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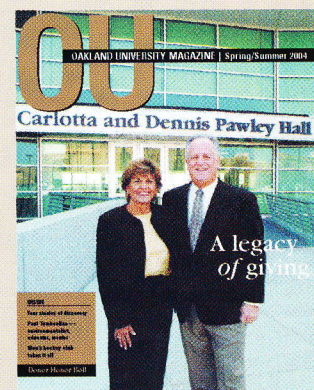
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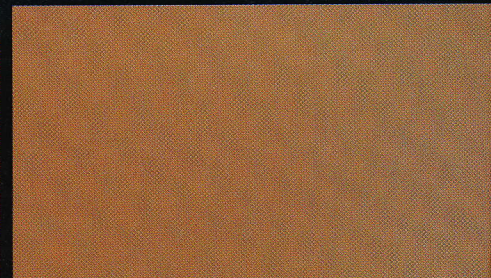
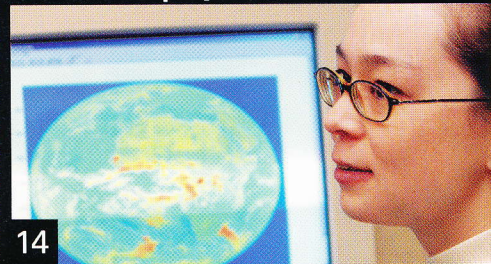
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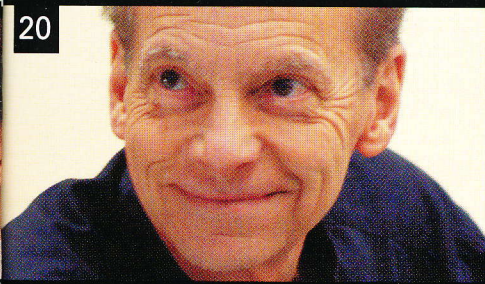
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Behind the Stories

I was a grade-schooler when Woodstock happened. I caught up to peace, love and understanding just as Disco was busy making "lite" of it all. But I always thought Joni Mitchell's "life is for learning" was a great mantra for how we should all carry on.

This issue is devoted to lives well spent in this sense, covering people given to finding out and then finding that there is still more to find. Those profiled come from the business world, academia, and the sciences. No matter where they are in their careers, I'll bet they would all be proud to say they are first, and evermore, students.

For me what comes across in the writing is as much about learning as it is about some remarkable learners. It might be a little cliché sounding, but the stories make for one salient point about our school — OU teaches learning. Our subjects came to their passion for learning because professors here either sparked their interest or helped kindle it, and then did all they could to fan the flames.

No matter the discipline, the subjects here approach their work as empiricists. The eureka!-like discovery that idea evokes is a nice metaphor for the education offered at OU. I hope alumni, the campus community and friends will read this issue and think of their own never-ending study and how they learned to go about it.

Lillian Lorenzi, Editor

And now for something totally unrelated...

I'd like to ask students, alumni, faculty and staff to help us research "Legends, Fables, Hauntings (and other weird happenings) at OU." That's a bit dramatic, but we'd like to hear from you about any experiences you've had or tales you've heard while at the university that fit into this category. Drop us a letter or an e-mail (oumag@oakland.edu) and you may find your story in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

Letters

Welcome to *OU Magazine's* Letters section. Last issue's stories on the Charter Class and Today's Freshman got one reader thinking about his undergraduate days and a trip to China he and fellow students took more than 35 years ago. Two other readers were reminded of the OU professors who inspired them by our story on Distinguished Professor Jane Eberwein. We hope to hear from you, too.



but I am sure the lives of many students who had the honor of being a student in his class. He has remained a true friend and mentor to me and I would be remiss in not bringing this to your attention.

Mary Isacacs BGS '96
Shelby Township, Mich.



An experience of a lifetime

A little over 35 years ago, 43 Oakland students, along with two OU professors spent a semester in Hong Kong studying Chinese history, culture, philosophy and language. After brief stays in Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines, our group settled into a small hotel in Hong Kong's Kowloon section where we lived, ate and attended classes.

Times have certainly changed. Not only was this before Chinese control, but it was before tunnels connected the island with Kowloon on the mainland, before subways replaced English style double-decker busses. ...there were no formal relations between "Red China" and the United States, and Americans did not travel to China. The Oakland group took the highly unusual step of applying for visas to visit China. If these visas had been approved, which they were not, this would have been front-page news back home. The border between China and Hong Kong was strictly an agricultural area. There was not yet a city on the Chinese side; today Shenzhen has a population exceeding 7 million.

I have been fortunate to stay in touch with a handful of fellow Hong Kong travelers, including the surviving professor, Henry Rosemont, Jr.

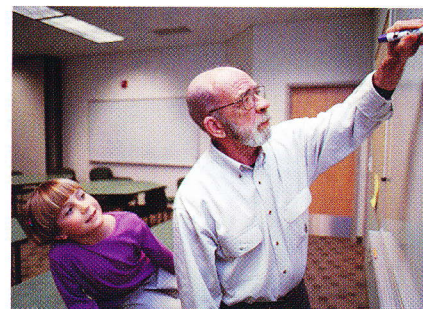
David Black CAS '69
Belvidere, Ill.

Editor's Note: Black returned to Hong Kong for the first time earlier this year. He asks anyone who was on that trip if they'd like to discuss a possible reunion or get in touch with fellow trip participants, to contact him at dblack107@aol.com.



Teacher becomes lifelong friend

I am writing to you after reading your wonderful article on Jane Eberwein. As a 30-year employee at Oakland University and an alumna, I would like to tell you that my educational experience at Oakland was enriched by Dr. Jay Meehan. I had Dr. Meehan for two classes and for an independent study and his dedication and caring for his students has not only enriched my life



A mentor who set the bar high

It was heartwarming to read of Professor Ron Cramer's sustained success and dedication to teaching in the summer *OU Magazine*. I'm teaching in an alternative school district in northwest Houston. I am now working on my third degree and have taught for over 24 years, and I have never had a greater mentor than Dr. Ron Cramer. He set the bar high for me to follow. I owe Professor Cramer a debt of gratitude. His passion for teaching is contagious as is his dedication to excellence.

Judy Reidy, MAT '76
Houston, Texas

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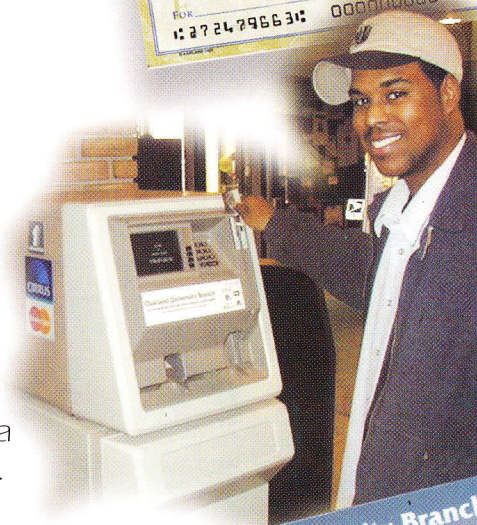
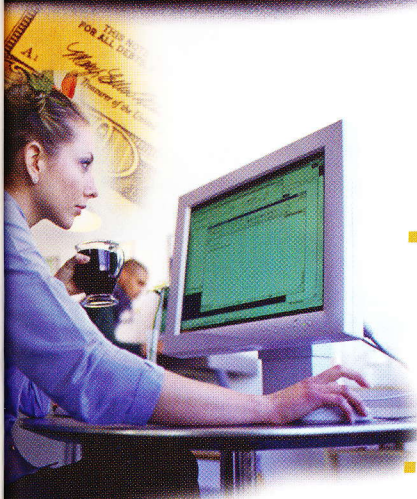
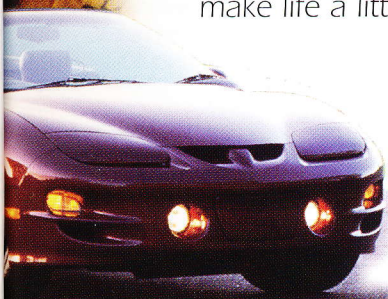
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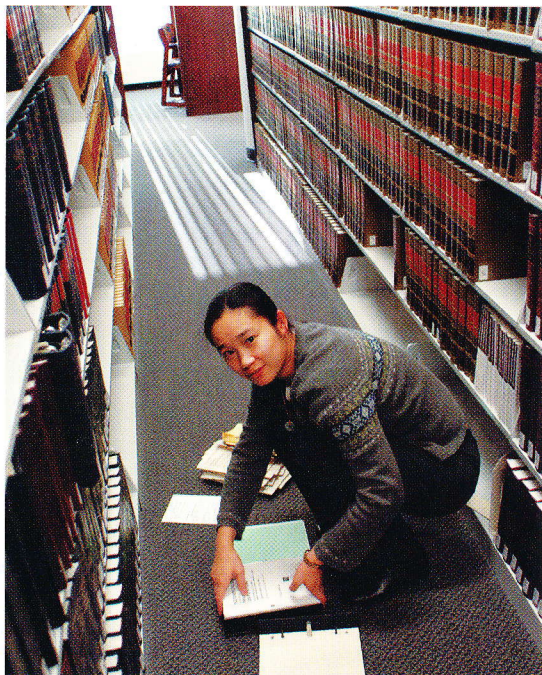
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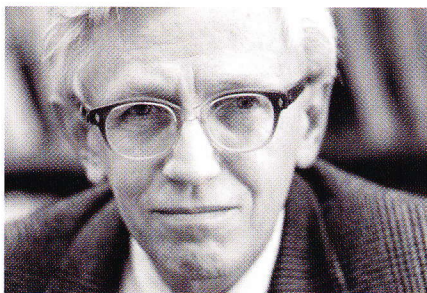
Cooley dedicates law library on OU campus

In a special ribbon-cutting ceremony held Nov. 3 on the OU campus, Cooley Law School and Oakland University dedicated the new Thomas M. Cooley Law Library, giving students access to more than 25,000 volumes and volume equivalents.

"Now entering our second year in this partnership, we have been able to provide students from southeastern Michigan the opportunity to take advantage of the outstanding academic program that Cooley offers," Oakland University President Gary Russi says. "Partnerships like this one are a key component of the vision we have for Oakland University."

The library, located in 216 O'Dowd Hall, holds all U.S. Supreme Court cases going back to the 1880s, federal court cases back to the 1960s, state cases back to the 1920s, all volumes of official reports of the Michigan Supreme Court since 1940, and standard secondary sources for legal research. Students also have online access to law review journals and the LEXIS and Westlaw research tools. ●

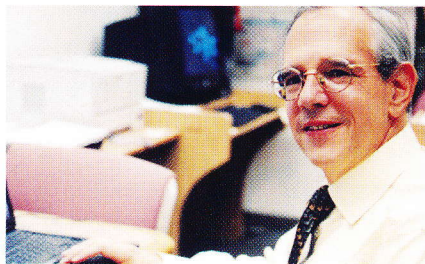
Accolades for OU faculty



Robert Eberwein

Two long-standing College of Arts and Sciences faculty members were named Distinguished Professors at the April 15 Founders' Day festivities. Professor of English **Robert Eberwein**, who has taught at OU for 35 years, has a national reputation in film studies and has authored four books on the subject. A recipient of the university's Teaching Excellence Award, Eberwein profoundly influenced Oakland's academic environment and programs during its critical early years and served as chair of the English department for nine years.

Professor of Physics **Michael Chopp** is one of the world's most prominent specialists in physics and neuroscience. Since joining OU in 1976, he has produced more than 300 research publications and his work has been supported by more than \$20 million in grant funding. He and his students have several research "firsts" to their credit including a discovery on restoring neurological function after brain injury, stroke or disease. This achievement received worldwide recognition and was named by the American Heart Association as one of the top 10 medical advances of 2001. ●



Michael Chopp

Upward Bound director receives honors

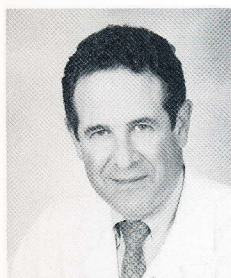


Geraldine Graham

Geraldine Graham, director of the Project Upward Bound program at Oakland University, was recently awarded the Council of Opportunity in Education (COE) 2003 Board Chair Award, given to individuals who are committed to advancing equal educational opportunity and to promoting diversity in America's colleges and universities. Graham was also inducted into the COE Hall of Fame.

This Pontiac resident has served the Michigan Chapter of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MI-MAEOPP) as Education Foundation Chair, TRIO Day Chair and the Silver Anniversary President from 1998-1999. Graham has also been a trainer with the University of Washington's Technology Training Grant, MI-MAEOPP Board member and committee chair. ●

South Beach Diet doctor speaks at OU



Arthur Agatston, MD

Arthur Agatston, MD, author of "The South Beach Diet," leads the keynote speakers at a three-day National Congress on Pre-Symptom Medicine June

4-6 at Oakland University. Presented by OU, Early Warning Healthcare Institute, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and Cardiology & Vascular Associates, the event brings together nationally recognized leaders in the emerging field of pre-symptom medicine to discuss the latest developments, with particular emphasis on heart disease (the nation's

leading killer of Americans) and colon cancer (the number two cancer killer of both men and women).

Pre-symptom medicine is the diagnosis and treatment of disease, years before it becomes symptomatic. The congress looks at the clinical, social and technological impact of this new and growing field of medicine, which is believed to be an essential component in solving the looming financial crisis in health care. ●

Pre-Symptom MEDICINE

OUTAS program earns statewide recognition

The Oakland University Trustees Academic Success (OUTAS) program continues to be recognized as one of the most successful recruitment and student retention programs in the country. Recently, the Michigan Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers named OUTAS the Equal Educational Opportunities Committee (EEOC) Award Winning Program of the Year for 2003.

OUTAS is designed to create an ethnically and culturally diverse group of high-achieving students and leaders. The program differs from many other student retention programs because it

focuses on providing scholarships to a diverse group of students who enjoyed academic success in high school and met the university's admission requirements but need support adjusting to campus life. Many student retention programs focus solely on non-regularly admitted (at-risk) students. OUTAS also fosters cross-cultural interaction by including Caucasian, African-American, Native American, Asian Pacific Islander and Latino students. For more information, visit the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Web site at www2.oakland.edu/cmi. ●



OU to host star-studded Ryder Cup event

Tee it up with some of the biggest names in sports and entertainment at the Ryder Cup Champions Invitational, an 18-hole scramble, Sept. 16, at OU's Golf and Learning Center. The new Ryder Cup-sanctioned event will feature one celebrity from the sporting or entertainment world on each four-person team. Music legends, former NFL football players, Hall of Fame Major League Baseball players, NHL and NBA all-stars, and many more will swing their clubs for charity. Ryder Cup directors expect to raise several hundred thousand dollars for local charities through this and other Ryder Cup-sanctioned events.

Participants will receive breakfast, lunch, gift bag, and a framed picture of their celebrity captain along with an invitation to a pairings party at the Detroit Athletic Club and an International Pavilion pass good for all six days of the Ryder Cup matches at Oakland Hills.

Packages are \$3,950/person or \$15,800/foursome. For more information, visit the Ryder Cup Web site at www.rydercup.com or visit OU's Golf and Learning Center Web site at www.ougolf.com.

And... the off-Broadway smash hit, *GOLF: The Musical*, comes to Meadow Brook Theatre August 25 to September 19. For information, visit www.mbttheatre.com. ●

MALS program launches annual trip abroad

Students in Oakland University's new Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program traveled to London this winter with the program's director, Professor Natalie Cole in conjunction with their Liberal Studies Colloquium on "Death and Dying in Literature, Culture and Film." The London trip is the first of a planned series of trips abroad designed to complement core courses in the curriculum.

The trip included visits to London's famed Highgate Cemetery to study mortuary sculpture and gravestones, the Dickens House Museum, where Charles Dickens lived, the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral where the Duke of Wellington and many other famous Britons are buried, the National Maritime Museum to study how shipwrecks were reported in the press, and the British Museum, for research on 19th century attitudes to dying, death and burial. ●



Professor Natalie Cole (left) with student Helen Basberg in Trafalgar Square.



Meadow Brook Hall, the 88,000-square-foot mansion that was the home of Matilda Dodge and Alfred G. Wilson. The hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States.

Wilson Fund bestows \$7 million for MBH

Oakland University has received a \$7 million gift from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund, a charitable trust Matilda Dodge Wilson established in 1944, to help repair and restore Meadow Brook Hall.

"Oakland University is thrilled by the Wilson Fund's very generous gift," said Oakland University President Gary Russi. "As the former home of Oakland University's founder, Matilda Dodge Wilson, Meadow Brook Hall is an important, special part of our heritage and this gift will ensure the survival of this community, state and national treasure for future generations to enjoy."

The gift will be used to refurbish the architectural infrastructure, including foundation and structural repairs as well as repairs to the roof, chimneys, parapets, gutters, windows, doors and

stone floors. Work will also be completed on the grounds of the hall, including its gardens, as well as Knoke Cottage — the built-to-scale, fully functioning playhouse of Frances Dodge.

The Wilson Fund has donated more than \$5.7 million to Oakland University with \$5 million going directly to the hall for past restoration and preservation projects. This brings their total giving to \$12.7 million.

Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States. Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson and her second husband lumber broker Alfred G. Wilson, the 110-room, 88,000-square-foot, Tudor-revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings. ●

OU programs in Macomb County

Oakland University's commitment to providing a broader range of higher education to students and educators in Macomb County continues as OU and Macomb Community College announced in April the launch of a seamless transition for students from the first two years of MCC programs to completion of an Oakland University degree. Oakland also introduced new degree programs that will be offered this fall at Macomb's University Center, including bachelor's degrees in Occupational Health and Safety, Communications and Elementary

Education, and master's in Education Studies, Counseling, and Training and Development. A master's in Educational Leadership and a doctorate of Philosophy in Education, Educational Leadership Concentration, Macomb County's first-ever PhD program, will be offered at the Macomb ISD. Oakland University has been offering classes at the University Center since 2000 and continues to serve the professional development and higher education needs of Macomb County. ●

— Compiled by Jeff Samoray CAS '90

Giving

Giving the gift of opportunity



Henry Baskin

Henry Baskin clearly understands the profound meaning of the words "unrealized potential." He's spent much of his legal career working to protect families in jeopardy and his recent gift to Oakland University is testament to his belief that the opportunity of an education should be a reality for everyone.

Baskin's \$500,000 gift will provide scholarships to children of single-parent families in financial need.

"For young people not to have the opportunity to go to college simply

because of situations beyond their control is heartbreaking," says Baskin. The new scholarships will make that chance possible, helping with tuition and other college-related expenses.

A portion of the gift is also earmarked to support the College of Arts and Sciences Judaic Studies program. The gift, he hopes, will expand understanding of "a culture and religion that has significant historical impact on the world."

Baskin's concern for so many different facets of the university has made him a key asset to OU. "Whether as chairman of our Board of Trustees or as one of our most generous financial supporters, Henry's involvement with Oakland has been invaluable," says Gary Russi, OU president.

