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Farewell to the President

Interim President John De Carlo, left, accepts a key from former President Joseph E. Champagne at a farewell reception in honor of Champagne and his wife Emilie. As one of Champagne's last acts, he turned over the "real" key to the university that will open all doors and storehouses of knowledge.

Take a Break at Annual Faculty/Staff Picnic

Guests at the annual President's Faculty/Staff Picnic on August 16 will be treated to the Original Fifth Dimension and the Original Ramsey Lewis Trio in concert.

The picnic will begin at 6 p.m. on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds, and the concert follows at 8. The Board of Trustees and Interim President John De Carlo invite all faculty, staff and the Alumni Association

Board of Directors to take this opportunity to relax and interact with others in the campus community. The picnic is supported by the Oakland University Foundation.

Reservation forms have been mailed on campus. Complimentary parking passes will be sent to you. Picnic and concert tickets will be provided at the festival box office.▼

Faculty Contract Negotiations Continue

Bargaining representatives for the university and the Oakland Chapter of the American Association of University Professors continue to negotiate a new faculty contract.

After an early June recess, the teams resumed meetings July 17. Discussions about economic issues have now begun. The current three-year pact expires August 15.

Members of the bargaining teams are, for the university — William Connellan (chief), David Downing, Ray Harris, Catherine Rush and John Tower; and for the AAUP — Harvey Burdick (chief), Eileen Bantel, Esther Goudsmit, John McKinley and Richard Pettigill.▼

Budget Restrictions in Place to Ease OU Financial Squeeze

The university has established restrictions on filling vacant positions, nonresearch/instructional equipment purchases and out-of-state travel to help avoid a severe budget deficit for 1991-92.

The actions were announced for the current fiscal year by Interim President John De Carlo. He stated that he had a duty to act in a fiscally prudent and responsible manner to ensure the university could carry out its educational objectives within a balanced budget. University budget officials estimate the move will save approximately \$800,000.

De Carlo said the restrictions must be made to allow the university to balance its budget in an orderly fashion and to avoid critical staff adjustments. He noted the initiation of these actions will permit the university to carry out its mission in an effective manner without disruption or undue hardship to any employee or to the students attending the university.

De Carlo added that Oakland University and the other public universities, as well as the state, have critical budget problems. The state has expressed an intent to support higher education for the 1991-92 fiscal year in an amount approximating a 4 percent increase, but no final decision has been made by the Legislature, given the severe fiscal constraints faced by the state. The state also has a cash-flow problem which will have an adverse impact on university funding. In addition, De Carlo said that based on economic forecasts the news out of Lansing is not hopeful with respect to funding for next year.

The budget reductions are listed below.

Position freeze — Open positions may not be filled during this period unless specifically authorized by the divisional vice president and the president.

Travel — Out-of-state travel related to seminars, conferences and workshops, and similar educational/professional development-type activities, will be suspended. Only directly related business travel will be permitted. Contractually mandated faculty travel and externally funded grant and contract travel will be exempted.

Equipment — Currently there is no restriction on the purchase of instructional/research equipment. Equipment purchases must be restricted to items which relate directly to instructional and research programs and projects. All other equipment purchases, including office equipment, will be permitted only upon written documentation that an emergency exists and with the approval of the appropriate divisional vice president.

The university actions apply to all university funds except grants and contracts. The interim president and the university vice presidents are now involved in the

budget readjustment process for this fiscal year and they are involved in planning for next year. The goal of the interim president will be to examine all of the university's programs and operations in order to develop both short- and long-term solutions to the university's budget problem. De Carlo stated that input will be sought from the university community prior to critical final decisions.▼

Cost-cutting steps could save Oakland \$800,000.

Board Considers Hiring Search Firm

Oakland University is looking at the possibility of engaging a search firm to assist in finding a replacement for former president Joseph E. Champagne.

An *ad hoc* Presidential Search Process Committee chaired by Phyllis Law Googasian has completed interviews with six firms to explore their services, costs, etc.

It is expected that a report will be presented to the full board on August 14.

The Board of Trustees at the July 10 meeting authorized its Presidential Search Process Committee to look at external consultants as a possible source of help in setting up selection criteria, establishing a timetable and helping assure that input from the various OU constituencies is received.

A number of state universities have used such firms in their recent searches for presidents.▼

Link Between High Blood Pressure and Cataracts Studied in OU Lab

An increased risk of cataract appears to be the latest threat to humans from the "silent killer," hypertension.

Biologist Nalin Unakar has shifted his attention from diabetes to hypertension in his continuing research into the underlying mechanisms of cataract formation.

Unakar's new line of research is supported by a \$160,178 grant from the National Eye Institute. The award is for the fifth year of a five-year grant. Much previous work has been on diabetic cataract.

The NEI has supported Unakar since 1976. He has brought in more than \$2 million in direct and indirect research costs since coming to OU in 1967.

