. The lab features prototyping tools to test and debug software before the design process begins. The facility also includes software testing and analysis tools for debugging delivered code.

Credit for creation of the lab also belongs to Al Goci, EDS chief technologist, who has played a fundamental role in the facility's

development. The ATiB program is a minor that combines rigorous education in business administration with hands-on training in information technology. Corporate sponsors give assignments to students majoring in accounting,



finance, human resources management, management information systems and marketing.

The assignments are real-world projects. As seniors, ATiB students apply their skills to computer problems of the supporting companies in an on-site internship. OU's program is the only one in Michigan in which corporations contribute two-year full-tuition scholarships to students.

## President's Colloquium Series to celebrate 4th birthday during 1998-99

Oakland University will continue to fund the President's Colloquium Series into its fourth year.

Sponsored by the University Research Committee, the 1998-99 series will feature two lectures:

Michael Hung, professor, School of Engineering and Computer Science, will present *Shearography and Its Role in Making Our Air*



**Tadeusz Malinski**

*Journey Safer.*

Tadeusz Malinski, professor, Department of Chemistry, will present *Nitric*



**Michael Hung**

*Oxide — The Molecule of Life.*

Date, time and place of the lectures will be determined.



## Tree Program to memorialize loved ones

Oakland University Memorial Grove, an area on the north side of Kresge Library mall, is ready for tree planting to commemorate individuals who had an association with the university.

"Over the years, the administration has had many requests by family members to plant a tree on campus to eternalize the memory of a loved one," says Mary Beth Snyder, vice president, Office of Student

Affairs. "The planting will begin when we have our first sponsor."

Eventually bench seats will be added to create a park-like setting for rest and contemplation. The total cost of a tree with guaranteed replacement is \$500. The fee includes grove maintenance and a common plaque.

For more information, contact the Office of University Relations at 4350.

## Oakland creates opportunities for Detroit students

Oakland University and the Detroit Urban League have combined efforts in a unique collaboration to recruit students from the Detroit area.

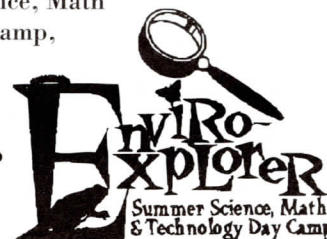
The partnership provides counseling in the areas of admissions and financial aid, specialized tutoring and study skills, skill-building workshops and many other programs and services designed to allow families of Detroit-area students to get the information they need on educational and scholarship opportunities.

## Children can explore during summer day camp

Oakland University will offer the perfect program for the savvy child of the '90s this summer.

In the Enviro-Explorers Science, Math and Technology Summer Day Camp, children will learn about physics, animal life cycles, insects, the Great Lakes and computers. The camp is open to children ages 2-9.

Call 4100 for more information.



## OU professors promise theatre lovers much ado about Shakespeare

Two Oakland University professors will stage a monthlong workshop in May on the plays of William Shakespeare, titled *On the Road to Stratford*.

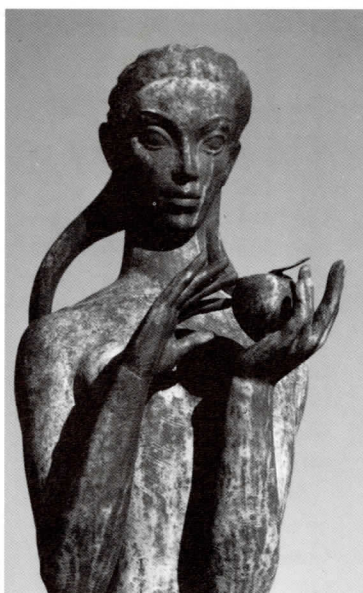
Niels Herold and Bruce Mann say the workshop will culminate in a trip to the famous Stratford Festival in Ontario, Canada, to see a preview performance of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*.

## Alarm installation set for 4 buildings

Installation of a fire alarm system began this month in Wilson Hall, Varner Hall, Oakland Center and South Foundation Hall.

Most of the work will be in corridors and mechanical spaces, but some work will occur in classrooms and conference rooms.

Activity will be kept away from classrooms during exams. The project is expected to be completed before the fall 1998 semester.



## 'Saints and Sinners' sculptor dies at 90

Marshall Fredericks, who sculptured the "Saints and Sinners" fountain in front of Kresge Library, died at his Birmingham home April 4.

Fredericks' other works included the "Spirit of Detroit" and Royal Oak's recently installed "Star Dream."