A member of Oakland's Board of Trustees since 1996 and chairman since 2002, Baskin is known as one of Michigan's finest family practice attorneys. He serves as chair of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission and the commission of the State Bar of Michigan and joined the child support division of the Department of the Attorney General last spring.

His recent gift was made in part to encourage others to give.

"For those who have never considered giving, now is the time," he says. "There is so much opportunity to make an impact." ●

For more on Henry Baskin's gift, see page 40.

Downings give to inspire others

In his years as Oakland University faculty member and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, David Downing has seen how important new ideas can be. With that in mind, he and his wife have established the Jane and David Downing Distinguished Programs Endowment. Through a \$150,000 bequest, the couple created this fund to support programs of excellence and provide seed money for new initiatives in the college, whether instructional, research-oriented or creative.

"Given that Oakland is embarking on its first comprehensive capital campaign, we thought it very important to show a personal commitment to that undertaking," Downing said. "We hope that by using a planned gift, we can encourage other members of the Oakland community, particularly the faculty of the college, to consider similar investments in the future of our institution." ●



Jane and David Downing



Jack's Place for Autism

Families and children to benefit from autism grant

Jack's Place for Autism, a metro Detroit nonprofit organization, is working with Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services to create one of the nation's first campus-based autism centers. The center's goal is to help families with children who have autism spectrum disorders meet their needs as they grow into adulthood.

Oakland was selected for grant funding

because it is one of only two universities in Michigan approved to offer the autism endorsement to teachers and because of its history as a leader in autism.

Additionally, the foundation and OU will work together to seek funds to construct, equip and staff a state-of-the-art autism center. ●

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THE SCOREBOARD

Photos by Bob Knoska



Lisa-Marie Woods

The **women's soccer team** capped one of its most successful seasons by tying as the NCAA's fifth most improved Division I women's soccer program in the country. The team finished 15-5-1, showing a six-game improvement over 2002. The team also set school records for most consecutive wins in a season and most consecutive games without a loss, won its fourth consecutive Mid-Con championship title, took the conference regular-season crown and made its third consecutive NCAA Women's College Cup appearance. The team ended the 2003 season with a 1-0 loss to Michigan in the first round of the NCAA Women's College Cup. This was the third straight year the Golden Grizzlies qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Soccer Buzz magazine named freshman midfielder Lisa-Marie Woods a first team Freshman All-American as well as Great Lakes Freshman Player of the Year. She was also named to the second team All-Great Lakes, and joined freshman Cat Panabaker on the All-Freshman Great Lakes Region team.

The **men's soccer team** made its second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and finished with a 12-5-5 record after losing to Tulsa 3-2 in double overtime in the tournament's first round. The team also tied for first in the Mid-Continent Conference with a 5-1-0 mark.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Wiese and junior defender Ryan Rzepka each were selected to the 2003 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Adidas Men's Scholar All-America Team.

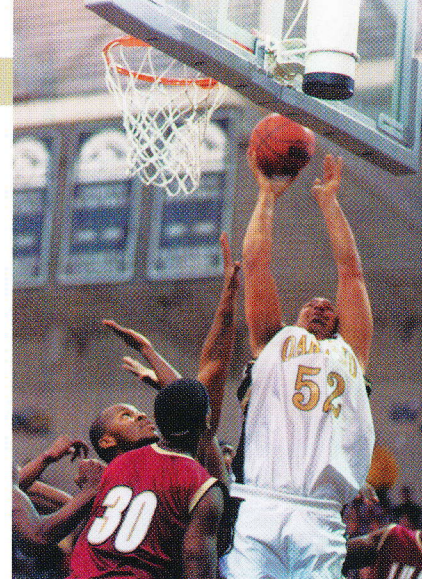
Wiese received first-team honors while Rzepka was selected for the third team. Rzepka also received second-team honors for the 2003-04 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America Men's Soccer Team.

In addition, senior defender and team co-captain Jason Perry received third-team honors for his selection to the 2003 NSCAA/Adidas Men's NCAA Division I All-American Team. On January 16, Perry also became Oakland's highest ever draft pick in any sport when the Los Angeles Galaxy made him its third pick in the fifth round of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft.



Jeff Wiese named to All-America team.

Oakland University's **men's and women's cross country teams** had a good showing at November's NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championships, with the men's team placing 18th with 532 points and the women's team finishing 20th with 492. On the men's side, senior Jason Bruscha was the top finisher in the 10,000 meter event recording a time of 32:40.9 while senior Kristie Kieffer finished the women's 6K race in a season top time of 21:10.7. Kieffer also became the first OU runner to compete at the Division I level of the NCAA Championships. She covered the 6K course at 21:33.4 to finish 150th in the field of 252 runners.



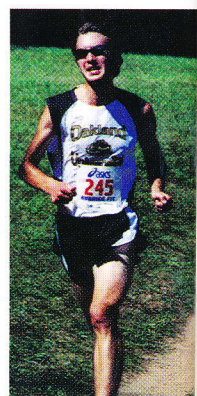
Courtney Scott going off the glass.

The **men's basketball team** finished the regular season with a 13-16 record and tied for seventh place in the Mid-Continent Conference standings at 6-10.

Oakland won four of its last five games heading into the Mid-Con Tournament, but fell in the first round to Valparaiso. Oakland featured the Mid-Con's top scoring trio of senior guard Mike Helms and junior forwards Rawle Marshall and Courtney Scott. Helms finished his collegiate career as the league's top scorer and seventh in the nation with 23.2 points per game. His 2,298 career points are second all-time in both the Oakland and Mid-Continent records books. He is also among Oakland's all-time best in free throws, three-point shooting and steals, and was a first team selection for the Mid-Con's All-Conference team. Marshall was named to the second team as he became the 22nd OU player to reach 1,000 career points, making Oakland the only team going into the Mid-Con Tournament with two career 1,000-point scorers.



Kristie Kieffer



Jason Bruscha

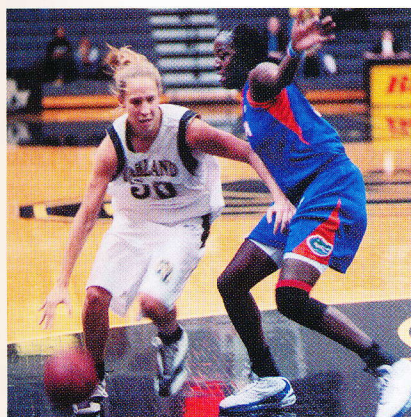
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Women's soccer team sets school record for most consecutive wins in a season.

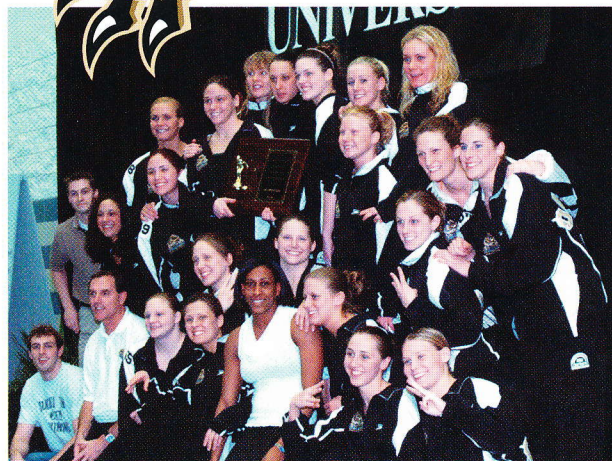
Like the men's team, the **women's basketball team** entered the Mid-Con Tournament with momentum, winning three of its last five to close out the regular season with a 17-10 record (10-6 Mid-Con). After securing a No. 4 seed, Oakland lost to Oral Roberts in the first round of the Mid-Con Tournament. Sophomore guard Jayme Wilson was named first team All-Mid-Con after being named honorable mention last season. She averaged a team high and conference best 15.4 points per game. Wilson also finished third in the conference and 24th in the nation in three-point field goal percentage. Junior forward Amanda Batcha and junior center Petra Manakova each received Mid-Con honorable mention honors. Manakova was also named to the All-Newcomer Team.



Amanda Batcha makes her move.

Oakland University's **women's swimming and diving team** held its lead the entire meet to capture its third straight NIC championship title, finishing with 918 points. Senior Oksana Strelets shared the title in the women's 100 freestyle event. Senior Tanya Korniyenko surpassed her 2003 NIC and pool record of 2:00.08 to clock in at 1:59.03 and take the title in the 200 butterfly event. She also was named NIC Swimmer of the Year. Strelets and Korniyenko capped their college careers by competing at the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships. Korniyenko became just the second female swimmer in Oakland history to become an All-American after placing 15th in the 100-meter fly event. Strelets' best event was the 50-meter freestyle, finishing 48th out of a pool of 71.

In February, Oakland hosted the National Independent Conference (NIC) Championships to cap the 2003-04 season. The **men's swimming and diving team** finished third with 536 points. Junior Chris Sullivan was invited to compete at the 2004 NCAA Division I Men's Swimming Championships, as well as Hunor Ma'te', one of the few freshmen invited. Sullivan placed 28th in the 100-meter freestyle, falling short of the cut for the finals by .72 seconds. He also competed in the 50-meter freestyle, and 100-meter fly. Ma'te' competed in the 100-meter breast and finished 37th in a field of 38. ●



Women's swimming and diving team captures third straight NIC championship.



Men's swimming and diving team at NIC championship.

Forty student athletes named academic all-conference

OU's student athletes are winners in the classroom and on the playing field. The Mid-Continent Conference named 40 OU student-athletes to its fall 2003 Academic All-Conference teams. To be selected for the team, a student athlete must achieve a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average, have a sophomore or higher academic standing and compete in the sport for which he/she is nominated. Oakland's men's soccer team contributed the most student athletes with 14. The Golden Grizzly women's cross country and volleyball teams each had eight honorees, while the women's soccer team had seven and men's cross-country three. ●

OU to host NCAA Tournament games in 2006

Oakland University will gain national exposure for its athletics and academic programs when it serves as a host institution for first and second round games of the 2006 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The NCAA announced that OU will host games to be played at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 17 and 19, 2006.

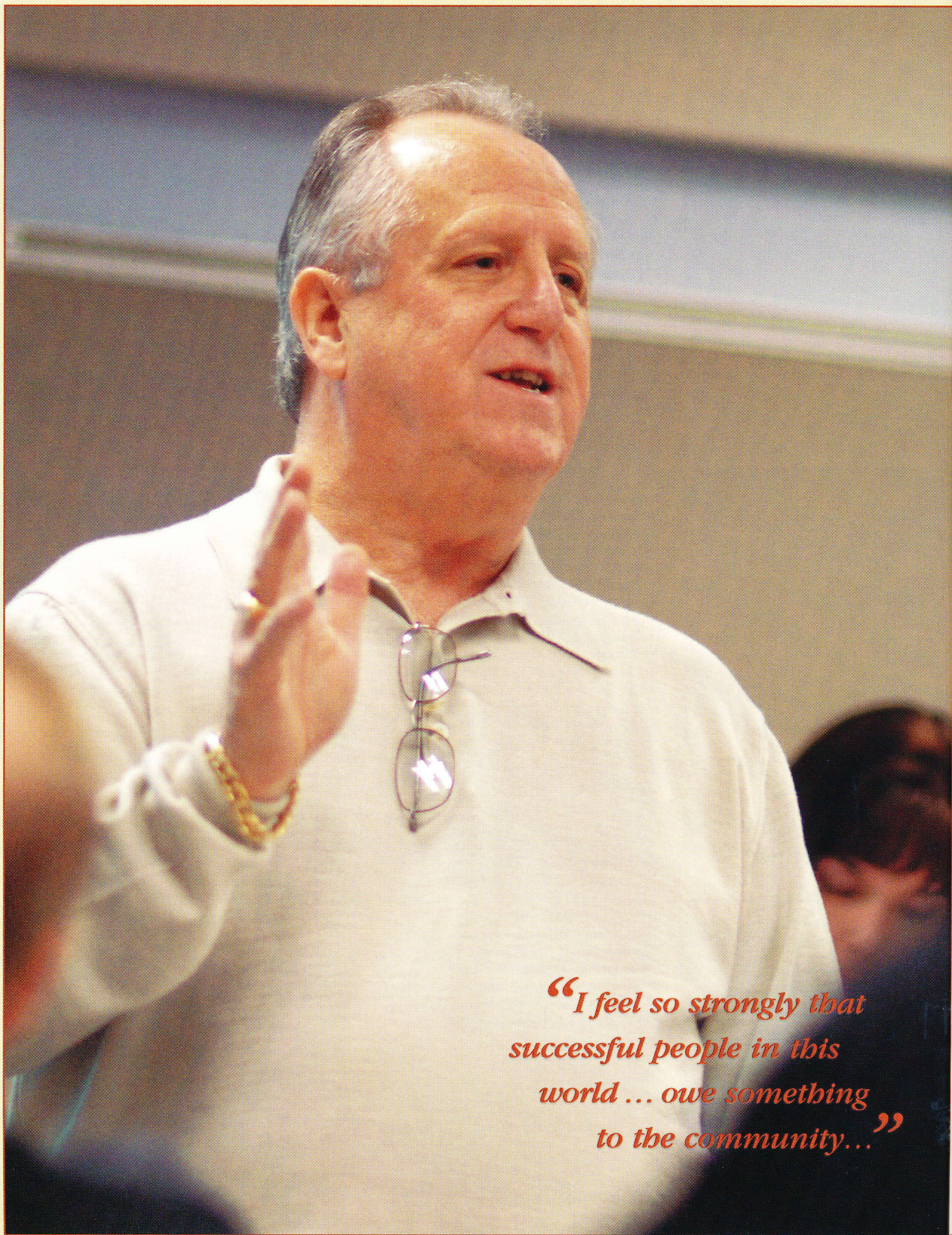


"We think this will provide significant national exposure for OU," said OU President Gary Russi. "It proves we are quickly becoming a

much-sought-after campus, not only for students and faculty, but for organizations on a national level."

A total of 65 teams will compete at 14 sites in the men's tournament for a chance at the coveted national championship. Teams advance through single-elimination play through the first and second rounds to make it to the "sweet sixteen." From there, winners advance to the "elite eight" then on to the "final four" before going to the national championship game. The 2006 tournament will be the first time OU hosts a major NCAA event since becoming a Division I institution in 1998. ●

— Compiled by Jeff Samoray CAS '90



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A legacy of giving

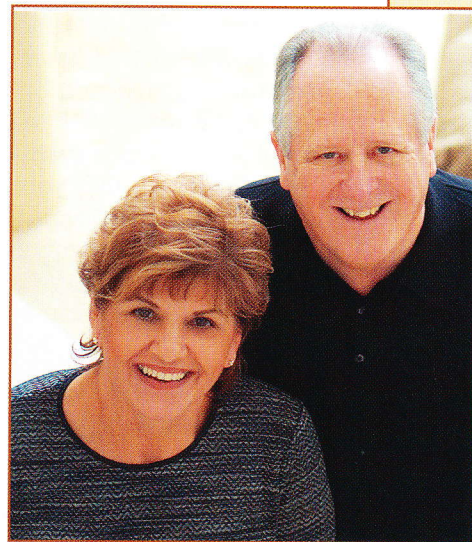
Dennis Pawley reaches out to generations of students By Liz Lent

Dennis Pawley has never stopped going to Oakland University. He began as student number 100 of the OU charter class in 1959 and for more than 40 years has been in attendance through selfless personal involvement, innovative ideas for learning, peerless leadership, inspiration and financial support. And he has never stopped reaching out to his classmates — building bridges to the business community and beyond that have launched hundreds of OU graduates on their careers.

As a trustee, alumnus and benefactor, Pawley has worked with a relentless passion to help the university attain its far-reaching educational goals. Recently, with a \$4-million bequest, Pawley and his wife, Carlotta, have done their part to ensure that those goals will continue to be met for generations to come.

In honor of the gift, the Education and Human Services Building was renamed Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall on April 15 during Founders' Day.

"The Pawleys are lifelong friends of Oakland University," says OU President Gary Russi. "This tremendous gift is further testament to their love of and commitment to Oakland and to allowing our students to pursue their dreams. Pawley Hall will be among the many lasting legacies the Pawleys have bestowed upon Oakland University."



Carlotta and Dennis Pawley

Bringing business savvy to the classroom

One of the most substantial gifts in OU history, the bequest comes on the heels of the former Chrysler executive's establishment of the Pawley Institute in 2002. The institute's impact is far-reaching, from business to engineering to human services, helping students learn Pawley's "lean" approach to business.

Lean means not only increased efficiency, but also streamlined processes. Pawley believes it's a philosophy that will be critical to tomorrow's way of doing business. The institute, he hopes, will give OU students a jumpstart on the competition, especially in the auto industry.

"I feel so strongly that successful people in this world, whether you come from the automobile industry like I did or from the medical professions or education, that you owe something to the community and the industries you served that made you successful in life," Pawley says.

It's that strong belief in making a contribution that counts — and stands the test of time — that motivates Pawley.

"First, you turn to the priorities in your life," he says. "For me, that's family. I've set up trusts for all my kids and grandchildren and their educations are taken care of. When you get done with that, you look at what's left and you wonder what to do with it. You can't take it with you. All that's left is your legacy and what people will remember you by. The number one organization on my list is the number two love of my life and that's this university."

Inspiration for generations to come

Although possessed of a lifetime of experience as a successful businessman, Pawley still sought the expert advice of giving professionals in organizing his estate. He and Carlotta spent hours consulting with financial planner John Dankovich and met with OU administrators to determine where a gift of this size could make the most impact.

The couple decided on a bequest because not only would they be able to direct their funds where they wished, the gift also would continue to grow over time, making an even larger impact when it matures years from now.

"When people think of estate plans, they think of their wills and trusts," says Dankovich. "Most people don't take the time to figure out where they've come from and what factors have shaped what's important to them. They never get to the 'why' of what they want to do. People walk past incredible opportunities to impact their communities in addition to taking care of themselves and their families."

In all his years as part of the OU community, Pawley has never passed up an opportunity to help.

"Dennis and Carlotta care deeply about Oakland University and have consistently demonstrated their support, not only through gifts and endowments, but by

being actively involved in organizations and endeavors that enhance the Oakland University environment and experience," says Mary Otto, dean of the School of Education and Human Services. An SEHS graduate, Pawley served on the OU Foundation Board of Directors from 1993 to 1996 and again from 1999 to 2002. In the interim, he served his first term on the OU Board of Trustees and was re-appointed in 2002. The Pawleys are also members of the Varner Society, which recognizes donors who have given between \$5 million and \$10 million to OU.

For Pawley, part of the joy of giving lies in inspiring others to do the same.

"I hope this bequest will not only inspire others to support the university, but also help take some of the mystery out of planned giving," he says. "No matter what the dollar amount, each and every gift represents an opportunity to make a difference. It's a chance to let your legacy live on."