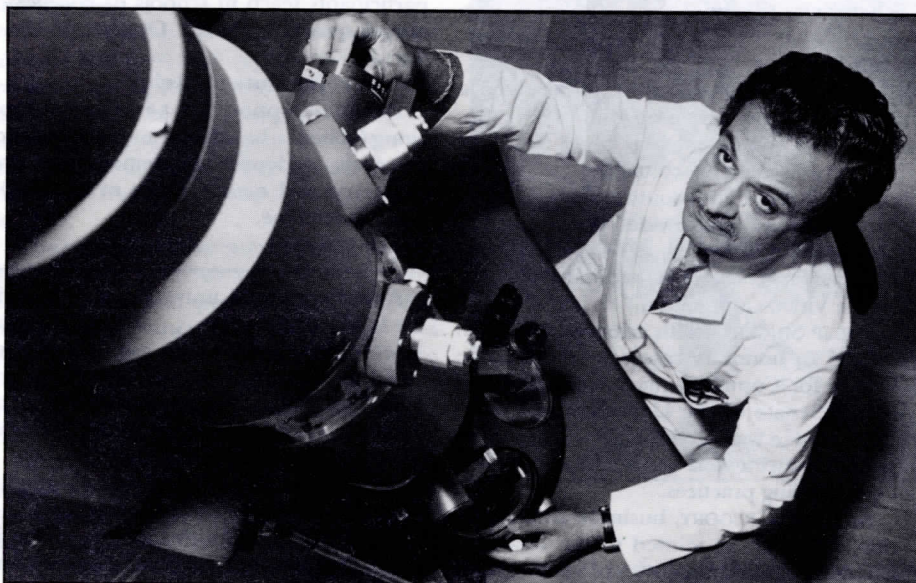
"Cataract formation is generally associated with aging, but many factors have been proposed which promote cataract development," Unakar says. "It is well-recognized that diabetes increases the risk of cataract development in elderly individuals by three- to four-fold."

Unakar adds that another systemic (affecting the whole body) illness, hypertension, also appears to be a risk factor with a relatively high incidence of cataracts in hypertensive individuals.

Unakar says, "In addition, cataract extraction has reportedly been associated with increased risk in diabetic and hypertensive patients."

Statistics show that cataract is one of the major causes of blindness and visual impairment. "Approximately two million Americans suffer from impaired vision due to different degrees of lens opacification (cataract formation) and thousands of cataract extractions are performed in this country every year," Unakar says.

"The development of nonsurgical means for preventing or delaying cataractogenesis would spare human suffering, increase productivity and reduce the cost of surgery and patient care." For these reasons the NEI supports his and other efforts at understanding the underlying causes of many eye diseases.



Nalin Unakar, in his current studies of cataract formation, uses the electron microscope.

The scientist says that "considering all of the above, it is important to understand the underlying mechanisms responsible for cataract development associated with high-risk factors, such as diabetes and hypertension. Our laboratory is involved in such studies using experimental sugar cataract and hypertensive rat models. While we have made considerable progress in studying the initiation, progression and maturation of sugar cataracts, we have just begun our inquiry into understanding hypertension-associated cataracts."

In his work, Unakar says, "We use different strains of rats that are well-suited for these studies and exhibit alterations in the lens associated with cataract development which are similar to those observed in either a diabetic or hypertensive human situation."

Unakar wants to shed more light on the mechanisms of cataract formation and also develop approaches that would delay and eventually inhibit cataract development, and even regress lens clouding in the process.

Unakar cooperates with Professor Isaac Bekhor of the University of Southern California in techniques in molecular biology to study cataract development and regression.

Unakar has been assisted in his work locally by staff researchers Jane Tsui and Margaret Johnson.

— By Jim Llewellyn▼

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Faculty and Staff Notes

Items about professional activities or honors may be sent to the News Service, 104 NFH. They appear as space permits.

Presentations

KEVIN GRIMM, English, presented a paper, *Le Morte Darthur and its Reception: Medieval and Modern*, at the 26th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University.

JANE EBERWEIN, English, was respondent to three papers presented on a panel, *Emily Dickinson's Letters*, at the American Literature Association Conference in Washington, D.C.

GEORGE STEVENS, business administration, wrote *The Relationship Between Attitudes Toward Women and Attitudes Toward Blacks in Management Positions*. It was published in the *Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences*. Coauthors were O.C. BRENNER of James Madison University and JOSEPH TOMKIEWICZ of East Carolina University.

SID MITTRA, business administration, wrote *The Turbulent Stock Market, The Planner, and the Confused Client* for the May issue of *Financial Planning*.

Conferences

Four School of Business Administration faculty members were instructors in the two

Michigan and to the board of the Michigan Center for High Technology.

JANE EBERWEIN, English, has been re-elected a member of the board of the Emily Dickinson International Society.

PAUL HARTMAN, athletics, has been named to the NCAA Committee for Women's Athletics. He has also been elected to the President Select position of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He currently chairs two conference committees, the Conference Review Committee and the Service and Honors Committee.

GEORGE STEVENS, business administration, has been appointed to the Divisional Board of Directors of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Pontiac.

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Research and Academic Development has details about sources of external funding. Stop by 370 SFH or call 370-3222. Unless noted, proposal due dates are unknown.

Department of Defense

A videotape about the Small Business Innovation Research program, *The Department of Defense: Winning in its SBIR Program*, was taped on April 29 and is available from the ORAD. Presenters discussed all three phases of the SBIR competition and the mix of topics covered in two yearly solicitations.