At Oakland University, the Pawley legacy will do just that. ■

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For more information on Dennis Pawley and the Pawley Institute, visit OU Magazine at the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu and www.oakland.edu/pawleyinstitute.



Dale Fisher



Teresa Hughes, master's student in training and development in Oakland's Human Resource Development program, spoke of the impact the Pawley gift will have on industry and OU students. "His generosity will not only lead to lean transformation, but to the transformation of students who will get research opportunities." Hughes is completing a research project on lean principles, a business concept pioneered and championed by Pawley.

Founders' Day celebrates university, Pawley gift

The April 15 celebration for the 2004 Founders' Day took place under sunny, spring skies. The annual event honored Dennis and Carlotta Pawley for their long history of support and recent \$4 million gift to OU. In recognition of the unprecedented gift, the Education and Human Services Building was renamed Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall. The new name was unveiled as part of the day's events with hundreds of faculty, staff, students, friends and community members gathered.

Dennis Pawley commented on his active role at OU. "The true measure of your success is not material things,

but what you leave behind for future generations."

In addition to the Pawley Hall unveiling, Founders' Day also honored Oakland's academic excellence in teaching, scholarship, research and service at the ninth annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon. Later that evening, the university celebrated its recently formed partnership with Rochester at a dinner for downtown merchants and city officials.

Founders' Day honors the memory of benefactors Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson, who donated 1,500 acres and \$2 million to establish Oakland University. ■

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She received her PhD in history from Harvard University, where she taught for 10 years. Goodwin served as assistant to Lyndon B. Johnson during the last year of his presidency and worked with him on his memoirs. She has authored numerous best-selling books on American presidents including *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*, *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, which was made into a miniseries, and *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize. She has received numerous prestigious literary awards and currently is writing a monumental work on Abraham Lincoln, which has been optioned for a major motion picture.

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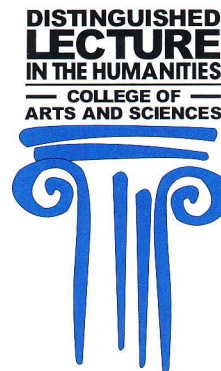
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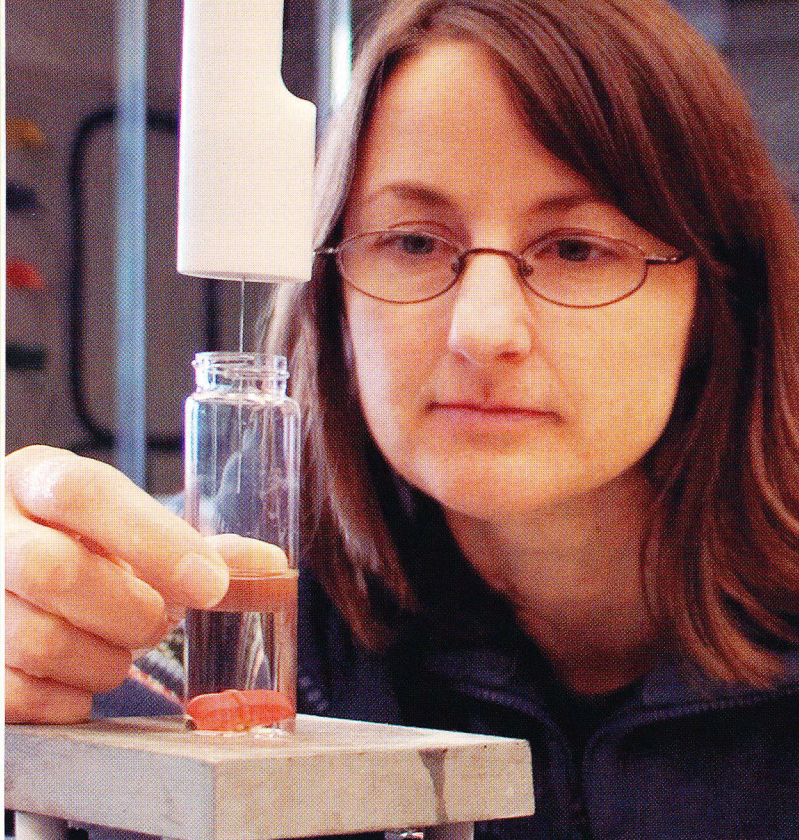
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The Classroom is just the Beginning

BY LIZ LENT

If learning is about the pursuit of information, then knowledge most certainly is about finding it.

At Oakland University, knowledge rests at the core of each student's educational experience. That is why research and hands-on, active learning permeate the Oakland curriculum, crossing program boundaries — from art history, chemistry and nursing to engineering and business.

As much learning occurs outside the classroom as in it. From the computer lab to the boardroom, OU students take facts and figures and add an element of the real world into the mix for an education that is well-rounded in its breadth and miles ahead of the competition in its depth. Recently, Honors College students even took their research abroad, traveling to England for one week of intensive study on slavery, examining primary sources and artifacts up close through several British museums.

This kind of research-based approach is underscored by a plethora of internship opportunities through programs such as the Applied Technology in Business program, which places students in active learning positions at major Fortune 500 companies. Other internship opportunities have put student dancers side by side professionals in some of the top dance troupes in the country and placed nursing students in hospitals and emergency rooms, working as they learn.

Way beyond the blackboard

Certainly, this focus on research and other real-world opportunities would be impossible without the faculty who lead these programs. The majority of

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Linda Schweitzer, professor of chemistry, has spent a career working to ensure residents of the Detroit area have clean, safe drinking water.

Jeffrey Hansen discovered his love of research in Oakland's laboratories as a science undergraduate. Today, he's researching the complexities of DNA.

Sometimes you just know what you want. That was the case for Jennifer Froelich, who discovered chemistry in high school and is now pursuing her bachelor of science degree at OU.

Graduate student Aiyesha Ma took a love of art and a passion for science and melded them into an academic career that promises great things.

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Oakland's faculty are involved in active research, earning national and international recognition in everything from cancer and biotoxin research to sociological trends and literary truths.

Each year, faculty attract millions of dollars in grants and fellowships, encouraged by outside corporations and foundations, including NASA and the National Eye Institute. This support furthers their studies, and gives OU students opportunities to work alongside professionals on projects that make an impact on a global scale.

At other universities, the type of hands-on approach offered at OU would be limited to graduate or doctoral students. In recent years, OU administrators have redoubled efforts to ensure all undergraduates have some research experience before they graduate, no matter what their area of study. Programs like the Undergraduate Student Research Scholar Program were created, giving students up to \$1,000 to study a subject of their choice for at least one semester under the supervision of an OU faculty mentor. Recent subjects reveal the variety of study, with projects such as "Women's Development in Africa" and

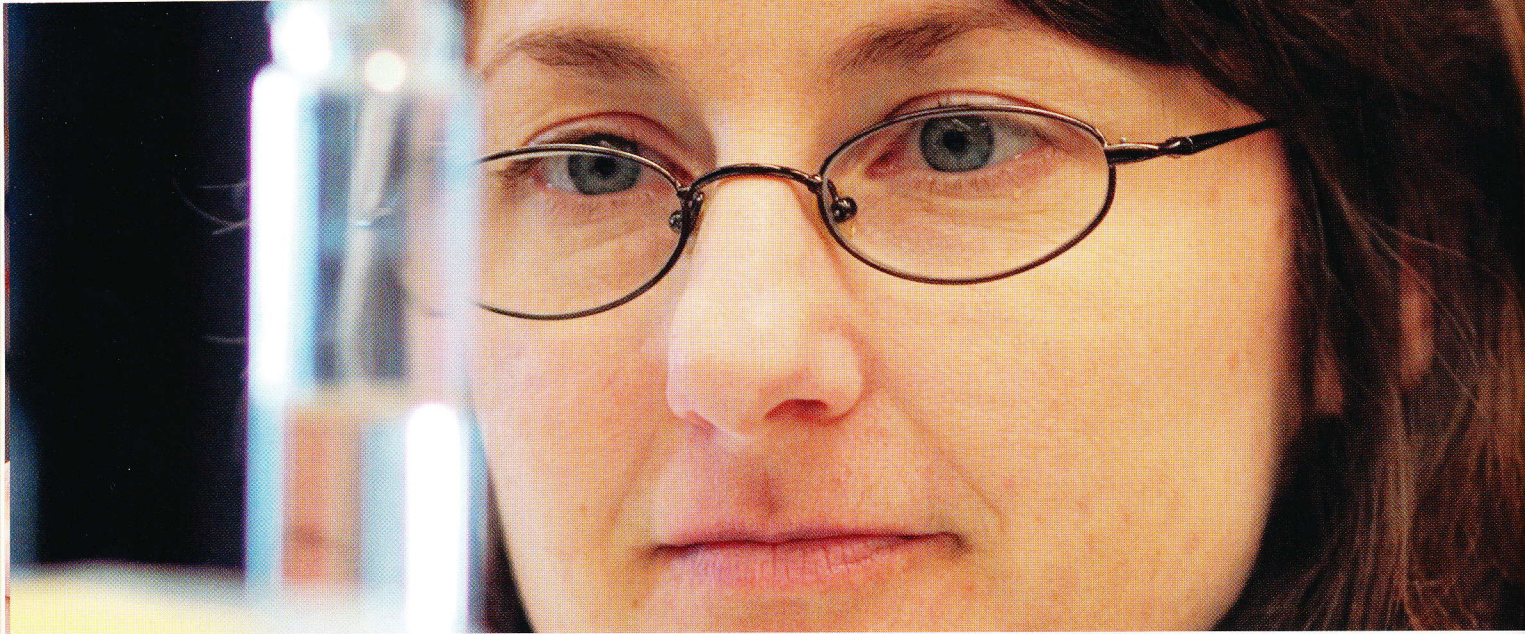
"Anatomical Variability in the Mandibular Skull Features."

Ultimately, as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil recently said, "Opportunities early on in (students') careers to engage in research, and evaluate whether or not a particular field is consistent with their long-term professional interests, set Oakland University students apart from their counterparts. Years from now, many of our student scholars will look back on their research experiences as the best investment they made into their exemplary professional careers."

Truly, at Oakland, the classroom is simply the first step. ■

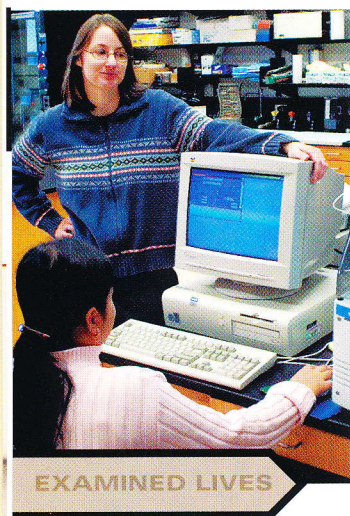
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Professor seeks clean water supply

Protecting an essential resource By Tom Schram



EXAMINED LIVES

Chemistry Professor Linda Schweitzer has always loved water. She's put that passion into her research on Detroit's drinking water, studying the presence of pollutants in the Clinton River.

Eliminate water, eliminate existence. Along with oxygen and food, water makes survival on our small, blue planet possible.

"Water is my life," says Oakland University Chemistry Professor Linda Schweitzer. "We're made of water and there's no substitute for it."

On a freezing winter's day, Schweitzer sits all bundled up in her office in the Science and Engineering Building in the heart of OU's west campus. The building is warm, but she is fighting a virus. Still, her eyes sparkle when she speaks about her work to make the drinking water for people in the Detroit area safe and clean. One of her main projects, funded through an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) grant, is a sediment remediation study on the Clinton River.

"There are so many contaminants in the system, and we don't know how long they've been there or where they're coming from," says Schweitzer. "Have these pollutants been there for many years or are they new and caused by spills or somehow otherwise introduced into the system?"

She says that if the chemicals like carcinogenic PCBs can be identified in high enough concentrations, they can be dredged out of the watershed. "If we can find places where they're not moving too much, we can handle them. The problem is there's too much mixing. The chemicals just move around and it gets harder to remediate them because by the time you ascertain what's what and where, and you go to dig them out, they've moved."

Schweitzer is working as part of a team with two colleagues in the geology department at

Wayne State University on projects to determine the source of pollutants in the watershed.

It's all part of her lifelong commitment to all things aquatic.

"I grew up in Wisconsin and I canoed and fished a lot and was interested in the natural environment," says Schweitzer, who is in her third year as a professor at OU. "I was educated in the University of California system and I just loved the ocean. My relatives said, 'Are you crazy to move back here from California?' But I was sick of the crowded urban environment, spending hours on the freeway. And I just love Oakland University."

Andrew Ekstrom is an undergraduate student who is working under Schweitzer on a project to date watershed soil samples for PCBs and pesticides. Ekstrom received the Undergraduate Student Research Scholar Award for his work with Schweitzer.

"She's a joy to work for and she's very patient with me," he says. "She's always there when I need her."

And she's there for all of us who could not exist without that essential liquid composed of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen.

Drink up! ■

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Early discoveries in the lab

OU experience helps biologist find his calling By Jeff Samoray CAS '90

In the fall of 1979, OU senior biology major Jeffrey Hansen had no grand plans for his future. He figured he'd complete his degree, graduate and enter the job market. As it turns out, he achieved quite a bit more than that.

Today, as professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at Colorado State University, Hansen is unraveling the complex structure of chromatin, which envelops DNA. In addition to his numerous articles, papers and professional activities, Hansen is also a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* — a prestigious position reserved for the field's leading researchers.

Hansen says the research opportunities and OU faculty mentoring helped him find his calling.

"I thought research was solely reserved for scientists with doctoral degrees," says Hansen, who returned to campus in September 2003 to deliver a lecture on chromatin's role in health and disease. "Yet, at Oakland, I was expected to be extensively involved in research to obtain a BS degree. This started the chain of events that led to graduate school and my career as an academic scientist."

To gain research experience, Hansen asked to work in then Professor of Biology Virinder Moudgil's lab. Moudgil, currently Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, became Hansen's mentor. Hansen found the vibrant lab atmosphere stimulating, and inquired about participating in an academic conference with Moudgil. Though it was late in the process, Moudgil considered Hansen's proposal.

"I told Jeff that if he had the commitment and drive to be in the conference, then we'd seriously consider presenting his work," Moudgil says. "This adjustment in our plans was made at the very last minute, but it turned out to be one of the most important decisions I've ever made."

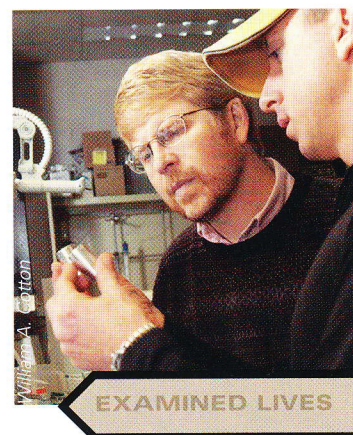
Hansen gave a poster presentation at the conference, where he met Jack Gorski, a respected biologist from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Gorski was so impressed by Hansen's work he tentatively agreed to accept him into the doctoral program, which OU then lacked.

"I've always been proud of Jeff as a person with deep-rooted, good scientific values and as a scholar whose work is making a difference in the field," Moudgil says. "Oakland continues to offer exceptional research opportunities in all fields, which should encourage other undergraduates to become involved and take the first step toward professional careers."

Hansen says his OU experience laid the foundation for his success.

"Oakland is one of those rare places where opportunities abound, excellence is the norm, and the finest undergraduate education can be obtained," he adds. ■

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Unravel DNA researcher
Jeffrey Hansen's own coding
and you'll find a love for
science that began — and
was nurtured — in OU's labs.

*"The years I spent at
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changed my life."*

— Jeffrey Hansen



The science of a safe homeland

Studying forensics in D.C. By Karla K. Dorweiler



EXAMINED LIVES

Chemistry has been undergraduate Jennifer Froelich's passion since high school. She's getting the chance to pursue that love of ions and neutrons in a Department of Homeland Security lab this summer. She was one of a handful of students around the country selected for the honor.

"I'm doing research as an undergrad that I would normally do as a graduate student at other schools."

— Jennifer Froelich

Jennifer Froelich and America are forming some ties that bond these days. Hooked since high school on beakers, slides, tubes and all the possibilities they hold, the OU chemistry major is one of only 100 students from around the country chosen to conduct research as part of the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Scholarship and Fellowship Program.

The formula for Froelich's success was not a simple one — the program received 2,500 student applications.

Academic record, letters of reference, and essays indicating how their study, research plans and career goals relate to U.S. homeland security were all part of the selection process. Areas of study include all science and engineering fields and social sciences.

The interns convened in Washington, D.C. in November for orientation. DHS Secretary Tom Ridge addressed the group, saying, "When I look around this room I see more than just bright minds and bold dreams. I see how far the department has come since its early days just months ago."

Froelich has been anything but inert in her academic accomplishments as an undergraduate.

For two years in a row, she was chosen to participate in the Merck/American

Association for the Advancement of Science Research Program. The program matched her with biology and chemistry faculty members with whom she works to create a biosensor to detect bioterrorism threats.

"I feel lucky to have been placed in a project I'm really interested in and that has such a practical and timely application," says Froelich.

Gabrielle Stryker, assistant professor of biological science, and Xiangqun Zeng, assistant professor of analytical chemistry, are her advisers on the project.

"Jennifer is very bright," says Stryker. "This internship (with DHS) is a great opportunity for her to do hands-on research in her field."

Froelich will spend 10 weeks this summer immersed in forensic science research at a DHS-approved laboratory.

She plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to obtain her master's degree in forensic science.

And after that, a career in a real life "CSI?"