Environmental Protection Agency

The EPA will accept exploratory research grants in six environmental disciplines. Revised closing dates for applications are biology, September 13; and chemistry/physics (air studies), August 16. Socioeconomics is closed for 1991.

National Science Foundation

Proposals for research on key issues in science and engineering education are invited by the National Science Foundation. Examples of key problem areas include the rising costs of undergraduate education combined with a decline in aid and loans, and resulting effects on student choices; low retention rates of students in science and engineering programs; insufficient attention in engineering to problem solving and commercial applications; and underrepresentation of women, minority and disabled persons in science and engineering education.

National Institutes of Health

Interpretive research: supports collaborative or coordinated projects that will have a significant effect on scholarship in the humanities. October 15 deadline. Research project grants: support for health-related research in the area of an investigator's interest and competence. October 1 deadline. Program projects grants: support broadly based, often multidisciplinary, long-term, health-related research programs on key objectives or themes. October 1 deadline. Small grants: pilot projects, testing of new techniques and high-risk research feasibility studies. October 1 deadline.

National Endowment for the Humanities

Summer stipends: enable scholars who have made or may make a significant contribution in their field to devote full time to study and research for two consecutive summer months. October 1 deadline.

ACLS

Fellowships: provide opportunities for scholars to engage in research in the humanities and social sciences for a period of six to 12 months of full-time work. October 1 deadline.

U.S. Information Agency

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program: participants teach in schools or colleges or attend seminars abroad. October 15 deadline.

National Institute on Aging

Provides support for basic research on aging/genetics; behavioral and social science research; epidemiology, demography, and biometry; and neuroscience of aging. October 1 deadline.

New Faces

Additions to the university staff include the following persons:

- ANNE ENGLE of Oak Park, assistant director of annual giving in Alumni Relations.
- BRENDA YEE of Rochester Hills, social science research assistant in the Office of Institutional Research.
- CINDY BROMELL of Birmingham, graphic artist in the Publications Department.
- NAN GELMAN of South Lyon, an officer in the Department of Public Safety and Police.

- FRAN MAYFIELD of Rochester Hills, orientation coordinator in the Orientation Office.
- ELIZABETH STEIGERWALD of Detroit, social science research assistant in the Office of Institutional Research.

In the News

Recent news coverage about the faculty and staff has included the following items.

- The spring issue of *Data Resource Management* journal carried an extensive interview with AL LEDERER, business administration. The interview concerned Lederer's work in studying information systems planning.
- PHILIP SINGER, health sciences, was interviewed by *The Detroit News* about the drug overdose death of singer David Ruffin. While others commented there is a correlation between fame and addiction, Singer offered this view: "I don't see a correlation between drugs and entertainers or drugs and ghetto kids or drugs and any group. The problem lies in our own attempt to make a distinction between legal and illegal drugs. The number of people who die from illegal drugs is 3,000 a year. But 400,000 a year die as a result of smoking cigarettes."
- ROBERT THOMAS, placement and career services, was interviewed by the *Advisor-Source* newspapers concerning the job outlook for recent graduates.

For Your Benefit

The Employee Relations Department reports the interest rate on U.S. Savings Bonds has dipped slightly for the latest six-month period.

Until October 31, the initial semiannual interest rate is 6.57 percent, down from 6.88 percent for the November 1-April 30 period. Rates are set for May 1 and November 1.

The rate is based on market average during the preceding six months. The current minimum rate is 6 percent for bonds held at least five years.

Further information about savings bonds, and a payroll deduction program for purchasing them, is available from the Staff Benefits Office.

PPOM Physician Directories

Employees enrolled in the Connecticut General Health Plan may pick up revised PPOM Physician Directories at the Staff Benefits Office.

Diana Decker, staff benefits manager, says that "by using PPOM providers, you will save yourself money immediately and have lower claim costs to the health plan. As you are aware, the Connecticut General health plan is self-insured, which means all claims (medical and prescription) are paid for by the monthly premium contributions made by you and Oakland University. The monthly premium amounts are arrived at by the previous year's claims; therefore, by using PPOM and keeping claim costs down, you will help keep monthly premium rates down."

Decker says that claims for 1991 are higher than the revenue being produced from monthly premiums. "In short," she says, "if this trend continues for 1991, look for another big increase in monthly premiums for 1992. Remember, try to keep health costs down by using PPOM."

Jobs

Information about employment opportunities is available by calling 370-4500.

- Security/receptionist, miscellaneous, Meadow Brook Hall.
- Coordinator for intercultural programs, AP-6, CIPO.
- Coordinator, primary prevention programs, miscellaneous, Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

Reaching Us ...

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Composer-in-Residence Stanley Hollingsworth and his sister Louise Bachtold of California greet guests at a reception following the world premiere of Hollingsworth's 'Lirico,' a concerto for violin and orchestra. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performed the concerto at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Newspaper critics reviewed the piece enthusiastically. The concerto was commissioned by the festival.

ROBERT EBERWEIN, English, participated as a panelist on the Plenary Session at the Society for Cinema Studies Conference at the University of Southern California.

JOHN W. ATLAS, human resources development, presented a seminar, *Multicultural Initiatives in Human Services: Working with Black Families*. It was presented for the counselors, peer counselors, social workers and administrative staff of Sanctuary in Royal Oak.

JUDITH K. BROWN, sociology and anthropology, addressed the Family Violence Seminar at Children's Hospital-Harvard Medical School in Boston. She also addressed the Society of Fellows of the Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College in Cambridge. At both presentations, she spoke on *Sanctions and Sanctuary: Cross-Cultural Perspectives of Wife-Beating*. She also addressed the annual meeting of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan on *A Cross-Cultural View of Women's Lives*.

VINCENT B. KHAPOYA, political science, codirected and participated in a workshop on East African culture at Michigan State University. Participants consisted of faculty and undergraduate students from the Great Lakes College Association, Associated Colleges of the Midwest and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities who plan to conduct research or to study as exchange students in East Africa. Doctoral students from other parts of the country who had come to MSU to study Swahili also participated.

DONALD A. MCCRIMMON, research and academic development, presented a paper at the second annual Research Excellence Partnership meeting at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. His topic was *Building Maine's Scientific and Technological Infrastructure: Challenging Assumptions, Questioning the System, Keeping the Faith*.

Publications

ANAHID KULWICKI, nursing, wrote *An Ethnographic Study on Illness Perceptions and Causation of Yemeni-Americans* for *Michigan Academician*.

RONALD SUDOL, rhetoric, communications and journalism, wrote *The Prospects and Consequences of Private Access to Computers*. It was published by the University of Southern California in its journal, *The Writing Instructor*.

CPA Weekends sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education and the School of Business Administration. DAVID D. SIDAWAY, SANDRA PELFREY, GADIS J. DILLON and ROBERT KLEIMAN participated. PAMELA MARIN, continuing education, directs the programs.

Members of the Department of Management and Marketing participated in an Organizational Behavior Teaching Conference at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. ELIZABETH HARTSIG and LIZABETH BARCLAY presented a paper and led a discussion on *Part-Time Instruction in the Business School: Views from a Part-Timer, a Chair and Students*. KENNETH YORK and JULIE DZIEKAN presented a workshop on *How to Run an Assessment Center as an In-Class Exercise*. GEORGE STEVENS and DANIEL BRAUNSTEIN also attended.

Two photographs by JAMES DOW, sociology and anthropology, appeared on page 8 of the June issue of *Natural History* magazine. The photos showed papermaking by Otomi Indians in Mexico.

PAMELA MARIN, continuing education, and HOWARD SLETE, education and human services, wrote *A Comparison of the Effect of Two Computer-Based Counseling Interventions on the Career Decidedness of Adults*. It appeared in the June issue of *The Career Development Quarterly*, which is the official publication of the National Career Development Association.

Honors

ANAHID KULWICKI, nursing, received a grant from the Office of Minority Health, Michigan Department of Public Health, for the development of culturally competitive education materials about diabetes for Arab Americans. An Arabic video developed and produced by Kulwicki, *AIDS: Prevention is Your Best Protection*, was a finalist in the U.S.A. Home Video competition.

PHILIP SINGER, health sciences, has been named an honorary research fellow in the Center for Complementary Health Studies by the Senate of the University of Exeter, England. He was cited for his work in alternative medicine and for his films on traditional healing practices.

KARL D. GREGORY, business administration, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the United Way of Southeastern

Quote

"What people say behind your back is your standing in the community in which you live."

— Edgar Watson Howe

Bits & Pieces

Get on the Bus, Gus

It's now possible for many more students and employees to get to and from Oakland by bus.

SMART, the regional transportation authority, has added a line that runs from Madison Heights, up Rochester Road to University Drive and west along Walton Boulevard to the university and beyond. Other SMART routes connect to the line.

For schedules, call SMART at 962-5515.

Foundation Makes Awards

The Oakland University Foundation has allocated \$897,455 for university programs and operations.

The foundation met June 17 to allocate funds from the 1990-91 fiscal year.

Allocations are Kresge Library Challenge, \$100,000; scholarships, \$50,000; athletic scholarships, \$25,000; President's Fund, \$25,000; library student fee match, \$6,000; faculty and staff excellence awards, \$4,000; and the faculty and staff recognition fund, \$3,500.

Additional allocations are \$130,000 to the Oakland University Foundation Endowment for Excellence, the second straight year the foundation has put \$130,000 toward that fund, which has a \$10 million goal; \$250,000 as a lead gift to the Enduring Legacy Program for Kresge Library; \$35,000 as a challenge grant to WOUX radio for broadcasting equipment; and \$268,955 for the OU Foundation/President's Club budget.

The fund's uncommitted balance for the past year is \$157,351.

Go Ahead, Make Their Day

How much would you pay to see a valued colleague's name on a banner in the Oakland Center?

Before you answer, what if this person also got a recognition certificate, his or her photo in a certain campus newspaper and some mementos? But wait, there's more: How about dinner at Meadow Brook Hall with the university president?

Now how much would you pay? Well, put away that checkbook, this Employee Recognition Award program offer is free.