"Ideally, I'd work for the FBI someday," she says. "But really, it'd be great to work in any forensics lab. As long as it involves science, I'll be happy." ■

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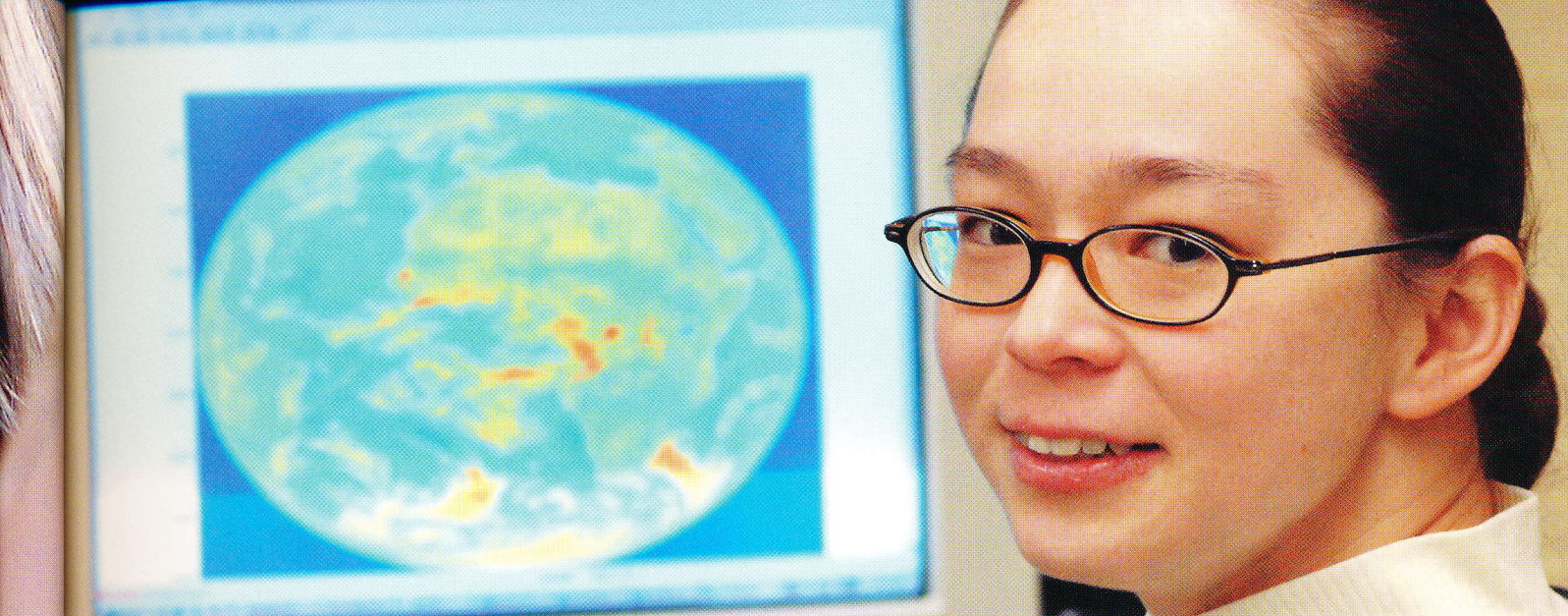
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Out of this world research

Making the universe her palette By Karla K. Dorweiler

Van Gogh's attempt to mingle art and the cosmos resulted in one wildly troubled starry night. One hundred and fifteen years later, computer science graduate student Aiysha Ma — an art lover with a passion for science — is up to the same, but with a key difference: Ma who definitely has both ears on straight, is pursuing her space inspired images via university study.

"My dad is an artist, so I've always had an interest in art, but science is what I enjoy most," says Ma. "Working in mixed media allowed me to combine them."

Clearly Ma isn't the only one who thinks she's found a winning combination. In May 2003, the Michigan Space Grant Consortium (MSGC) selected her for a grant as part of its Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship Program. With the grant, Ma is researching methods of categorizing infrared satellite images of earth.

Bonnie Bryant, who manages the MSGC program, explains, "Our hope is these grants get students interested enough to pursue space-related jobs after graduation."

Formed by NASA in 1989, the MSGC offers a range of opportunities for those interested in science, math and technology — specifically in aeronautics, Earth systems and space science. Ten colleges and universities in Michigan participate in the consortium, including Oakland University and the University of Michigan, which administers the grant.

Ma's immediate research goal is to develop a technique that will enable computers to instantly

annotate satellite images of shapes and objects on Earth, allowing for automatic cataloging into a searchable database. Ultimately, research like hers will help meteorologists more accurately forecast the weather.

"Most other research that's been done or is being done involves detecting the objects in the images, not cataloging them," Ma explains.

Previously, Ma spent eight months working with Professor of Engineering Ishwar Sethi, building a predictor model to determine the outcome of post-operative cardiac patients. The project attempted to predict complications like a second heart attack and/or stroke.

Ma transferred to OU from Eastern Michigan University in fall 2002 to began her master's degree after participating in an OU program that encourages female undergraduates to pursue graduate study and research in computer science, the Undergraduate Computer Research Program (UnCoRe).

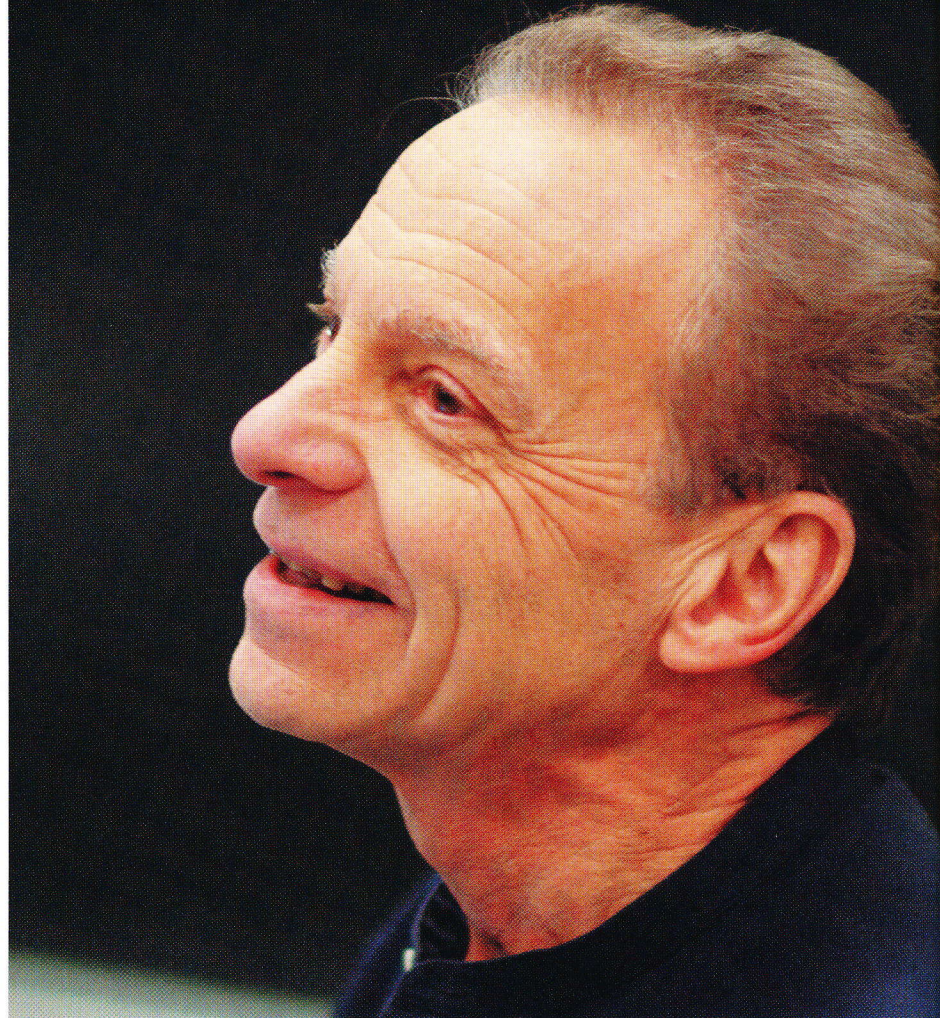
After spending time at OU, she decided to stay for graduate studies. "It's cold in Michigan, but Oakland keeps me here," says Ma, who grew up in California. "It's been worth it." ■

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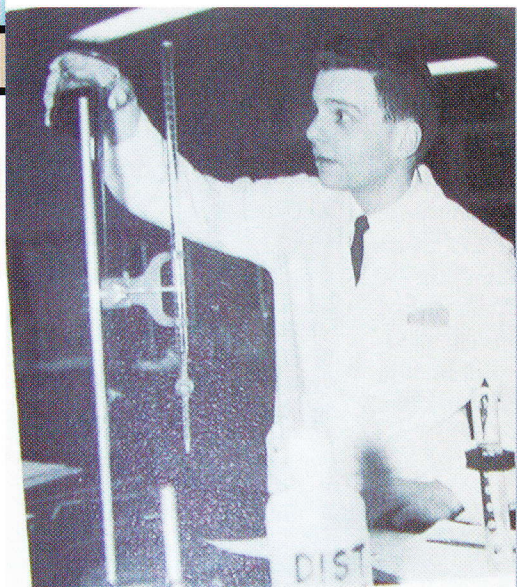


Computer science graduate student Aiysha Ma has combined her love for art and her aptitude for science into an academic career that literally knows no bounds. She's currently researching satellite images. At OU, she spent time working with Professor of Engineering Ishwar Sethi (above) on sophisticated medical modeling to help forecast outcomes in cardiac patients.



The World Around Him

Environmentalist continues to cultivate earth-conscious minds By Jeff Samoray CAS '90



Paul Tomboulion in 1960 in one of Oakland University's first chemistry labs.

When Paul Tomboulion first laid eyes on Oakland University in May 1959, there wasn't much to see. The campus was mostly farmland from Matilda Wilson's Meadow Brook Farms estate, North and South Foundation Halls were only partially completed and the faculty/staff subdivision was a pasture. There were no students or faculty.

Tomboulion and his wife, Alice, were visiting as guests of Durward "Woody" Varner, chancellor of what was then called Michigan State University — Oakland (MSUO). Varner asked Tomboulion, then completing post-doctoral work in organic chemistry at the University of Minnesota, to teach freshman chemistry at the new institution.

"Varner was hustling to get ready for a fall opening and 'selling' the university," Tomboulion says. "I was sold by his story of what OU was going to be. He was particularly about recruiting. Woody was looking for people who would make an investment in the institution — to set up shop and stay."

And that's exactly what Tomboulion did. After 45 years, he remains as devoted to Oakland as he was when he became its first chemistry instructor. He served as department chair until 1997, developing academic programs, research activities and laboratories.

More recently, Paul and Alice created a series of oral histories of people who played significant roles in OU's initial development. The project, called "OU Chronicles," is a permanent source for researchers on the university's early history.

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Last spring, OU's Board of Trustees honored Tomboulia's service by naming him Distinguished Professor of chemistry. Among his achievements cited by the board were initiating OU's first undergraduate research program, receiving OU's first research grant and applying science to the public arena.

A pioneering spirit

"One of the things that intrigued me about coming to Oakland was the idea of being a pioneer," Tomboulia says. "The first students also had the pioneer spirit. The environment, activity and operation were very pleasing. I stayed because I developed roots. I wanted to make connections with the university and the community."

As MSUO's only chemistry professor in 1959, Tomboulia was in charge of teaching freshman chemistry and setting up the department's labs — then located in North Foundation Hall.

In later years, Tomboulia introduced biochemistry to the university and established the first science-based environmental health major in Michigan. He also attained the first external department accreditation on campus,



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created the environmental health program, initiated the PhD program in health and environmental chemistry and one of the first undergraduate occupational health majors in the country, originated the building and room layouts for Hannah Hall, and designed the chemistry laboratories for the Science and Engineering Building.

"Paul truly is a founding member of the university," says Professor of Chemistry and current department Chair Michael Sevilla. "The department is well-known as one of OU's strengths, and its development is mostly Paul's doing. I think he's felt that the department was his own garden. He tilled it with loving care and many flowers have blossomed."

Progress vs. pollution

One of Tomboulia's proudest achievements is establishing the environmental health program, which he continues to direct.

"Until the late 1960s, 'progress' was the excuse for inappropriate behavior on pollution," Tomboulia says. "There was no organized science-based discipline associated with environmental studies. So I shifted my focus away from synthetic organic chemistry. Scientists have much to offer in the field of environmental sciences and the quality of our air and water."

In the late 1970s, Tomboulia and his students conducted research on the water quality of Paint Creek in northeast Oakland County. They found pollutants in the water and determined the source was the stormwater system in the village of Lake Orion. Their findings led to the enforcement of regulations that helped improve the quality of the creek.

Tomboulia's devotion to environmental studies is felt well beyond county and state lines.

"Tomboulia's mentorship defined my career," says Joe Gardella, professor of analytical chemistry at the University of Buffalo and former Paint Creek student researcher. "His morals and commitment to environmental and community issues led to a major portion of my career."

Gardella says Tomboulia engages his students in research at a more sophisticated level than at most universities.

"Lots of colleges have students who 'test the lake,'" Gardella says. "But they don't seriously address public policy issues. Tomboulia is committed not just to teaching how to perform environmental testing, but to affect real public policy."

His work continues

Although he's been on phased retirement and will have no formal appointment after the 2003-04 academic year, Tomboulia has continued to teach "Introduction to Environmental Studies." He also works with colleagues and students on special projects and research courses.

"I may do some teaching (after retiring) if asked," he says. "I'd prefer to assist my colleagues with whatever services I can provide. I'll continue and expand several environmental research projects. I also plan to study, write and consult. Alice and I expect to do some more traveling, and remain active in the community — no rocking chairs for us." ■

This story is the fourth in the OU Magazine series on the work of Tomboulia and fellow distinguished professors Sheldon Appleton, Ron Cramer and Jane Eberwein. For links to their stories, visit OU Magazine online of www.oakland.edu.



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WHEELS in motion

Four alumni drive opportunities for Detroit

By Tom Schram

Like a shiny new Dodge rolling off the assembly line, metro Detroit is on the move. And don't get in its way. With two new sports stadiums, midtown loft living, riverfront redevelopment, three casinos moving toward permanent homes, science center improvements, a Super Bowl and Final Four on the horizon, restaurant openings, a cleaner environment and the relocation of Compuware and EDS downtown, this is not your father's Detroit.

Oakland University graduates are on the front lines of this battle to redefine the region. *OU Magazine* spoke to four alumni who are making a difference. Although they approach their life's work from different directions, they have in common a passion for making Metro Detroit a shining example of urban lifestyle.



Ed Bagale is vice chancellor for Government Relations at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. A 1968 SBA graduate, he is co-chair of the Rouge River Gateway Partnership.

"We started 15 years ago. We were sitting on the most polluted river in America — No. 1 on the EPA's list of areas of concern and a terrible blight on our community. I began to think about how we could make a difference.

The first thing we said was we were going to measure the success of this project by how many songbirds and fish we could bring back to the Rouge River.

Now millions of people are connected to this primal environmental resource, which is valued as a recreational opportunity with 23 species of fish, and songbirds nesting in restored brown fields.

Combining these notions of environmental stewardship, economic development, educational planning and recreation together in a coherent way, we've become a model for environmental stability."



Karen Batchelor is senior vice president of Public Affairs at the Detroit Regional Chamber and works on public policy, including the annual Mackinac Conference and the "Cool Cities" program. She is a 1980 CAS graduate with a degree in psychology.

"I'm really trying to make a difference in the community I live in. I live here; I work here; I'm a native Detroit. It's just important to me that things go well in Detroit and people get involved in progress.

One of the ways I've gotten involved is by working on a movement called Create Detroit, a regional grassroots movement that will help attract and retain people in a vibrant and energized Detroit.

Why would the young people who are entering the workforce want to come to or stay in Detroit? Well, Detroit is the hub of musical innovation. It's got that urban, gritty lifestyle. It is a cool place, but that's one of the best kept secrets about Detroit."



Bill Connellan has just finished a public service contract with the Metro Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau. He was on leave from his journalism faculty position at OU, from which he received his degree in political science and history in 1967. He worked with the bureau on long-term infrastructure needs. Projects included the I-94 beautification project and Cobo Hall expansion.

"I think this work is important because, first of all, tourism is the number two industry in the state after manufacturing. And half of that is in metro Detroit. Just in the metro region alone, tourism is a \$5 billion industry.

Second, while there's not a 100 percent overlap between tourism and economic development, there is a lot. So things that make this a good place to visit are also things that make it a good place to live. If you have good culture, clean streets, a vibrant downtown, that's healthy for the community, not just the visitors.

I think the biggest challenge is to keep people focused on the regional approach to things. You need to keep all the entities focused on issues that cross borders."



George Jackson is president of the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation. In that role he has his fingers in about every pie related to the improvement of the City of Detroit. Topping the long list right now are the Lower Woodward Project, the renovation of the Book Cadillac Hotel and riverfront development. Jackson, an SEHS 1976 graduate with a degree in human resources development, has few idle moments and works no eight-hour days.

"It never stops. You have to have a passion for doing this. It's more than just a job. I'm very fortunate that I'm in a position to make a tangible difference. I get a lot of joy in seeing the city develop and from seeing the changes and improvements and knowing that I'm a part of it. So I really do love what I'm doing.

I'm an optimist, but I'm also a realist. I don't have a pie-in-the-sky perspective on things. I look at what's doable and what's real and then I'll take care of the barriers from there."

Tom Schram is a freelance writer from Huntington Woods, Mich. He is co-chair of the National Writers Union of Southeast Michigan.



The winning moment.

Grizzlies conquer at Nationals

Right on net: OU's men's hockey club championship only five years in the making *By Marcus Popiolek*

Five-year building plan was common for athletics teams. So more than they lose by that time; most are losing more than Oakland University's Men's Hockey Club, five years is all it took to take the team from a struggling underdog to a national champion.

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more than they lose by that time; most are losing more than they win, but for Oakland University's Men's Hockey Club, five years is all it took to take a grassroots organization and turn it into a national champion.

With their 5-1 victory over New York University in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Division II National Tournament played at the University of Maryland, the Grizzlies accomplished what no one thought possible.

"I would be lying if I told you I believed we would win a national championship within five years of starting this program," says Tom Ricketts, team general manager. "We did feel, however, if the program grew, from attracting quality players to university and fan support, that we would be able to compete at a high level."

The road to a championship is never easy. As obstacles were overcome, others would take their place. The team's biggest stumbling block was silencing its critics.

"Because of our history as an organization, we had a lot of doubters and a lot of jealous teams out there," Ricketts says. "It's pretty uncommon for a new team to make such an impact during the regular season as we have done since the very beginning."

Stick handling through some tough years

Their regular season success didn't always lead to post-season celebrations. After years of early tournament departures, the Grizzlies earned the dubious nickname, "chOakland."

"I'm proud of this team. We all set goals for the season and all year we were very



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Season highlights

Season record: 30-3-3

Great Midwest Hockey League (GMHL) regular season title

GMHL Playoff Tournament champions

Indiana 10-1

Ferris State 5-2

Oakland becomes first GMHL team to win both regular season and tournament titles.

GMHL record: 7-1-2

ACHA Division II National Tournament champions:

Siena 3-2 (OT) (game one)

Indiana 4-2 (game two)

Colorado 9-3 (game three)

Stony Brook 4-3 (semifinals)

New York University 5-1 (finals)

ACHA Division II National Tournament MVP and Division II Player of the Year — OU sophomore forward Will McMahon

believe in a 24-year-old coach and friend of the program, and buy into his coaching philosophy. Two months into the season, players and coaches knew something special was happening.

"I've been on a lot of teams, some that won state high school championships, but none of them had the chemistry and family atmosphere as this one," says Karl Borgquist, a four-year player with the Grizzlies. "We started the season .500, but then we hit a win streak and that's when I knew this year was going to be different. This year we were going to win it all."

Leadership, heart and determination

While the club is not a varsity sport, it is run in a manner that makes numerous Division III hockey programs jealous. The players dedicate at least 20 hours a week to hockey-related activities, from off ice conditioning and traveling to fundraising and practice.

"I played on a Division III varsity program before coming

methodical in reaching them one at a time," said second-year coach Craig Furstenau. "If we didn't win the (championship) game, I still would have been proud. So many people doubted us since last year when I was named the third coach in four years. We met all those challenges and earned the respect of all the teams."

Last year's 20-plus win season was the springboard for this year's squad. Among the questions entering the 2003-04 season was whether the team would fall below expectations,

here and I can say this team is as talented, if not more, than that team," Borgquist says. "The biggest differences are ice time and that everything was paid for by the university in the varsity program."

Unlike varsity sports, club teams survive on heart and desire. Funding concerns are most important with coaches, players and fans and all pitch in when possible. With only 15 percent of its \$110,000 budget covered by the university, team organizers look for fundraising opportunities and gate receipts as a means of covering costs. In the end, players are responsible for any budget shortfalls. This year that equaled \$2,000 per player.

Ricketts and the team appreciate the university's support and support from the student newspaper and fans. The club draws, on average, 500 fans per game, with some games drawing 1,200 fans. Their goal is to average 1,000 fans per contest, ranking them as one of OU's most popular sports.

"The success of both men's clubs (Division II and Division III) has put Oakland on the map in the hockey world, both in the state, region and even the nation," says Greg Jordan, director of campus recreation. "The success of our men's hockey club is a great example of a small group of individuals who started something and worked hard and kept focused."

Since winning the championship, there has been increased interest in playing for the club and helping it thrive.

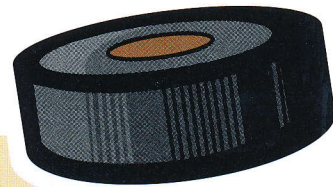
"The program keeps getting better. Anything is possible and everyone can beat you on any given day, but I think we will be a threat next year," Furstenau said. "Since our title, I have been busy talking to players who want to play here."

With a national championship and growing interest in the club, rivals will no longer refer to OU's hockey team as chOakland, but more like champLand. ■

Thanks Tom... General Manager Tom Ricketts came on board with Oakland's hockey club five years ago when the team was just starting out. His tireless dedication, long hours of work and unshakable faith in the team helped to make this year's championship season a reality. Tom is leaving his position later this year for family reasons. We wish him all the best.

For more on the hockey win, click on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu and www.oaklandhockey.org.

Marcus Popiolek is a freelance writer from Clarkston, Mich.



Women's hockey team comes from behind for the win

A week after the men's championship, OU's women's hockey club won their first-ever Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association championship.

Ranked fourth and with a sub .500 record, the women entered the tournament as underdogs. That changed after defeating

defending champion Michigan State University in a shootout in the finals.

"This proves hard work, dedication and most importantly, heart wins championships," said Assistant Coach Mike Down. "Our girls proved they had the heart to win."

OU wasn't intimidated by MSU, who went into the game as the two-time defending champions and who defeated Oakland four times in the regular season.

"We knew we were going to win it all," said Lauren Brick, assistant captain. "We just wanted it more than anybody else."

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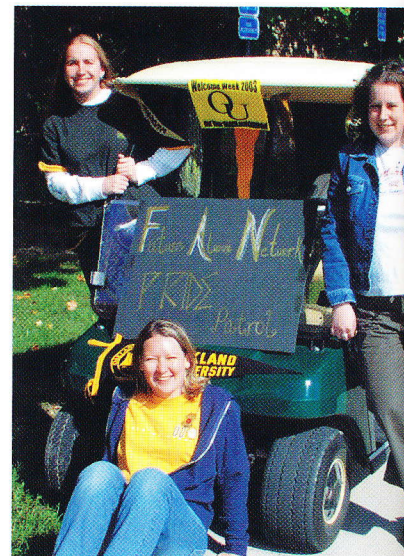
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OU's biggest FANs

When do you become an alumnus/a of your alma mater? Most would say upon graduation, but the students of FANs would disagree. FANs stands for Future Alumni Network, a group of energetic students who have taken on the job of engaging other OU students in a variety of programs, events and activities to ensure that when they graduate, they are informed, active, satisfied alumni.

So far this academic year, FANs sponsored "Pride Patrol" during Welcome Week by distributing candy to students sporting OU gear, volunteered at various OUAA events, organized the Student Discount Directory offering discounts and coupons for local area businesses, and much more. The students are busy recruiting new members for future projects. Every university should be lucky enough to have FANs like these. ●



FANs officers (left to right) Bozenna Johnson, Gena Hintz (seated) and Mary Delaney with their "Pride Patrol" during Welcome Week.

Scholarships recognize achievement and nurture progress

This year the Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) awarded 16 \$2,000-scholarships to undergraduates at the university. Generous gifts and the loyal help of dues-paying OUAA members supports the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The OUAA Board of Directors and the scholarship selection committee recognize academic achievement and nurture student accomplishments. These 16 students join more than 100 fellow OUAA scholarship recipients.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Martin Moen of Junction City, Ore., a senior majoring in accounting, who received the School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate Scholarship; **Michael McGuinness** of South Lyon, a junior majoring in political science who received the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate Scholarship; **Renee Tury** of Auburn Hills,

a senior majoring in elementary education who received the School of Education and Human Services Scholarship; **Diana Walcott** of Southfield, a junior mechanical engineering major, who received the School of Engineering and Computer Science Scholarship; **Lucy VandePutte** of Ortonville, a senior majoring in wellness, health promotion & injury prevention who received the School of Health Sciences Alumni Affiliate Scholarship; **Ashley Seal** of Southfield, a junior majoring in nursing, who received the School of Nursing Alumni Affiliate Scholarship; **Stefanie Marshall**, a senior biology (Pre-Med) major of Rochester Hills, who received the Black Alumni Affiliate Scholarship; **Monica Sroka**, a senior elementary education major from Sterling Heights, who received the Honors College Alumni Affiliate Scholarship; **Matt Pullen** of Middletown, a senior majoring in accounting and finance, who was

awarded the Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration Alumni Scholarship; **Ryan Rzepka**, a senior accounting major from Novi, who received the Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration Alumni Scholarship; **Catherine Santa Maria** of Troy, a senior majoring in accounting, who received the Frances C. Amos School of Business Administration Alumni Scholarship; **Rajbir Bal**, a senior electrical engineering major from Sterling Heights, who received the Thomas A. Yatooma Alumni Memorial Scholarship for the School of Engineering and Computer Science; **Douglas Rice** of Brighton, an electrical engineering major who was awarded the Thomas A. Yatooma Alumni Memorial Scholarship for the School of Engineering and Computer Science; **Brandon Fresard**, Legacy Scholarship winner, a sophomore from St. Clair Shores. ●

Be proud of OU

Being an OU graduate is something to talk about: Your university was ranked among the 150 best Midwest colleges and universities by *The Princeton Review* and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recognizes OU as one of the country's 110 doctoral research-intensive universities.

Add to the prestige of your degree by getting involved with your university through membership in the Oakland University Alumni Association.

OUAAs membership offers opportunities to make a difference for other alumni and students. Not only does the membership fee, a reasonable \$35 annually, help expand university programs, it also supports the Alumni Scholarship Program, which awards one-year scholarships to exemplary students.



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Closer to home, the benefits of OUAA membership include campus privileges, discounts to sporting events, opportunities for service and leadership, and invitations to special Alumni Association events.

A degree from Oakland is only the beginning of a lifelong partnership. Become an active part of this world-class institution by joining your Alumni Association. Contact Gail Meyers at (248) 370-3700. ●

Volunteer opportunities abound for alumni

Are you a writer with opinions, an exceptional speaker, great at relating to students or a skillful organizer? Creative opportunities to use your skills and have an impact on the university's future are many and varied. Consider the following possibilities:

Forums for the future — The OUAA invites alumni to take part in a series of focus groups charged with developing programs that reflect the needs and interests of alumni. If you would like to participate in a one-night, small group discussion this July, please contact Gail Meyers, OUAA membership coordinator at meyers@oakland.edu or by calling (248) 370-3700 ext. 1304.

Alumni connections — If you are looking for a challenging, rewarding opportunity to make an impact on your alumni association, consider volunteering for a position on one of the OUAA board of directors standing committees. The board is currently looking for alumni members with applicable skills and interests to join the following subcommittees: Bylaws and Nominations; Marketing and Membership; Scholarship. For information, contact Adrienne Bass at (248) 370-3700.

Speak out —

Consider becoming part of a student's lifelong memory of graduation by giving the commencement address for your alma mater. The Alumni Relations office is seeking speakers for the December and May commencement ceremonies. Requirements are: You must be a graduate of the school for which you would like to speak, have been involved in the university and are an active member of the OUAA. For more information, contact Carol Carpenter at (248) 370-3700 or e-mail her at cmcarpen@oakland.edu.

Sing OU's praises — Who better to tell high school students about how much OU has to offer than those who've experienced OU's benefits firsthand? Beginning fall 2004, the Office of Admissions will invite alumni to participate in recruiting prospective students. Alumni outside southeast Michigan will be asked to attend college fairs, conduct high school visits and/or contact prospective or future students. Local alumni will be encouraged to volunteer at on-campus events. Contact Jamie Simek at (248) 370-3700 for details. ●



New chapters spread OU's good news

The renewal of the Oakland University Black Alumni Chapter is the first of many new chapters to be added to the OU Alumni Association network. A presence at OU several years ago, the Black Alumni Chapter is back in action and has been networking and hosting events.

This is the first of many new chapters initiated by alumni with the help of Alumni Association staff. Like the OU Black Alumni Chapter, other alumni chapters look to foster loyalty and fellowship among graduates, faculty, students and university friends. The variety of chapters will reflect the diverse interests and circumstances of the alumni themselves. Chapters can be based on geographic location such as the OU

Mid-Michigan Alumni Chapter, on interest such as the OU Soccer Alumni Chapter, or on corporate or career choices such as the OU Ford Alumni Chapter.

Alumni Association staff recommend new chapters gather at least 50 fellow alumni to start. Alumni chapter members should be members in good standing of OUAA or a Friend of OUAA. New chapters should focus their efforts on developing relationships with alumni and friends, and planning one major event their first year such as a membership-building event, fundraiser, educational forum or recruitment opportunity.

To learn more, contact Jamie Simek, assistant director of Alumni Relations at (248) 370-3700 ext. 1113. ●

Alumni Awards shine spotlight on the extraordinary

Never settle for good enough. That pretty much sums up the attitude of people who make a difference. The 10th annual OU Alumni Association Awards ceremony, held on Nov. 6, 2004, will honor alumni who have made a real impact in the areas of service, professional achievement and leadership.

Awards presented are:

The Distinguished Alumni Service Award — OU's highest alumni honor recognizes outstanding alumni leadership and service to the Alumni Association or university.

The Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award — recognizes outstanding professional achievement or contributions to the community.

The Odyssey Award — recognizes alumni whose lives exemplify OU's motto "to seek courage and knowledge."

The Spirit Award — recognizes exemplary volunteer service to the university.

Honorary Alumnus/a Award — recognizes non-OU alumni/ae who have given outstanding service to the university.

Nominations are currently being accepted for this year's honorees. For more information, contact Adrienne Bass, director of Alumni Relations, at (248) 370-3700. ●

— Compiled by Lori Eaton

OUAA CALENDAR

July 30 – August 7, 2004:

London Holiday

Visit the heart of "Cool Britannia" with this weeklong jaunt to London. Fill your days with visits to historic sites, and your nights with gourmet restaurants and critically acclaimed theatrical productions. For trip details, visit www.globalholidaysinc.com.



August 11 – 28, 2004:

China Tibet Study Tour

Experience China under the tutelage of OU Professor Richard Stamps, an anthropologist who has studied and traveled Asia for nearly 40 years. Explore Beijing, Lhasa, Tibet and points in between. For details about this 18-day guided tour, contact Adrienne Bass at (248) 370-3700.



September 10, 11 & 12: Art & Apples Festival, downtown Rochester

The 39th Annual Art and Apples Festival is a juried fair of fine art and fine craft, featuring 300 national exhibitors and an estimated attendance of 100,000. Join with fellow alumni and/or volunteer to work in the kettle corn booth or the OU marketing tent. Proceeds will support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Contact Carol Carpenter at (248) 370-3700 or e-mail her at cmcarpen@oakland.edu.

September 17 – 25, 2004: Switzerland and the Northern Italian Lakes

Azure lakes and snow-capped mountains, some of nature's most spectacular jewels, are the focus of this Grizzly Getaway. Stay in a picturesque village on the southern shore of Lago de Garda, the largest and bluest of the Italian lakes. Then travel to Engelberg, a Swiss mountain paradise. For trip details, visit www.globalholidaysinc.com. ●

CAREER / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1960s

Doug Bastian SEHS '68 retired from Pontiac City Schools in 1999. He is continuing to work on HO model railroad layout. His wife **Jill (Barlow) Bastian CAS '68** is beginning her eighth year as township clerk in Orion Township. In 2003 she was diagnosed with breast cancer, underwent treatment and is now a recovering 10-month cancer survivor. The couple celebrated 35 years of marriage on May 25, 2003.

Jonathan M. Bensky CAS '66 is minister counselor for commercial affairs, U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, Belgium.

1970s

Robert Gibbs CAS '77 has been selected by the University of Connecticut to master plan a new commercial retail center to enhance its student life. He recently planned the new Village of Rochester Hills as well as commercial centers for Johns Hopkins University, Brown University and The Ohio State University.

Christine Lind Hage MAT '75 is author of *The Public Library Start-up Guide* published by the American Library Association. She is director of the recently opened Clinton-Macomb Public Library and resides with her husband **Bob Hage MAT '69** and son **Andrew Hage CAS '02** in Rochester Hills.

Robert Kopacz MA '74, CAS '71 is a senior software engineer at Interlink Networks in Ann Arbor. He and wife, **Mariana (Jeske) Kopacz SEHS '71**, are the proud parents of Jill who graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine on May 2, 2003.

Richard Marker CAS '72 is manager of noise control engineering and sales for Merntech Acoustical in Plymouth. The company provides testing services and acoustical materials for industrial and architectural clients in the Midwest. Richard is married with three children.

Children's author creates one-of-a-kind mysteries

"Endearing characters, just enough suspense, and intriguing plot twists," proclaimed *School Library Journal (SLJ)* in a review of *The Mystery of the Dancing Angels*, created and written by **Elspeth Campbell Murphy SEHS '75**. "Quality Christian fiction, especially on this level, is hard to find," continued the SLJ reviewer.

Murphy first began writing for children in her first grade classroom in South Carolina where she and her husband relocated after they completed their master's degrees in education at Oakland University. "I wrote a bunch of simple, easy-to-read stories for my first-graders," recalls Murphy. "I printed them on tag board, illustrated them as best I could, laminated them, and bound them with metal rings. The kids called them 'hook books' because they could be hung up."

While in South Carolina, Murphy drew again on her classroom experience to write a book for teachers, her first to be published. *Chalkdust*, together with its sequel *Recess* has sold more than 600,000 copies. Recently combined in a new edition, by Baker Books, *Chalkdust: Prayers of Encouragement for Teachers* offers meditations and moments of reflection for educators.

Author's mystery series has faith-based themes.



After several years in South Carolina, Murphy and her husband returned to the Chicago area where she grew up. She began work on the *Three Cousins Detective Club*, her series of chapter books for middle elementary school readers. In each book, the three cousins learn an important lesson in faith as they try to solve mysteries.

"I wanted a series that would appeal to boys as well as girls," says Murphy, "and I always loved mysteries as a kid — I still do!"

Critics have praised these mystery stories for their clever dialog, brisk plotting, and engaging details as well as commended Murphy for writing quality, faith-based fiction.

After 20 years, with more than 100 books to her credit and sales exceeding 6 million copies worldwide, Murphy recently launched a new series with her publisher, Bethany House. The *Young Cousins Mysteries*™ is a prequel to the other series and was the first faith-based mystery series available for the early elementary grades. ■

By Lori Eaton, a freelance writer from Birmingham, Michigan.

For a link to more information on Murphy's books, visit OU Magazine at the News & Info site on www.oakland.edu



Elspeth Campbell Murphy

Helping nurses help their patients



Sandra Szekely

Helping people has always been important to **Sandra Szekely SON '86**. She chose nursing as a way to fulfill that desire and has helped many in her 17 years as a nurse. She recently took on a new challenge: helping nurses better care for their patients

and working to ensure that there will be enough well-trained nurses to meet future patient needs.

A year and a half ago, Szekely joined the Oakwood Healthcare System team as the nursing development specialist. Oakwood wanted someone to provide development for staff nurses by offering educational programming and to encourage college and college-bound

students to choose nursing through outreach programs at schools and colleges.

Key to her efforts is a scholarship fund for nursing students, made possible through a \$157,000 grant from the Thompson-McCulley Foundation of Plymouth. Szekely developed the scholarship application and selection process, which includes face-to-face interviews with applicants.

The scholarship pays for tuition, books and nursing necessities in exchange for work at Oakwood. Szekely has awarded 22 scholarships since the program began and has added a mentorship component to help students succeed.

"I meet with (scholarship recipients) at least once a semester, but with many of them, it's much more frequently than that," she says. "Anything that would create a barrier to success, I help tear down. Most of them would not be in school or graduating without this help, so that in itself is a great success."

Szekely's work led to a Nightingale Award in 2003, an honor for nurses who uphold OU's core values. She earned the award after only five months at Oakwood. Barbara Medvec, chief nursing officer for Oakwood, nominated Szekely because of her "Nightingale-caliber career."

Szekely attributes much of her success to her OU education and experience. "OU gave me a really strong foundation in nursing management skills that truly impacted my ability to do what I do."

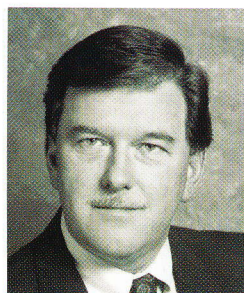
While Szekely is in an administrative role, she says it is just as fulfilling as traditional nursing.

"Taking care of patients is a wonderful thing, but now I'm able to affect nursing on a greater level by bringing people into the field," she says. ■

By Rebecca Lynn Wyatt CAS '03, editor in chief of The Oakland Post, OU's student newspaper.

1970s continue

James C. Spall SECS '79 was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). The number of IEEE Fellows elected in any year is no more than 1/1000th of the total IEEE membership. Jim also has recently published a book, *Introduction to Stochastic Search and Optimization* (Wiley, 2003).



Thomas L. Sparks CAS '70 attorney and shareholder at Butzel Long has been named to the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Council at Michigan State University. The council is comprised of 35 mid-Michigan business and community leaders committed to ensuring the quality of life in the greater Lansing region through the arts.

James M. Williams SBA '73 retired from the technology consulting business and became Dean of Business and Technology for Macomb Community College.

1980s

Kenneth Atkinson SEHS '82 is the author of *I Cried to the Lord: A Study of the Psalms of Solomon's Historical Background and Social Setting* (Leiden: Brill, 2004). The book is an examination of a collection of poems documenting the Roman conquest of Jerusalem. It compares these Greek poems with contemporary classical texts, the Dead Sea Scrolls and archaeological evidence.

James Kamp CAS '84 recently completed his MBA with distinction at the University of Michigan.