The monthly program recognizes and rewards contributions of outstanding individuals. All nonfaculty, nonprobationary staff members are eligible. More than 50 employees have been cited for their dedication and commitment to the university since the program began in October 1986.

The Employee of the Month is selected by committee. Members are Peggy Cooke, director, Internal Audit; Nancy Schmitz, assistant dean, Office of Student Life; Michael McCormick, mastery level VII, Campus Facilities and Operations; Yolanda Jennings, office assistant II, Graham Health Service; Victoria Blackmon, manager of employment, Employee Relations Department; and Gail Ryckman, employee relations assistant, ERD.

Recipients are selected on the basis of content and quality of nominations; not on the number of nominations. You may nominate more than one person, and you are not limited to nominating persons within your department or employee classification. Although faculty members are ineligible for the award, they may nominate other employees.

Further information is available by calling 370-3480.

Calligraphers to Gather

Although the event is nearly a year away, it's almost time to register for MOSAIC, the 12th International Assembly of Lettering Artists.

The assembly will meet next June 20-27 on campus under the auspices of the Michigan Association of Calligraphers.

Prospective participants are encouraged to send a \$100 deposit by August 15, payable to MOSAIC. It should be sent to Candi Schwark, director, 915 Peach Blossom Court, Rochester Hills, 48306. Schwark is also an Oakland student.

Idea Blossoms into Full-Scale Garden Path

Mary Lynn Bonnell is used to making something out of almost nothing.

The former costume designer for Meadow Brook Theatre has a knack for seeing something in her mind and transforming it into reality. She's done it again, but this time with outdoor gardens at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Bonnell had an idea to turn a grassy slope into a series of gardens, then she went to work lining up professional landscapers.

What makes it all the more remarkable is that the 34 businesses involved did not charge the university for their services. It is estimated that the value of the landscaping is approximately \$400,000 or more.

The festival gardens and a new paved walkway wrap around the outside base of the hillside that faces Baldwin Pavilion. The path starts behind the box office. Concert-goers are free to take preconcert strolls along the path and stop for picnics.

Bonnell, now responsible for the festival and theatre's corporate relations, got the idea some time ago after seeing how volunteers decorate Meadow Brook Hall for the holidays. She gave it some thought and proposed it to Frank Cardimen, interim vice president for university extension and public service. They asked Peter Hicks, Meadow Brook Theatre set designer, to sketch where gardens could be placed.

With her idea and some determination, Bonnell approached contractors and got enthusiastic responses. Each was allowed to pick a plot that would be suitable for their plantings.

"It was very well received, so I just went with it," Bonnell says. Contractors donated labor and



materials, and university personnel provided some electrical hookups. The grounds crew will help care for the gardens, too. A special fund has been established for donors who wish to help maintain the gardens.

Bonnell's efforts resulted in 14 gardens of approximately 1,200 to 1,400 square feet, each with a different theme. Bonnell says contractors have already promised to come back next year to replant and add to their gardens, and others have expressed interest in creating new gardens.

The festival gardens include rare specimen trees and flowers and plantings of virtually every description. Benches and even a waterfall carved into a hill round out the setting.

"The waterfall looks like it's

been there forever," Bonnell says. Downhill from the waterfall is a stand of trees where only two stood before the landscapers arrived. The trees blend in so well that observers will be hard-pressed to notice which ones are recent additions.

Among the unusual gardens is a Japanese Zen dry garden by Alexander Nursery of Mt. Clemens. Raked waves of gravel simulate an ocean surrounding islands of stone and moss, which are connected by a zig-zag rough plank bridge. Plantings include a 20-year-old Japanese maple, plus black pines, dwarf grasses and perennials.

Rogers Garden Center of Keego Harbor added a tiered garden with retaining walls of Michigan grindstone mined

from a now-closed quarry on the Lake Huron shore. Dwarf lace-leaf Japanese red and green maples, river's eye beech, flowering white dogwoods, weeping white pines and annuals complete the section.

The complete list of donor firms, as of June 26, was:

GARDENS

Goldner Walsh Nursery & Florist, Pontiac
Ray Weigand's Nursery, Inc., Utica
Harding Landscape, Oxford
Juett Associates, Inc., Farmington Hills
Eaton Nursery, Ltd., West Bloomfield
Superior Scape, Inc., Washington
Rogers Garden Center, Inc., Keego Harbor
English Gardens, West Bloomfield
Bordine's Better Blooms, Rochester Hills
Alexander Nursery, Mt. Clemens
Kmart Corp. Lawn and Garden Division, Troy

GAZEBO

Black Forest Building Co., Roseville
Dillman Upton Lumber Co., Rochester
Church's Lumber, Utica

BRICK PLAZA

Fendt Builders Supply, Inc., Farmington Hills

Biondo Brothers Old World European Paving, Waterford

LIGHTING

Illuminating Concepts, Farmington
Ray Electric, Sterling Heights
Auto City Electric, Farmington
The Dynamic Group, Inc., Farmington Hills

Cardco Lighting Co., San Leandro, Calif

IRRIGATION

Century Rain Aid, Madison Heights
Trost Irrigation, Inc., Lake Orion

FLOWER BOXES

Frank's Nursery & Crafts, Detroit

SIGNS

Black Forest Building Co., Roseville

PROMOTION

Waldorf Graphics, Lake Orion

Michigan Printing & Graphics, Metamora

Paper & Graphics, Auburn Hills

PAVING

Ajax Paving Industries, Inc., Madison Heights

TKMS Ltd., Oxford

American Aggregates Corp., Milford

ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION

Caldwell Construction, Ferndale

Tru-Bilt Building Products, Sylvan Lake

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

Utica Distributors

Ortho Products▼

Rummaging Through Ol' Tom's Basement

The basement excavation looked commonplace — but the visitors were not — they ranged from a Japanese film crew to tourists seeking souvenirs.