Scott Kennedy SBA '83 is vice president of International Manufacturing and Assembly, a Detroit-based company specializing in the representation of Asian-based manufacturers to the automotive supplier community.

Joanne (Armbruster) Kipp MAT '88 has been awarded Health Education Teacher of the Year by Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. It was presented at a conference on November 13, 2003, at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Mark J. Mendola SBA '86 has been elected to The Beaumont Hospitals Board of Trustees. He is managing partner at the Detroit offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, an audit, tax and advisory firm.

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John Rhadigan CAS '83 is currently the anchor for FOX Sports Net-Southwest, a regional sports show based out of Dallas. In addition to his television work John is also part of an afternoon drive SportsTalk team on FOX Radio 1190 AM in the Dallas – Ft. Worth market. He was recently awarded his third Emmy for Sports Broadcasting Excellence. He and wife, **Kathryn Rhadigan CAS '83**, celebrated 20 years of marriage in September and are the proud parents of McKenna, 8, and Kal, 5.

Jeffrey H. Sedgewick CAS '81 is practicing ophthalmology in northern Virginia. He and his wife Roya have three children, Justin, Brandon and Elizabeth.

Kevin Smith CAS '83 is a senior partner at J. Walter Thompson in the strategic planning area for Ford Motor Company. His wife **Theresa (Delpup) Smith SON '83** is working as a CRNA at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. The couple has two children, Emily and Spencer.

Robert E. Whitton SHS '80 is owner and CEO of TheraMatrix, Michigan's largest private practice provider of physical therapy services located in southeast Michigan and in nine other states. TheraMatrix is a national provider of therapy services for the Big Three auto companies.

Perspectives on racism

Mother and son share feelings on their interracial family

David Douglas MAT '76 believes race relations will never be what they should be in the United States until people really start looking at the issue honestly. He and his mother took the topic head on by sharing their feelings about his parents' interracial marriage in a recently published book.

"The issue of race relations is the largest unsolved social issue we have in this country," says Douglas. "We as individuals don't pay enough attention to it. Our schools don't pay enough attention to it. Our government doesn't pay enough attention to it."

In 1995, Douglas's mother, Barbara, decided to shed light on the issue from the perspective of her 50-year interracial marriage. This educator and mother of four, spent the last six months of her life describing the early years of her marriage to the late Carlyle Douglas.

After her death, David completed the story from his point of view. Their

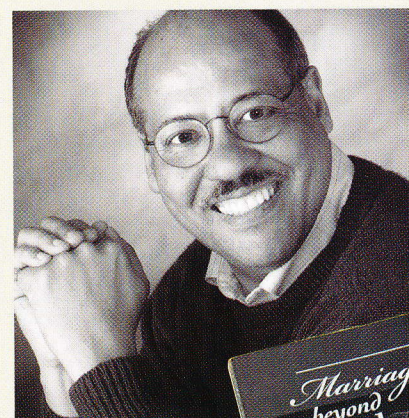
book, *Marriage beyond Black and White: An Interracial Family Portrait* (Bahá'i Publishing, 2002), describes life in an era when interracial marriage was illegal in 27 states. The book is a love story, says David, but it's filled with painful memories.

Both mother and son found writing the book difficult. But David says the book's positive impact on his family — and its potential impact on readers — was worth the emotional cost.

"I couldn't write about my family without crying," he says. "But at the same time, it has drawn my sisters and I closer together and has given my family a sense of mission."

Too many people look at racism from a detached point of view, he adds. They may believe it exists, but they don't necessarily think it affects them. He wants society to recognize racism as a universal problem.

"I want people in Bloomfield Hills to be outraged that schools in Detroit are



David Douglas

dilapidated and falling apart," he says.

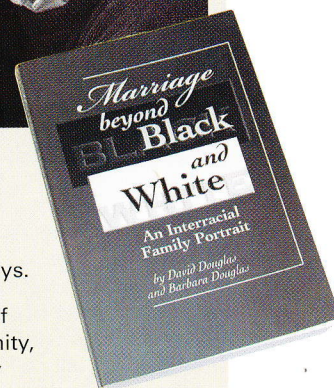
David, a member of the Bahá'i community, is doing his part by dividing his time among book promotions, his work as a public school counselor and grassroots efforts to eradicate racism.

Douglas and his wife, Kim, have three daughters and live in Holland, MI.

Marriage beyond Black and White is available through Amazon.com. ■

By **Flori Meeks CAS '88**, a freelance writer from Tomball, Texas.

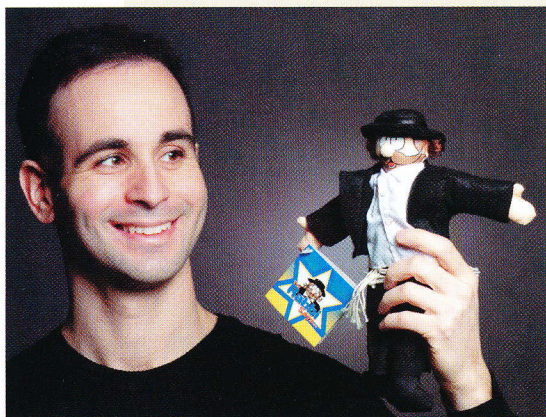
For more information about *Marriage beyond Black and White*, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu



"During Carlye's furloughs from the United States Army Air Corp ... I gained some firsthand knowledge. I discovered what it was like to be denied admittance to a hotel, to be threatened with mob violence, and to be driven out of a community."

— **Barbara Douglas**, *Marriage beyond Black and White*

Rabbi Doll shares smiles



Gary Barris created a bit with his rabbi doll messenger.

Warm and fuzzy is starting to take on a new face among gift givers. Thanks to an inspiration from **Gary Barris CAS '95**, increasing numbers of consumers are turning to the soft, smiling 10-inch rabbi doll he created to share messages of laughter and affection.

"The Rabbi Says..." doll, which holds a card for individualized greetings, is selling in gift shops throughout metropolitan Detroit and New York City. Customers can also order him at www.therabbisays.com.

The doll's visibility took a major stride forward last year when he started appearing in the production, *Meshuggah-Nuns!*, the latest of the Nonsense musical comedies touring the country. In *Meshuggah-Nuns!*, a character named Sister Mary Amnesia pulls the rabbi doll out of a hat. That little trick attracted attention from networks and newspapers around the country.

Barris is enjoying every minute of the doll's success. "The response has been incredible," he says. "It's very rewarding. To sketch an idea and see it turn into something real — It doesn't get any better than that."

The audio-visual specialist was inspired to develop the toy in 1999 while he was holiday shopping at Meijer's.

"It was mostly filled with Christmas decorations, not much to represent the Jewish religion," Barris says.

He made some sketches of his idea, a toy closely tied with Jewish culture, and ran them by several Orthodox and conservative rabbis.

After receiving their input, he sent his final sketches to a manufacturer in China, which produced the first 3,000 "The Rabbi Says..." dolls.

Barris has sold more than 1,300 dolls. Not all of his customers are Jewish, he says, adding that there's something about the doll's personality that holds widespread appeal.

"Basically, the doll can bring a smile to someone's face," Barris says. "He's unique."

Barris is toying with the idea of creating a "The Rabbi Says..." product line. He's also considering customer requests for a speaking rabbi. "When I ask people who should do the voice, 80 percent of them say Adam Sandler," he says.

For now, he says he'll be happy to create specialized, hand-signed greetings for OU alumni who buy a "The Rabbi Says..." doll. ■

By Flori Meeks CAS '88, a freelance writer from Tomball, Texas.

For more information about The Rabbi Says doll, visit OU Magazine on the News & Info site at www.oakland.edu

The rabbi doll got a starring role in the musical comedy Meshuggah-Nuns!



1990s

Leigh (Settlemoir) Dzwik SEHS '98 earned her MBA from Wayne State University in December 2003.

Evan Genest SHS '90 is living in New York City and teaching chemistry at the Bronx High School of Science.

Suzanne Haxer SEHS '97 is teaching eighth grade English at Western Sky Middle School in Avondale, Ariz. She will obtain a master's in multicultural education from Northern Arizona University in May 2004.

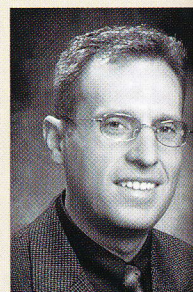
Andrea Kozak CAS '96 completed her PhD in clinical psychology from Western Michigan University in June 2003 and then began a postdoctoral fellowship in the department of psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Kenneth Mittelbrun SBA '90 has earned the designation of Certified Investment Management Analyst through the Investment Management Consultants Association at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Kristen S. Montgomery SON '94 is assistant professor in the college of nursing at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Kenneth Osmun SECS '90 has

been promoted from director of project management to the position of vice president with Wight Construction where he has been employed for more than 15 years. He is also a member of U.S. Green Building Council, the Society of American Military Engineers and the Design-Build Institute of America.



Jeffrey J. Phillips SBA '98 was elected to the Oakland Township Board of Trustees in 2000. He is currently employed with The Ayco Company, a Goldman Sachs Company providing financial counseling to high net worth individuals.

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Carla Lynn Sabbagh CAS '98 graduated from the Center for Humanistic Studies with a master's in humanistic and clinical psychology in 2003. She is currently working at a non-profit agency as a psychotherapist and pursuing her doctorate in psychology at the Center for Humanistic Studies.

2000s

James Baubie SECS '02 was awarded the National Quality Excellence Award at Comerica Incorporated.

Michelle Dew CAS '02 is an assistant account executive with Franco Public Relations Group, Detroit.

Diane Frkan CAS '01 is a staff writer for *Tech Center News*, covering news and events in Macomb and Oakland County.

Kari Herzog CAS '00 will complete her master's degree in Library and Information Science at Wayne State University in the fall of 2004.

Jamila Atlas Turner SBA '00 has been promoted to associate director for financial education at the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency in Pontiac.

Jennifer Wegner CAS '01 completed her graduate work in higher education and student affairs administration at The University of Vermont in May 2003. She is now employed as the special events and communications coordinator in the Office of Student Activities at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.

ENGAGEMENTS / WEDDINGS

Deborah (Healy) Darnell CAS '92 married Cliff Darnell. She has two children, Drake and Kevin.

Michelle Dew CAS '02 is engaged to **Jonathan Zellen CAS '01**. A September 2004 wedding is planned.

Brian J. Koch SHS '97 married Susan L. Lamb on February 2, 2002.



Andrea Kozak CAS '96 married **Matt Taszreak SBA '94** in June 2002.

David Maloney CAS '93 married Shannon Murphy on October 18, 2003. The couple resides in Northville.

Barbara J. Riddell CAS '65 married Harley T. Buchanan in 2001. The couple has five grandchildren. Both Barbara and Harley retired this year.

Kelly M. (Gray) Thelen SEHS '03 married Ryan Thelen on August 23, 2003.

Jill (Palecki) Wilson SON '01 wed **Robert Wilson SON '01** on October 17, 2003. Jill works in the Progressive Care Unit at Mt. Clemens General Hospital and Robert is employed in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Royal Oak Beaumont.

Steven Yenshaw SBA '90 married Allison Freeman on October 25, 2003. He is vice president of investments for NatCity Investments. Allison is a middle market manager for Phillip Morris USA.

Kristi Lynn (Kay) Zangara CAS '98 married Louis Zangara on December 22, 2002. She is employed at Bortz Health Care.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Camp CAS '01 and her husband Stephen announce the birth of their twins, Reese and Emma on June 5, 2003.

Rebecca (Hyska) Drzewiecki SHS '98 and her husband **Sean Drzewiecki SHS '97** announce the birth of their son Luke James on October 6, 2003.

Kelly (Walton) Jones CAS '94 and her husband Tim are proud to announce the birth of their first child Kylie Reese on November 29, 2003.



Brian J. Koch SHS '97 and his wife Susan announce the birth of their son Owen Frederick on August 16, 2002.

Jill (Wauldron) Leider SEHS '00 and her husband **Chris Leider CAS '91** announce the birth of their second son Ryan born October 8, 2003. He joins big brother Evan.

Tiffany (Bobek) McIntyre CAS '99 and her husband **Carlos McIntyre CAS '95** announce the birth of their son Nathaniel Llewellyn on October 23, 2003.

David T. Van Sweden CAS '95 and his wife Denise Miller announce the birth of their son Zachary Alexander on August 30, 2003.



Sarah (Fish) Siterlet SEHS '97 announces the birth of her second son Colin in September. She is currently working for St. James Mortgage Corp. in Bloomfield Hills.



Jeffrey Zielinski SECS '92 and his wife, Kristen, are proud to announce the birth of their son Trevor Kulhavi Zielinski on September 14, 2003. He joins big brother Noah Michael.

DEATHS

Lois Brookshire CAS '97 died November 25, 2003.

Ayad Dokho CAS '86 died November 28, 2003.

Michael Gulu III CAS '78 died December 6, 2003.

James Hays CAS '69 died in May 2002.

Lori Ann Macauley CAS '82 died November 12, 2003.

Frank Rozmus SECS '76 died October 11, 2003.

Steven Sandlin SECS '00 died November 12, 2003.

CAS

Political pundits and presidential power

As the presidential election nears, the OU community will have a chance to examine the power of the presidency and its effect on society and democracy through books, classes, lectures, events and trips.

Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, with support from the offices of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, and Student Program and Student Life Lecture boards, this focus, entitled "Celebrating Liberal Arts...Presidential Leadership," emphasizes how an Oakland education builds leadership skills that help graduates succeed in work and life.



Kathleen Hall Jamieson, co-author of *The Press Effect*, OU's 2004-05 community book for first-year rhetoric classes, will speak on campus November 29, at 7 p.m. The book, available at the university bookstore, details how the media affect politics. In addition, political comedian and satirist Darrell Hammond will perform at Meadow Brook Theatre on September 10. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community will also enjoy special lectures from presidential scholars along with events such as voter registration and a presidential film series. Visit the Presidential Leadership site at www2.oakland.edu/oakland/presidential for more information.

Student studies at prestigious Brookings Institute

OU senior political science major Robert Hillman got an insider's view of the workings of Capitol Hill this past fall during an internship at the renowned Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. Hillman spent most of his time doing research for Institute Scholar in Governance Studies Johannes Linn, former vice president of the World Bank for European and Central Asian regions.

"It was an incredible experience," says Hillman, who was at Brookings from September to December. "The number of people I met at Brookings and around Capitol Hill was staggering. Many of them appear daily on C-SPAN and TV

shows like 'Hardball' on MSNBC. The Brookings scholars are the all-stars of the political and academic worlds. Before going there, I didn't really understand how things function in Washington. To be in that environment and see how the world really works has been enlightening."

SBA

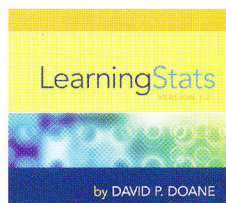
SBA pursues re-accreditation

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the premier accreditation organization for business schools, first accredited OU for its School of Business Administration program in 1998, making it one of only 14 Michigan institutions to receive this accreditation. In January, AACSB members visited the SBA to review and assist in the maintenance of their prestigious accreditation. The review team noted OU's most effective practices as recognizing and addressing area employer needs through innovative programs; focusing on technology in both curriculum and facilities; substantial interaction of SBA students, faculty and staff with area businesses; and a continued focus on SBA leadership, emphasizing quality and research despite budget constraints.

Professor designs statistical software

David Doane, professor of quantitative methods, developed and designed LearningStats, a nationally published statistical software program available to university students across the country. Published by McGraw Hill, the software CD teaches students how to manipulate statistics using a Microsoft Office environment and comprises more than 200 data files on a variety of subjects such as sports, animals and food. Students use these statistics to draw their own charts, calculations and presentations.

"LearningStats is intended to help students learn statistics by providing access to information not available in textbooks or various supplements," Doane says.



Although LearningStats was just released in 2003, Doane is now working on a revised version of the CD and a related textbook to be published by McGraw Hill in 2005. For more information about LearningStats, visit www.learningstats.com.

SECS



From left: Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Dean of Engineering Pieter Frick, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England and SEHS Board of Advisors member Gary Rogers at the commencement reception.

Secretary of Navy receives honorary degree

Gordon England, secretary of the Navy, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the School of Engineering and Computer Science and School of Business Administration commencement ceremony December 20. During the ceremony, England declared he had a "great respect and a soft spot for this school, its outstanding faculty and its first-rate students."

Previously a deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, England was also employed with General Dynamics Land Systems and the Lockheed Aircraft Company. While working at General Dynamics, he served on the SECS Board of Advisors from 1990 to 1992. Before and during that time he collaborated with many SECS faculty members, and was instrumental in securing grants that expanded the school's research and teaching capacities and laboratories.

"Mr. England is a great man who has always been a very patient mentor," says Robert Loh, the SECS professor who nominated England for the honorary degree. "He would go out of his way to help anyone and he believes in what we can achieve here at OU."

SEHS

Special Education come to

Through a Rochester Oakland Institute Special Education gives special have completed the opportunity life. The program 2003, has transitioned of adult life completing ing student at the Low Center, and campus, the skills, self-important



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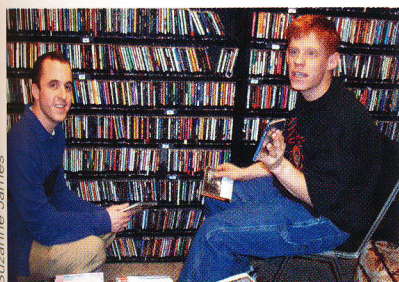
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Special education students come to college

Through a joint program with OU, Rochester Community Schools and the Oakland Intermediate School District, the Special Education Transition program gives special education students who have completed four years of high school the opportunity to experience college life. The program, which started in fall 2003, has four cognitively impaired students between 18 and 26 years old transitioning at OU to the responsibilities of adult life. By attending classes, completing modified coursework, joining student organizations, volunteering at the Lowry Early Childhood Education Center, and working part-time around campus, the students gain universal job skills, self-confidence, independence and important decision-making skills.



Transition student Natban Fischer, right, with Steve Govern at WXOU.

"This is a groundbreaking program," says Suzanne James, special education teacher and on-site coordinator from Rochester Community Schools. "There are only a few similar programs throughout the country."

Autism certification available

The Department of Human Development and Child Studies is offering an Interdisciplinary Certificate in Autism (ICA). Awarded by the Michigan Department of Education and Oakland University, the certificate recognizes professionals who have voluntarily advanced their expertise in autism. Certificates are earned through documentation of professional experience and various learning and leadership activities in the area of autism and autism spectrum disorders. Portfolios are evaluated by a panel of experts to determine whether there is

sufficient depth and breadth of knowledge to meet the competencies required by the certificate.

Professionals from the art therapy, audiology, behavior management, education, mental health, music therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, social work or speech-language pathology disciplines may be eligible for the ICA. For more information about the Interdisciplinary Certificate in Autism, visit the ICA Web site at www.cenmi.org/ica.

SHS

IHS to change name, offer new program

The Industrial Health and Safety (IHS) program is changing its name to Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) to better reflect the wide variety of jobs available to its graduates. Along with the name change, the OSH program will offer a new master's degree program in Safety Management starting fall 2004. The degree was developed through a cooperative effort between the School of Health Sciences and the School of Business Administration.

A highly valuable program in Michigan, this master's degree focuses on the business aspects of safety management in the workplace. "This master's degree proposal received strong support from local, regional and national safety professionals," said Charles McGlothlin, OSH program director. An example of this support comes from Skipper Kendrick, president of the American Society of Safety Engineers, who said the Safety Management degree "is exactly the kind of program future safety and business leaders will need to ensure the American workforce is properly protected."

SON

Exceptional nurses honored with Nightingale Awards

OU's School of Nursing honored nurses who exemplify the work of Florence Nightingale, the Briton who in the mid-1800s created the nursing profession, at the 16th Annual Nightingale Awards for Nursing May 5 at the Best Western Sterling Inn Conference Center, Sterling

Heights. The event celebrated the profession, paid tribute to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the field of nursing, and helped to raise funds for nursing scholarships and other department needs.

All licensed, registered nurses working in Michigan are eligible for Nightingale awards. A selection committee reviews all nominations and rates candidates based on behaviors, achievements, community service and professional organizations. Committee members independently score each of those criteria and the top scoring candidates comprise the winners and runners-up.

For more on the Nightingale Awards, see page 52.

HC

Honors class takes research questions to Britain

Nine undergraduate students from a winter 2004 Honors College course, HC 201 "The Art of Slavery," recently completed a one-week study-abroad trip in England to examine how black slavery in the West has been represented through 18th- and 19th-century art and artifacts.

The group visited several museums in London and Liverpool during the trip, including the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, London, which is exhibiting the most extensive collection ever assembled on art and slavery.



Honors College Director Jude Nixon (upper left) and OU students at the National Maritime Museum in London.

"The purpose of the trip was to have each of the students isolate a particular art form and conduct as much research on it as possible," Jude Nixon, faculty sponsor and director of The Honors College says. "For example, one student is writing a paper about quilts, another is focusing on equipment used to bind or restrain slaves. We also went to a maritime museum in Liverpool, which was a major port for slave traffic."

— Compiled by Kelly Smith CAS '00

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U.S. Senator Carl Levin (center left) joined (from left) Virinder Moudgil, vice president for Academic Affairs and provost; Ann Nicholson, OU trustee; Gary Russi, OU president; Sayed Nassar, FAJRI director; and Pieter Frick, dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science, at the FAJRI ribbon-cutting ceremony in Hannah Hall last spring.



Kevin Early (center), former associate professor of sociology and founder of OU's Keeper of the Dream event, joins Glenn McIntosh (left), assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students, and Gary Russi, OU president, at the 2003 scholarship banquet.



OU and the City of Rochester announced a formal agreement to partner on reciprocal business and academic ventures during an official signing in downtown Rochester mid-October. Mayor Karen Lewis and OU President Gary Russi signed the agreement.

Friends and partners show support

Dear Friends,

In the pages that follow you will find countless examples of the caring and selfless giving shown by our alumni and friends during 2003 ... From the volunteerism of our charter class reunion committee members to the generosity of OU Trustee and alumnus Dennis Pawley and his wife, Carlotta, to the donations given by our employee family through our annual fund drive. Those connected to Oakland University are making it a better place to learn, to teach and to impact the community that surrounds us near and far.

We have much to be thankful for, but also much to accomplish. With another year of diminishing state support, we must look even more for outside funding sources to ensure our university maintains the high threshold of quality our students need to succeed. We must also continually look for ways to strengthen our learning tools and environments, attract stellar faculty to our campus and provide scholarship support that often makes that critical difference in a student's ability to attend or stay in school at Oakland.

Thank you for all that you do to make an Oakland education so meaningful and life changing. Your acts of kindness are advancing our mission and vision of delivering a distinctive undergraduate experience strengthened by our graduate programs and research accomplishments.

My sincere thanks and deepest appreciation.

Gary D. Russi

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Trustee leads the way in planned giving

For the volunteers who give their time and energy to Oakland University, their commitment to the university is a serious one. Trustee and alumnus Dennis Pawley showed the depth of that commitment this past year with a \$4-million bequest to the university.

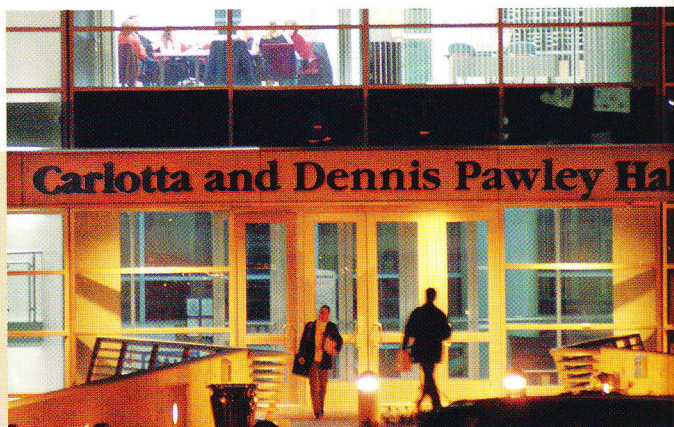
Pawley and his wife, Carlotta, chose to make a planned gift in large part because it allowed them to ensure how their contribution would be used. The planning process was an involved one, but the end result is a gift that will continue to grow and consequently benefit students for years to come. Having gone through that process, "now I can sit here and be very, very comfortable in my mind

MEADOW BROOK SOCIETY

The Meadow Brook Society recognizes donors who contribute cumulative cash gifts of \$500,000 or more or a planned gift of \$1 million.

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OU named the Education and Human Services building Pawley Hall in honor of the Pawleys' long-standing commitment to the university.

knowing that when I'm gone, my money's going to go where I want it to go and where it can do the most good," Pawley says.

This commitment to sustaining and supporting the university's goals of excellence are characteristic of Pawley, says School of Education and Human Services Dean Mary Otto. "Dennis and Carlotta... have consistently demonstrated their support, not only through gifts and endowments, but by being actively involved in organizations and endeavors that enhance the OU environment and experience." In recognition of their generous gift, Oakland renamed the Education and Human Services building Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall.

For the couple, a planned gift was a simple but enduring way to give back. It's something Pawley encourages others to try. It's a great way, he says, "to let your legacy live on."



Carlotta and Dennis Pawley

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A dream worth supporting

Thanks to the philanthropic support of four organizations, Oakland University recognized four exceptional students at the 11th annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet in February 2003.

Crystal Allen (an elementary education major from Flint), Steven Townsend (a biochemistry major from Detroit), Crystal Wilkerson (an elementary education major from Ortonville) and Sumeera Younis (a women's studies and sociology major from Shelby Township) were recognized for demonstrating strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership in breaking down cultural stereotypes and promoting racial understanding.

With generous support from Bank One; Champion Enterprises, Inc.; the Oakland University Alumni Association and Beaumont Hospitals, each recipient received a \$5,000 scholarship.

"It's a really big honor, and it's nice to be part of an elite group of students, but helping other people comes first," Townsend says.

In his keynote address, Edsel B. Ford II, board director of Ford Motor Company and great-grandson of Henry Ford, said, "How far we've come in racial equality since my great-grandfather is a matter of debate. I believe we are making progress. We are recognizing that equality is about dignity and opportunity. Diversity allows us to bring together many unique perspectives."

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A gift worth giving

As one of Michigan's leading family practice attorneys, Henry Baskin knows the hardship that single-parent households can face. And he knows that for young people, those hardships too often mean the end of college and career ambitions. Baskin hopes that his recent gift to Oakland University will make that the exception and not the rule. The \$500,000 gift will provide full scholarships to children of single-parent households in financial need. The gift also provides significant support for the College of Arts and Sciences' Judaic Studies course.

As chair of the OU Board of Trustees, Baskin has lent his support to the university in countless ways over the years. "This gift is indicative of the thoughtfulness and generosity Henry shows to our students, faculty and programs each and every day," says OU President Gary Russi. "We're grateful for his support."

Looking after others is second nature to Baskin. A recipient of the Department of Justice Victim's Assistance Award as well as the Champion of Justice Award, he authored the Michigan Child Custody Act of 1970, which is still in effect today. In 1994, he chaired former Governor John Engler's Domestic Violence Task Force. This work led to the creation of Michigan's Personal Protection Orders that today provide an increased level of safety for endangered women. It's work he remains proud of to this day.

Baskin brings that same pride to his work at Oakland University. He hopes that this gift will encourage others to come forward and lend their support. "Any gift, no matter what the size or what program it supports, is vital to the university's success," he says. "It's a gift worth giving."

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U.S. News & World Report continues to rank Oakland among national public universities in its 2003-04 edition of America's Best Colleges.

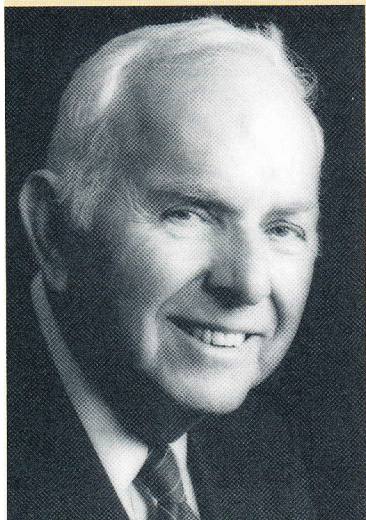


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A legacy of literacy

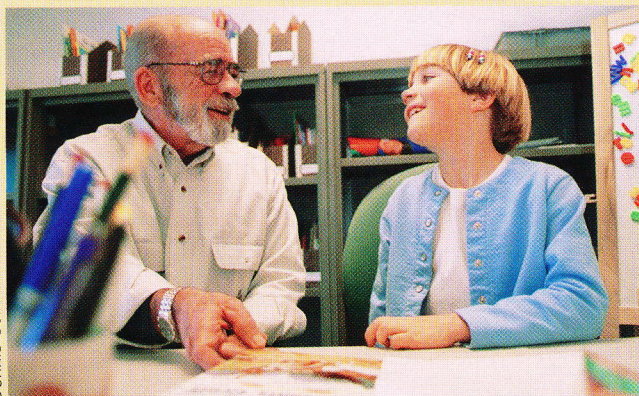
As a fitting tribute to an educator who spent his 40-year career helping students learn to read, Linda Hahn, the widow of Professor Emeritus Harry Hahn, made a \$10,000 gift to the Reading Clinic in the Reading and Language Arts department.

Through the clinic, OU Reading and

Language Arts graduate students complete practicum requirements for their degrees by providing one-on-one tutorial help to elementary through high school students from nearby communities. The Reading Clinic has assisted more than 10,000 children since 1964. The Hahn gift will provide scholarships for OU graduate students, some who will work directly with children who need tutorial assistance.

"When students fall behind their classmates in reading, it's hard for teachers to give them enough attention. The clinic fills that gap," says Ron Cramer, distinguished professor of education at OU.

Hahn, who passed away in 1999, founded the Reading and Language Arts department in OU's School of Education and Human Services, and helped develop the reading education specialization at Oakland. "Harry was creative, innovative and loved his work. Two decades after his retirement, we continue to be guided by his integrity and the professional tone he set for the department," says Cramer.



Dennis Collins

Ron Cramer, distinguished professor, education, with a reading student in the School of Education's reading lab.

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"We are excited to offer our graduates this special opportunity, particularly in light of their natural connection to the university and in recognition of their philanthropic support," says Molly Beresford, chair of The President's Club executive committee and an OU Foundation director.

The President's Club Alumni Association membership provides a great way for OUAAs members to meet other OU supporters and create new networking opportunities. In addition, members are invited to President's Club events and given access to many university facilities.

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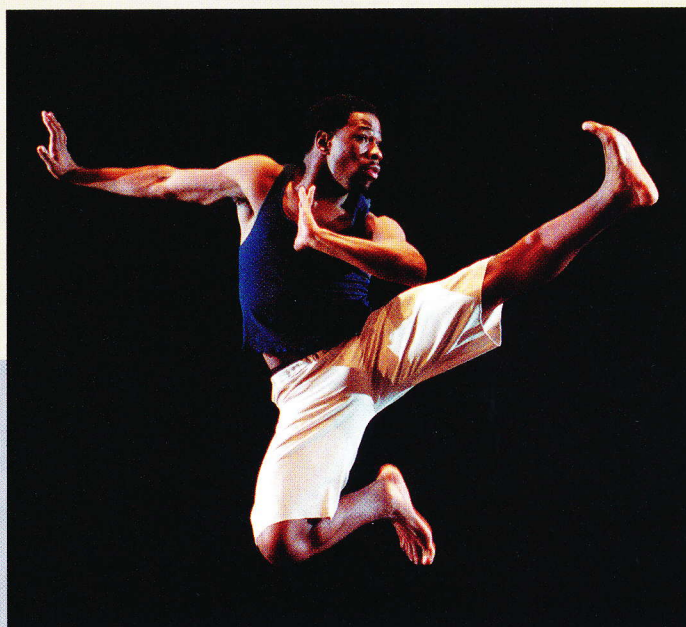
Summer program spotlights dance

Sometimes inspiration can be an artist's greatest teacher. That was the case with OU dance major Angela Gary. For years, Gary has admired the work of dancer and choreographer Judith Jamison. So it was especially meaningful when the OU senior was able to attend a summer intensive program at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York, where Jamison is artistic director. "It was a pleasure to be able to perform in front of a professional company and in front of Judith Jamison," Gary says.

If not for the Maggie Allesee Summer Dance Study Program, Gary's dream may never have been realized. The program, which admitted four Oakland students this past year, makes it possible for dancers to study and perform with some of the nation's leading professional companies.

"Bob and I are delighted to support the Maggie Allesee Summer Dance Study Program and give Oakland's talented young dancers the chance to stretch their wings and participate in other dance workshops or with companies across the United States," Allesee says. "We also are happy to support the dance concerts where OU dancers can have the opportunity to perform for the university and the community."

Exposure to different teaching and performance techniques is an invaluable part of a dancer's education, says Laurie Eisenhower, dance program coordinator with Oakland's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Until now, however, it was rare for Oakland dance students to attend these summer programs.



Dennis Collins

OU dance student Rodney Brown had the opportunity – rare until now – to choreograph his own pieces at the Sankofa Dance Theatre in Georgia.

With the Maggie Allesee Summer Dance Study Program now in place, Eisenhower expects increasing numbers of students to pursue these opportunities each year, something that benefits not only individuals but the department as a whole. "It's amazing how it brings up the whole level of your program when your students are doing everything they can to excel," Eisenhower says.

In addition to supporting the summer dance program, Maggie and her husband, Bob, pledged support for the OU Dance Theatre and the OU Repertory Dance Company concerts performed by students. Long-time OU supporters, the Allesees also have generously supported the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance as well as the School of Nursing, Meadow Brook Theatre, Meadow Brook Hall and Athletics, making a world of difference for students such as dancer Rodney Brown. Brown used his program funding to study for two weeks at Sankofa Dance Theatre in Savannah, Ga., where he choreographed several of his own pieces. The experience, he says, "was incredible." In other words, a true inspiration.

Endowed chair opens minds



Barry M. Klein

Now more than ever, global understanding seems a necessity rather than a luxury. For a student to truly succeed in a world where companies cross borders, where technology links individuals and nations like never before, and in an age where the world is shrinking each day, an understanding of different nations and ways of life is imperative. Thanks to the Barry M. Klein Endowed Chair in Culture and Globalization, students

at Oakland University will be able to learn from professors and scholars at the leading edge of international study and understanding.

Klein, a 1968 sociology graduate, created the chair as part of a significant gift bequest that also included an endowed scholarship benefiting Honors College students.

The scholar who holds the Barry M. Klein Endowed Chair "will create new courses for students, spearhead research, and organize innovative infrastructures in this area, and in the process not only help better educate our students and prepare them for the challenges of globalization, but put OU on the map as a center for excellence in scholarly work on globalization and culture," says David Maines, chair of OU's sociology department. "Mr. Klein is well aware of these challenges and I believe is concerned that our students receive the very best education possible that will make them better world citizens as well as competent participants in their chosen endeavors."

For Klein, his gifts are about improving Oakland's already high standard of education, recalling his own days at Oakland. "I had a wonderful experience at OU," he says. "We had PhD graduates from Yale, Cornell and Harvard teaching our classes. There was a wide diversity of students and faculty, and the atmosphere around campus was one that was open to discussion about anything. There's still that atmosphere of freedom of thought and exchange of ideas today." With the Barry M. Klein Endowed Chair, that exchange of ideas will reach beyond the classroom into a world that's growing closer each day.



With the endowed chair in culture and globalization, OU students will become better world citizens by understanding the challenges of globalization.

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Remembering a devoted friend

Long-time Oakland University President's Club member Stephan Sharf has contributed his time and resources to OU for more than 20 years.

In June 2003, OU's Golf and Learning Center joined Steve and close friends to dedicate the Sharf Memorial Garden in memory of Steve's late wife, Rita, who passed away in April 2001. Located on the 12th hole of the R & S Sharf Golf Course, the garden features serene landscaping and a spot for relaxation.

"The Sharf Memorial Garden, constructed on the golf course Steve and Rita made possible and for whom it is named, will always remind us of our great friends and the shared joy of two wonderful people," says OU President Gary Russi.

Through their vision of creating the golf course, the Sharfs equipped OU with a powerful vehicle through which to raise funds for student scholarships and academic programs.

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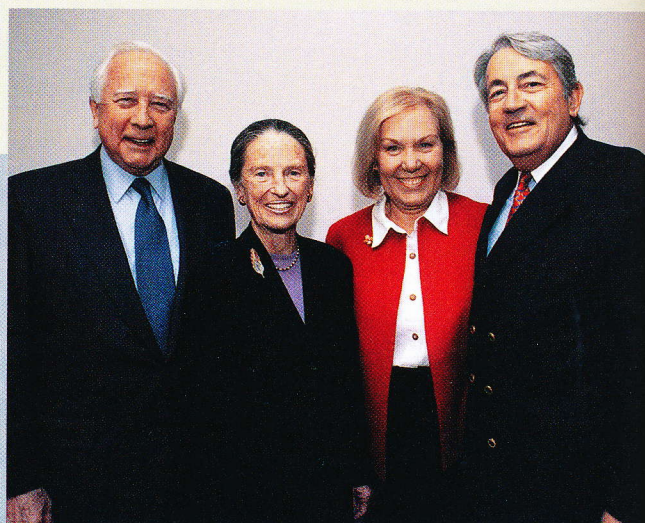
The gift of big ideas

Gretchen CAS '76 and Ed Adler established the Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities to expose Oakland students to a simple but important commodity: grand ideas.

The lecture series will bring respected and nationally recognized speakers, historians, writers, journalists and others to campus to illuminate topics of current interest or historical significance in the humanities.

In fall 2003, the inaugural speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian David McCullough, addressed a crowd of nearly 1,300 and met with groups of students in classes the following day.