They were joined by the ice cream vendor making the afternoon stop to refresh archaeologists working at the boyhood home of Thomas Alva Edison.

Richard Stamps of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Oakland graduate Bruce Hawkins have led a seven-member team this summer that is completing excavations at Edison's Port Huron home.

The dig, just south of the Edison Inn and the Bluewater Bridge, is supported by the city through the Museum of Arts and History. The city has committed approximately \$173,000 to Stamps for professional archaeologists to help complete the excavation this summer.

Stamps says the work, and the subsequent analysis and published report, will end one phase of the dig that has been done on and off since 1976. In that year an OU team put in some test pits and became convinced the site was the area on which the old Edison home had rested until it was destroyed by fire in 1867.

The home had been built on military reservation land in 1840 by a Fort Gratiot storekeeper and postmaster. In 1854, Samuel and Nancy Edison left Ohio and moved into the two-story home. They were forced to move in 1864 when the home was requisitioned by the government for use as a hospital.

Stamps says it was in this home that Thomas Edison lived the formative years of his life, ages 7-16. It was also here where Edison performed his first experiments.

Nearly 100,000 artifacts have been recovered since 1976, Stamps says, and more

may come from the final section of the basement. Many items relate to the house itself, and to the Army history the home shared. A key discovery, Stamps adds, was the newspaper type discovered in the basement. To raise money, Edison sold the *Detroit Free Press* to passengers on the Port Huron-Detroit train, and later published his own newspaper. Many artifacts could have

belonged to Edison or some other person, "but the type we feel confident was his," Stamps says.

Oakland connections to the project include students Michael Cardimen and Glen Adams. Anna Naruta, a high school student in Port Huron, has also worked extensively on the site.

— By Jim Llewellyn▼



Time-Consuming Work

Researchers sift through the remains of what was the basement of the boyhood home of inventor Thomas Edison in Port Huron. (Photo courtesy of Richard Stamps)

Around the University

Bright Ideas from CF&O

Campus Facilities and Operations is working on one of the university community's major goals: upgrading and expanding the "brightway" paths.

New lighting has been cited as a major priority by a number of campus groups and made a priority in funding requests to the state by the Board of Trustees.

The university is paying for the \$50,000 upgrade from 1990-91 funds from the CF&O budget. New poles and fixtures will be installed for high-pressure sodium bulbs that will significantly increase the light along the designated paths. Work has begun along the north-south corridors between Kresge Library and O'Dowd Hall and the Oakland Center and the residence halls.

It is anticipated that the new installations will result in some interruptions in the old lighting through the end of August.

Enrollment Holds Steady

While exact predictions are difficult at this point, the enrollment of new students for fall classes looks to be at approximately the same level as last fall.

Jerry Rose, director of admissions and scholarships, said there is evidence, based on applications, that last year's enrollment will be matched this fall.

Rose added that transfer and graduate applications are presently ahead of last year (7.7 percent for graduates and 11.8 percent for transfers). This should offset a decline in first-

time-in-any-college students (FTIACs) of approximately 8 percent.

High school enrollment in Michigan at the 12th grade level is expected to continue to decline until 1994. To offset the loss of potential Oakland first-year students, the admissions staff will target some out-of-state areas.

Information from the Office of Institutional Research shows 1,127 FTIACs enrolled last fall and 952 new transfer students. Graduate enrollment for last fall totaled 2,311. Enrollment in all categories totaled 12,400.

Student Studies Heart

A biology student has won a \$2,125 competitive scholarship from the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Senior Michelle Herman is examining the role of glucocorticoids. These steroid hormones have anti-inflammatory properties and can influence cardiovascular function.

The results will contribute to an understanding and treatment of high blood pressure and adrenal gland abnormalities in diseases like Cushing syndrome.

Herman is working in the lab of Virinder Moudgil and has been involved in studies on hormone action for more than a year. Her work has been published in the prestigious journal, *Archives of Biochemistry* and in *Biophysics*.

Macker to Draw Thousands

Fat kids, skinny kids, varsity jocks, seniors, young women, older women—there's a competitive bracket for them all.

It helps explain the success of the Gus

Macker three-on-three basketball tournament that enters its third season at OU on August 24-25. More than 1,700 teams have signed up and more than 40,000 spectators are expected to come and go during the event.

The event has grown since 1989 when it attracted 750 teams and an audience of 20,000 spectators. One of the originators of the tourney, now in its 18th year, is Oakland graduate Pat McNeal ('81).