McCullough, the first speaker for the Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities, met with students following his lecture.



David and Rosalee McCullough (left) with Gretchen and Ed Adler.

OU history major Amy Fahnestock attended a student discussion and says, "I love history. This was a great opportunity to hear someone of his stature. I wish it had been three hours long."

The Adler's hope to build on the lecture's popularity in coming years, inspiring students to follow their own intellectual pursuits. "If you have a good education, you can learn anything," Ed says.

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In partnership with Beaumont Hospitals, OU's School of Health Sciences Medical Laboratory Sciences program offers a specialization in radiation therapy. Through this program, OU students spend two years studying on campus, followed by two years of intensive clinical work on site working with physicians and fully certified radiation therapists. Hospital coursework ranges from radiation oncology and patient care to radiographic imaging. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the national certification exam administered by The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.



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Meadow Brook Hall boasts 24 uniquely crafted fireplaces, each with its own history. This year Meadow Brook Hall docents led an effort to fill the hall with warmth through gifts that supported the installation of gas lines and logs, and repairs to brick and masonry in seven fireplaces located in the ballroom, games room, living room, library, Christopher Wren Dining Room, Mrs. Wilson's study and Mr. Wilson's study.

"Meadow Brook Hall's grand scale and the complexity of its building systems and interior architecture, combined with its vast collections make it a great challenge to maintain and preserve," says Pam Serwa, Meadow Brook Hall development officer. "Through the generosity of many individuals we can remain diligent in caring for this historic home while fulfilling Matilda's desire to share her home and love for arts and culture to enrich the lives of future generations."

This care and attention is obvious underfoot, overhead and virtually everywhere a visitor's eye lingers. In the library, gifts from Thomas W. Sidlik and Rebecca A. Boylan allowed for the restoration and repair of an original Oriental rug, which

had suffered water damage and dry rot. This summer, the rug, woven in Turkey in 1927, was flown to Egypt for special care then returned to Meadow Brook Hall. Generous gifts from Margaret and Gary Valade facilitated repairs of the crystal chandelier in Mrs. Wilson's study and restoration of a hand-carved, wooden mirror frame. Both projects required specialty craftsmanship not easily found today.

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Members of OU's charter class recall their history while reviewing OU memorabilia at their 40th reunion last fall.

Charter class preserving history

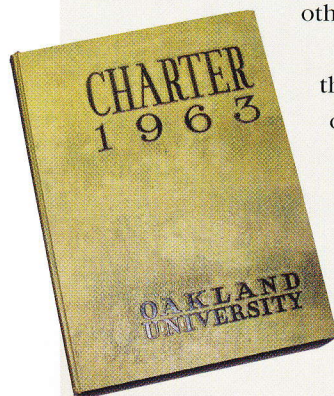
As Oakland University's first students, the charter class made history. Now they intend to preserve it. The Charter Challenge Endowment Fund, announced at this past fall's 40th reunion celebration, ensures that OU's archives and the memories of its earliest students will endure, in large part through support of the campus archives.

"As alumni, we can help spread the word that OU's Kresge Library archives should be a priority," wrote A. Michael Deller CAS '63 in the letter that launched the challenge. Deller, who serves as director of the Library Network in Southgate, Mich., urged alumni to bolster the existing archival material by sorting through their own personal files and setting aside clippings, blue books, yearbooks, photographs, apparel and other precious items for inclusion and preservation in the Kresge Library archives.

To date, the challenge has garnered not only precious archival material but also more than \$10,000 toward historic preservation, including the transfer of reel-to-reel film to DVD and other important efforts to protect OU's past.

To support the Charter Challenge, please call the Annual Giving office at (248) 370-3700 or go online at www.oakland.edu, click on "Give to OU" and designate your gift to the Charter Challenge Endowment Fund.

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Undergraduate research helps students

Oakland University students don't just learn about the latest scientific discoveries. As interns, they help make them. Now, thanks to a gift from Pfizer Global Research and Development in Ann Arbor, internship experiences traditionally reserved for juniors and seniors are within reach of OU students early in their academic career.

The \$50,000 gift supports the College of Arts and Sciences Center for Biomedical Research, which allows students in biology, chemistry, physics and computer science to complete research internships with faculty members at the end of their sophomore year. At the end of their third year, students will be placed in professional settings, working alongside some of the industry's top researchers. Programs such as these allow students to experience research in a real-world setting early in their academic careers, with a goal of inspiring them to go into biomedical research after graduation.

Oakland's dedication to undergraduate research exposes students to the challenges and excitement of pursuing independent and faculty-led research projects.



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Love of books, learning inspires planned gift

Books and learning are two great passions in Helen and Doug Basberg's lives. So, it was a natural fit for the couple to make a \$330,000 planned gift to Oakland University's Kresge Library.

Helen CAS '88 says her love for learning and reading stems from her childhood days, when she regularly biked to the Thomas Alva Edison Library in her Detroit hometown. But it was her experience as an OU student that truly inspired her intellectual curiosity.

"Going to college enriched my life so much," says Helen, a vice president at Comerica Bank. "I touched so many things and so many things touched me."

"We both come from working-class families, and we didn't take going to college for granted," says Doug.

The interest from the planned gift will become a source of annual income for Kresge Library after the Basbergs' deaths. Through this unrestricted gift, the Basbergs are leaving it to Kresge Library leadership to determine how the money will be used because they want it to support the area of greatest need.

"It's a gift to the whole university, because a gift to the library benefits everyone, regardless of their major," says Elaine Didier, professor, Kresge Library.

The couple arranged a similar endowment for the David Adamany Undergraduate Library at Wayne State University, where Doug earned his master's degree in engineering.

For now, the Basbergs continue to enjoy books and learning, especially in their extensive private library where books are arranged by areas of interest. And, Helen is looking forward to returning to Oakland to pursue a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies.



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Beaumont shapes tomorrow's nurses

Through its ongoing partnership with Oakland University's School of Nursing (SON), Beaumont Hospitals is helping shape the future of nursing. "This partnership is beneficial to Oakland University, Beaumont and the entire region by advancing education and improving student recruitment and retention at a time when the field is experiencing critical shortages," says Linda Thompson, SON dean.

The partnership provides School of Nursing students with a wide breadth of hands-on, real-world learning experience. Students in the MSN anesthesia program, recognized as sixth-best in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*, complete their clinical work at Beaumont through the cooperative partnership.

While the hospitals provide on-site learning opportunities, the university provides academic consultants, who develop proposals, implement projects and provide guidance.

The two organizations work together to promote nurse recruitment throughout the region. For example, through a new program with Pontiac schools, three top students received scholarships from Beaumont, allowing them to enter the nursing program at OU.

Other partnership specifics are developed as needs arise. Every effort, however, is geared toward one common goal: to provide the best education possible for tomorrow's nurses, ensuring that patients across the country will benefit soon from a level of care like no other.



Oakland University nursing students get hands-on experience at Beaumont Hospitals.

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Engineering a successful future

Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science received a \$25,000 donation from renowned engineer Thomas Vos SECS '64.

In an effort to improve road safety, Vos spent more than 30 years perfecting airbag and seatbelt technology. When *Design News* rewarded his groundbreaking efforts by naming him Engineer of the Year in 2002, Vos generously donated his entire

prize toward scholarship support for future SECS students.

Vos' past involvement at OU includes serving on the SECS advisory board for years, earning a reputation for valuable insight. "He has been a great supporter of the school. He has a great love, respect and affection for (OU)," says Bhushan Bhatt, SECS associate dean.

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OU's champion men's and women's soccer teams received a state-of-the-art scoreboard thanks to the OUAA.

Grizzlies find a new way to keep score

A goal just does not feel like a goal until it lights up the scoreboard. A recent \$30,000 gift from the Oakland University Alumni Association now ensures that every header, bank shot and rocket fired into the net by Golden Grizzlies soccer teams will be emblazoned on a new state-of-the-art scoreboard.

"Where there is a strong alumni association, there is a strong athletics program," says Gregg Garrett SECS '97 and Oakland Alumni Association board member. Garrett is emblematic of that strong support. He recently drafted a gift proposal that, once it comes to fruition, will support the athletic department's plans to build a new soccer stadium. The stadium will provide a permanent, indoor home for OU's champion men's and women's soccer teams and the ideal setting for its new scoreboard. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact Brian Arbeiter at (248) 370-3190.

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OU graduate student Aiysha Ma (left) transferred to Oakland in 2002 after participating in the UnCoRe program, led by OU professors Ishwar Sethi (center) and Fatma Mili.

Program takes the mystery out of research

For many students, the idea of research can be a daunting one. Oakland University's Undergraduate Computer Research Program (UnCoRe) in the School of Engineering and Computer Science seeks to change that.

Each summer, the program brings nearly a dozen students from local and national colleges to OU's campus for 10 weeks of intensive research experience. Funded by the National Science Foundation with support from Ford Motor Company and DaimlerChrysler, UnCoRe provides students with a full spectrum of research activities, from identifying, studying and analyzing problems, to making presentations, conducting peer reviews and authoring progress reports. The program culminates with final presentations and papers submitted for publication.

By providing research experiences as well as mentorship opportunities with faculty, UnCoRe strives to interest students in graduate school as well as potential research-based careers. Coordinated by engineering professors Fatma Mili and Ishwar Sethi, the program also focuses special attention on bringing women into the research fold. Day-long seminars introduce female students to the success stories of other women who have excelled in fields typically dominated by men — something that will have a lasting effect on the science of tomorrow.

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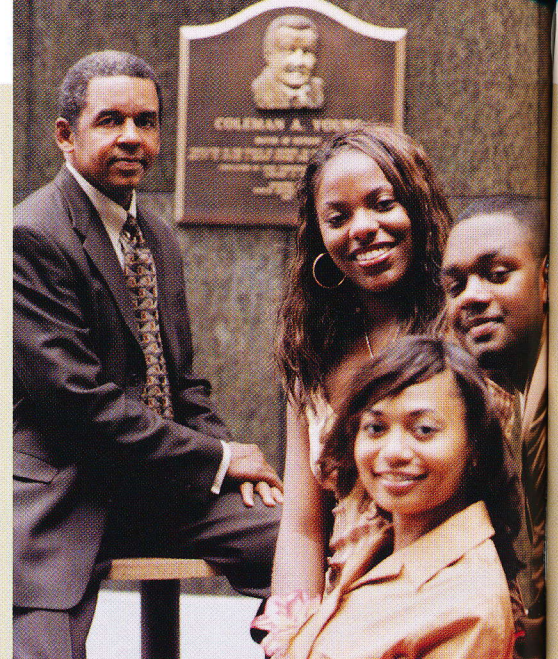
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For more than 40 years, the Oakland University Foundation has provided important financial support and guidance to the university. Its board members generously devote their time and talent to raising funds toward endowed scholarships, research, grants and other gifts vital to Oakland's success.

Recently the foundation board, comprised of business and civic leaders from throughout the community, recognized retiring member and OU alumnus David Baker Lewis for his outstanding service to both the foundation and the university. The board also welcomed new members Ann Black and Peter Lucido CAS '83. Black is founder, CEO and president of Renaissance Financial Group, a company that

provides tax and financial accounting services to individuals and owner-operated companies. Lucido is a private practice attorney, specializing in injury, divorce, criminal and real estate law.

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In addition to supporting the EI through the Comerica Charitable Foundation with a \$10,000 donation, Comerica, the largest bank headquartered in Michigan, provides significant support to OU and its students and faculty members, including an employee matching gift program, a \$5,000 gift for the June 2004 Pre-Symptom Medicine Congress, a \$5,000 Keeper of the Dream scholarship and ongoing support of the SBA's Applied Technology in Business program.

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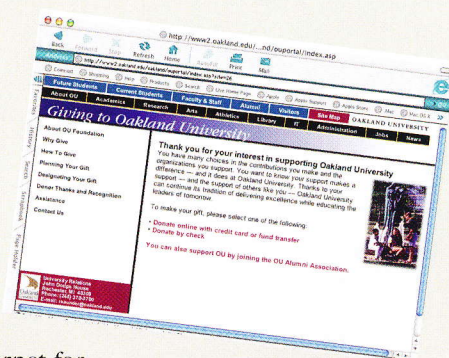
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Jeri Buckley, senior nursing major, was one of 159 student nurses accepted for a Mayo Clinic summer externship out of 750 who applied.

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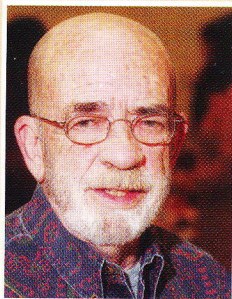
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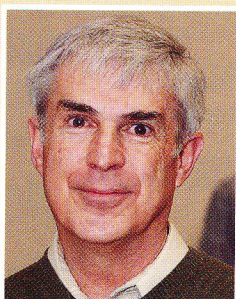
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Devotion inspires AUFD support

Ask Ron Cramer why he supports Oakland University's All-University Fund Drive (AUFD) each year, and he'll say it's his responsibility.

"Obviously, it's not something I have to do, but it's something I want to do," says the distinguished professor of education, who directed his gift this year to several programs, including the Department of Reading and Language Arts (RLA), the Jamaica Institute and a scholarship in memory of professor emeritus Harold D. Cafone. "I have very strong feelings about Oakland University. This is a good place to be."

Cramer isn't alone. Faculty, staff and retirees donated \$172,292 to the 2003 AUFD, which also accepts gifts for United Way (UW) and Black United Fund (BUF). The donations exceeded the drive's \$170,000 goal and represented a 2.5 percent increase over 2002.

The AUFD is an opportunity for faculty and staff to collectively support programs, from scholarships to technology to research and more.

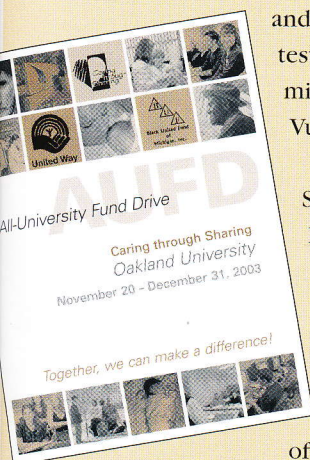
"This year, OU employees rose to the challenge," says Susan Davies Goepp, vice president, University Relations. "Despite talk of a poor economy and other factors, they exceeded all expectations and demonstrated their commitment to Oakland students and to the academic programs they most cherish."

"For the third year in a row, almost all faculty and staff increased their level of giving. This is a testament to the faculty and staff's belief in the mission and vision of the university," says Julie Vulaj, director, Annual Giving.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, targeted her support to the New Student Convocation Spirit Awards, The Honors College, School of Health Sciences and the Alumni Association as well as the BUF and UW. "The ultimate goal is to benefit students," says Miller. "I can't think of a better use of my resources."

Professor of Biological Sciences George Gamboa helps students juggling jobs and school. "They work so hard they don't have time for research," says Gamboa. His gift supports a scholarship fund for student research.

No matter what the individual reason, for many contributors, it all comes down to a sense of community and a common appreciation for Oakland University.



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OU's research strength benefits manufacturing's weakest link

Oakland University's Fastening and Joining Research Institute (FAJRI) is the only academic, non-profit research facility of its kind in the world, giving student and faculty researchers unique insight into manufacturing's weakest link — mechanical joints.

DaimlerChrysler's \$150,000 gift provides doctoral, graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to help improve fastener quality and address the broader, long-term technological issues of fastening and joining.

"It's a win-win situation, for DaimlerChrysler and Oakland," says Sayed Nassar, director of FAJRI and associate professor in the Mechanical Engineering department. "We will share research findings and our students are getting exposure to current, relevant issues."

With six faculty researchers, students are investigating the optimization of automated assembly process of critical bolted joints in the automotive industry, examining ultrasound to control bolt fastening and applying optical imaging to the fastening of bolts.

In addition to tackling automotive-related manufacturing issues, the FAJRI also is striving to improve the safety and reliability of equipment, machinery and mechanical structures in the defense and aerospace industries.

The FAJRI was established in 2003 when the U.S. Congress appropriated \$2.3 million in the defense budget through the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command. The U.S. Senate Armed Service Committee authorized \$1.5 million to continue FAJRI research in 2004.

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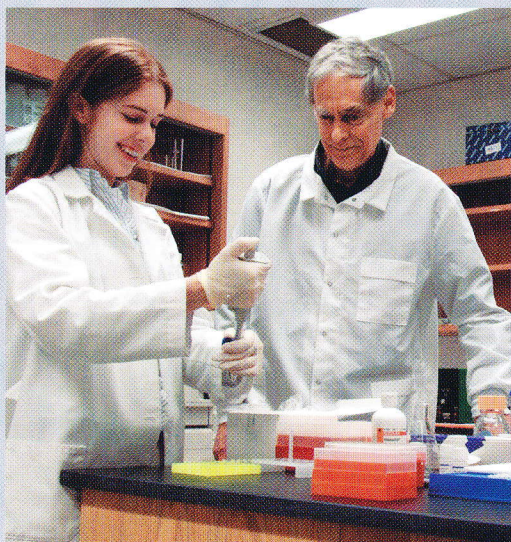
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Eye research pioneer lives on through endowed professorship

During his seven-year tenure as director of OU's Eye Research Institute, V. Everett Kinsey led research that helped thousands see the world through healthy eyes. More than 25 years later, his widow, Irene Kinsey Stare, has taken steps to ensure that no one will forget the Kinsey name.

Stare's \$525,000 planned gift to the Eye Research Institute (ERI) will support the V. Everett Kinsey Endowed Professorship in Biomedical Sciences, helping fund vital research projects by ERI professors.

"I would like to see Dr. Kinsey's work carried on and his name continue to be associated with the Eye Research Institute," says Stare.



Frank Giblin, interim director, ERI, works with OU student researcher at the Eye Research Institute V. Everett Kinsey helped establish.

Early in his career, Kinsey served as a researcher at Harvard University. He also helped establish the National Foundation for Eye Research in 1949, later renamed the National Eye Institute. Kinsey joined the staff of Oakland University at the invitation of OU's first chancellor Woody Varner in 1968. Here, he co-founded the ERI with Venkat N. Reddy.

"Dr. Kinsey was the first scientist to be part of a clinical department," says Frank Giblin, interim director of the ERI. "He had a PhD. Before that, MDs were doing all of the ophthalmology research."

Kinsey served as the ERI director until 1975, when Reddy took the helm. "Because of Dr. Kinsey's status, Oakland University was put on the map as far as eye research is concerned," says Reddy.

Out of the numerous studies he conducted at the ERI, Kinsey was perhaps best known for his clinical trial on blindness in premature infants. For that work, he earned the prestigious Lasker Award. As Reddy recalls, "He was one of Oakland University's most outstanding faculty members." Thanks to the generosity of his widow, Kinsey will help keep that standard of excellence alive for generations of researchers to come.



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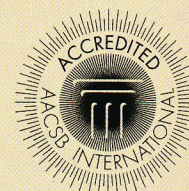
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