Athletic Director Paul Hartman says this year's event will benefit various athletic programs. He estimates \$10,000 will be used for the women's basketball program and \$12,000 for other beneficiaries, including the national champion women's swim team and men's swimming, volleyball and cross country. A nonathletic unit, the award-winning chapter of the American Marketing Association, will also benefit.

Setting up play areas on the parking lots will begin August 22. Portions of the lots of both sides of Lepley Sports Center, part of the large west lot in front of North Foundation Hall, the lot between the Oakland Center and Beer Lake, and, if needed, the lots by the three cottage-style residence halls will be used.

Parking will be \$3 per car. Other than the parking fee, spectators can view the contests for free.

Participation last year included 1,234 players age 17 and under; 2,301 players in the age 18-30 group; and 1,265 players age 31 or older.

Try to Top This MPG

Remember that high-mileage cars students from the School of Engineering and Computer Science entered in a national contest?

For the record, the car squeezed out an estimated 1,083 miles from its allotted gallon of gas.

Not bad, except one other car managed to top 1,400 mpg to capture first place. The winning entry was a University of California-Davis entry. UC-D entered a second car and it took third place. Coincidentally, the dean of engineering at UC-D is Mohammed Gausi, former dean of Oakland's SECS.

The June 1 competition at the Eaton Corp. test track in Marshall attracted entries from 24 student chapters of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Oakland students received a trophy and \$425.

Forrest Wright, a team adviser, said 12 of the entrants actually qualified to have their mileage figure count. The rest either did not meet all competition criteria or had mechanical problems.

Wright, manager of mechanical equipment and instrumentation in the SECS, credited Oakland's finish on strong teamwork by students and staff. He said the help that students received from individuals on campus spurred the team on. Assistance ranged, he said, from University Student Congress to staff members in offices throughout campus. In addition, private companies provided invaluable help with components, including the fiberglass body.

The only other Michigan schools to enter the competition were Lawrence Technological University and GMI. Several schools from Canada entered, as did numerous universities from the United States, such as Purdue University and the University of Maryland.

Not winning was disappointing, of course, but Wright said Oakland students got ideas on how to improve next year's entry. The top UC-D vehicle had fuel injection and an electronic ignition, which improved performance considerably. Wright said the Oakland car was actually much more aerodynamic, and a similar body design will probably be used again.

Employee of the Month

Josephine (Jo) Hairston and Denise Pattison have been presented Employee of the Month Awards for July and August.

Hairston, the July recipient, is an administrative secretary in the Office of Academic Affairs and Provost. She began her employment at OU in the School of Business Administration as a Secretary I and has been in her current position since March 1990.

The employee recognition award committee based its selections on the following testimonials:

- "Ms. Hairston assumes responsibility with grace, cheerfulness and excellent efficiency for numerous mailings and other business relating to the Senate Committee."
- "The assistance to the committee is not technically part of Ms. Hairston's 'job description,' so it seems clear to me that she renders a highly important service in this way."
- "Jo is very adept at maximizing the use of the computer. She is very creative when using the various software packages."
- "Jo is perfect in building team relationships in the office. Her cooperation and willingness to jump in and get the job done excels."
- "'Cool as a cucumber,' that's Jo Hairston. It doesn't seem to matter whether problem or task, she is able to handle it with ease."
- "Jo is very deserving of recognition for assistance and ability."

August winner Denise Pattison is administrative secretary for the Office of Research and Academic Development. She has been an employee since 1977, first working in various part-time positions until joining

the School of Engineering and Computer Science in 1983. She has been in her current position since January 1986.

- "Denise is a good will ambassador for Oakland University. She always has something positive to say to the clientele we serve."

- "She goes beyond what is normally viewed as acceptable to beat deadlines, improve efficiency and maintain harmony in our day-to-day operation."

- "Denise maintains high performance standards that clearly set her apart from others. She is someone who we can all be proud to have as part of the Oakland family."

- "Denise approaches her job with a high degree of professionalism. She is considerate, optimistic, dedicated, cheerful, efficient and committed to doing her best."

- "Even with internal and external pressures on the job, Denise remains calm, courteous and helpful. She does whatever is necessary to ensure that tasks are not only completed, but accomplished with a high level of quality."

- "It is through the extraordinary efforts of Denise that service delivery has gone uninterrupted—even during periods of turmoil and transition in the ORAD."

- "Denise is a truly exceptional individual whose efforts make a difference at Oakland University!"

Employee Recognition Award nomination forms are available in all departments, ERD and CIPO. For information, call Victoria Blackmon or Gail Ryckman at 370-3480.

The Employee of the Month column is provided by the Employee Relations Department.

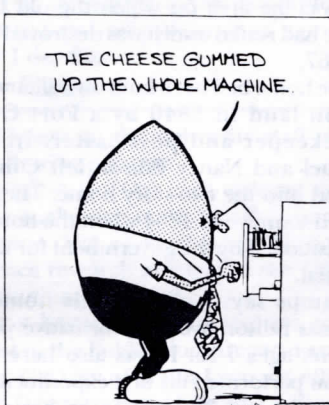
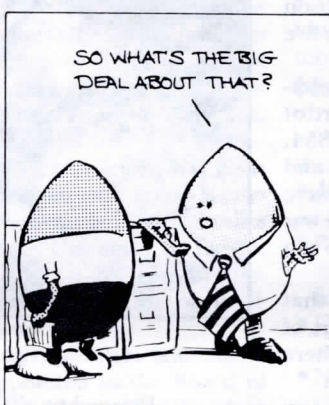
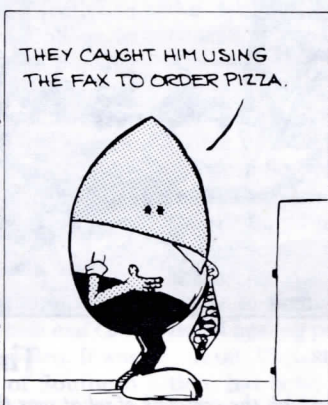
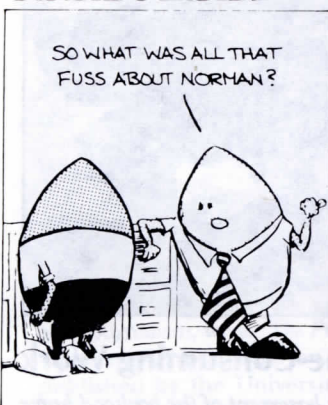


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Register Early, Pay Later

Early registration for fall classes is scheduled from August 12-22 (excluding Friday, August 16) in the Oakland Center Crockery.

Any person wanting to take classes is encouraged to register on these dates. This includes staff who have been admitted for classes and students.

Persons who early register can defer payment of their fall tuition and fees until September 9 without penalty. Those who participate in regular registration August 27 or those who late register will not have this payment option.

All students are expected to register on certain dates and times according to class standing and last name. The information is published in the fall schedule of classes. Copies of the schedule were mailed to all students, and additional copies are available at the Registration Office in the lower level of O'Dowd Hall.

Events

AUGUST

9 — Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

10 — Peter, Paul & Mary, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

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12 and 15 — Seminar, *Study Skills and Test-Taking Strategies to Improve Your GPA*, 7-10 p.m., 225-A Kresge Library. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

13 — Seminar, *Expertly Controlling Your Day*, 9 a.m.-noon, Beautiful Saviour Church, Bloomfield Hills. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

13, 15, 20 and 22 — Seminar, *Perfecting Group Counseling Skills*, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 110 O'Dowd Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

14 — Mel Torme and Cleo Laine, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

16 — Annual Faculty-Staff Picnic and Meadow Brook Music Festival concert, 6 p.m. picnic and 8 p.m. concert. Sponsored by the Office of the President and the Oakland University Foundation. Call 370-3500.

16 — Seminar, *A Summer's Eve for Couples: Communication Skills Enhancement*, 7-10 p.m., Hilton Suites, Auburn Hills. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

16 — Ramsey Lewis Trio and Fifth Dimension, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

17-18 — Art at Meadow Brook, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Free. Call 370-3140.

18 — Dionne Warwick, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

20 — Seminar, *How to be Heard Without Raising Your Voice*, 9 a.m.-noon, Beautiful Saviour Church, Bloomfield Hills. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

21 — Seminar, *Leaders Aren't Born*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 126-127 Oakland Center. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

23-24 — Meadow Brook Festival Orchestra and Laser Light Spectacular, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

24 — Seminar, *Successful Job Hunt Strategies*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Signature Inn, Auburn Hills. Admission. Sponsored by Continuum Center. Call 370-3033.

24-25 — Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, all day, campus parking lots. Sponsored by Department of Athletics. Entry fee for contestants, free for spectators. Call 370-3190.

28 — Dion, Bobby Vee, Lou Christie and Johnny Tillotson, Meadow Brook Music Festival. Call 370-2010.

SEPTEMBER

3 — Fall semester classes begin.

7 — Men's soccer with Mercyhurst College, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

11 — Men's soccer with University of Detroit, 3:30 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

14 — Men's soccer with University of Southern Indiana, 2 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

18 — Men's soccer with Tiffin University, 3 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

19 — Lecture, *Enigma of Genius*, with Judy Brown speaking on anthropologist Margaret Mead, 7-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Division of Continuing Education. Call 370-3120.

20 — Women's volleyball with Grand Valley State University, 7 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

21-22 — Marriott Soccer Classic, Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

21 — Women's volleyball with Ferris State University, 1 p.m., Lepley Sports Center. Call 370-3190.

22 — Commencement, 2 p.m., Baldwin Pavilion. Free. Call 370-2190.

OCTOBER

1 — Sixth annual Business Forum with speaker Rosabeth Moss Kanter, editor of *Harvard Business Review*, noon, Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion. Admission. Call 370-4090.

1 and 8 — Classes, *Classics of Western Tradition*, 7-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall Library. Admission. Sponsored by Division of Continuing Education. Call 370-3120.

7 — Lecture, *Sidelights*, 6:30-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by Division of Continuing Education. Call 370-3120.

17 — Lecture, *Enigma of Genius*, with Michael Welch, M.D., of Henry Ford Hospital speaking on neurologist Hughlings Jackson, 7-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Division of Continuing Education. Call 370-3120.