

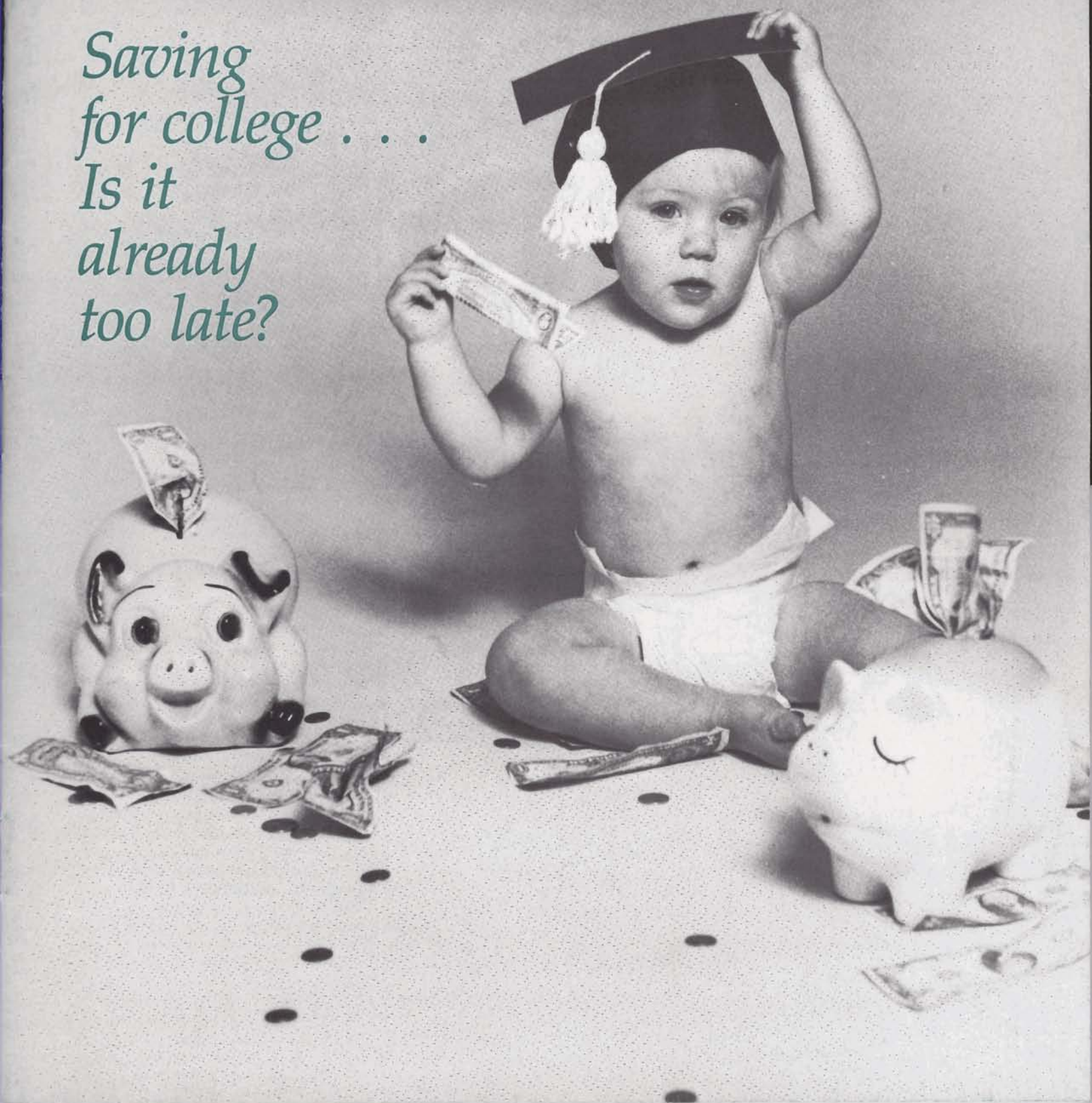
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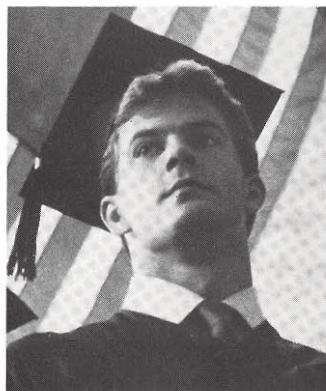
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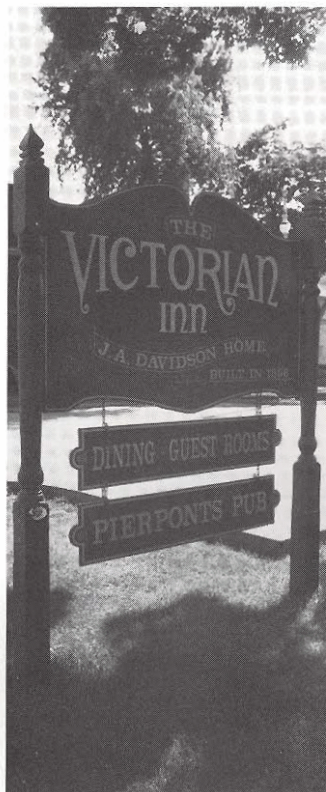
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Editor's Choice

Telling the Oakland story

OUR CHARGE AS PART OF THE External Affairs staff is straightforward: communicate the work, accomplishments and goals of a great university to its various publics. Put more simply, we are storytellers, our stories being fact rather than fiction.

As any reader knows, from his or her earliest years of understanding, the clever, interesting, exciting, moving stories are best remembered. We try to give you such stories in this magazine and in the dozens of other publications we produce each month for other university departments. The fact that Oakland has so much of interest going on makes our job that much easier.

Our success is judged by our own critical natures, by our readers and, occasionally, by experts in the communications business. For feedback from the latter, we entered several publications in competition this year.

In total, we won eleven awards — seven from the International Association of Business Communicators and four from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The OAKLAND UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE won an Award of Excellence (first place) for best magazine from the IABC and an Award of Excellence for managing editor

Karen Hill's article, "The Scholars of Meadow Brook Hall" (Summer 1985). The same article won a bronze medal from CASE. The university is indeed fortunate to have such a gifted "storyteller" working for it.

But, as we also learned at an early age, there is more than one way to tell a story. Pictures seem to both satisfy and pique the imagination. Put more traditionally, a picture can be worth a bunch of words. And that gets to the real point of this issue's column.

For the past seven years, the university's story in photographs has been told by Ann Straky (with deference to an occasional freelancer and student photographer). Ann's work has been consistently outstanding — made even more so by a demanding workload.



Photographer Ann Straky

Ann has decided to return to school to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology. Most of us feel her interest came from wanting to better understand the feelings behind the photographic images she is so gifted in capturing.

Ann's photographs were a central part of every one of our award-winning publications, just as they are a central part of the hundreds that were not entered. She has helped immeasurably in communicating the excellence of this institution to prospective and current students, the state legislature, alumni and dozens of other groups vital to Oakland's success and future.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Ann the best in her new career. Even as she now begins to listen to the stories of others, her images of the university will remain on our walls, bookshelves and coffee tables.

Geoffrey C. Upward

Cancer treatment helps pets today — patients tomorrow?

Oakland University's research into removing malignant tumors from dogs and cats is helping Henry Ford Hospital doctors learn new ways to treat their human patients. In the meantime, household pets may be able to live longer because of the painless experimental techniques.

The program is unique in Michigan and one of three of its kind in the country.

Fred Hetzel, associate professor of medical physics, several students and local veterinarians are using a complex treatment program that incorporates a laser beam and a photosensitive drug.

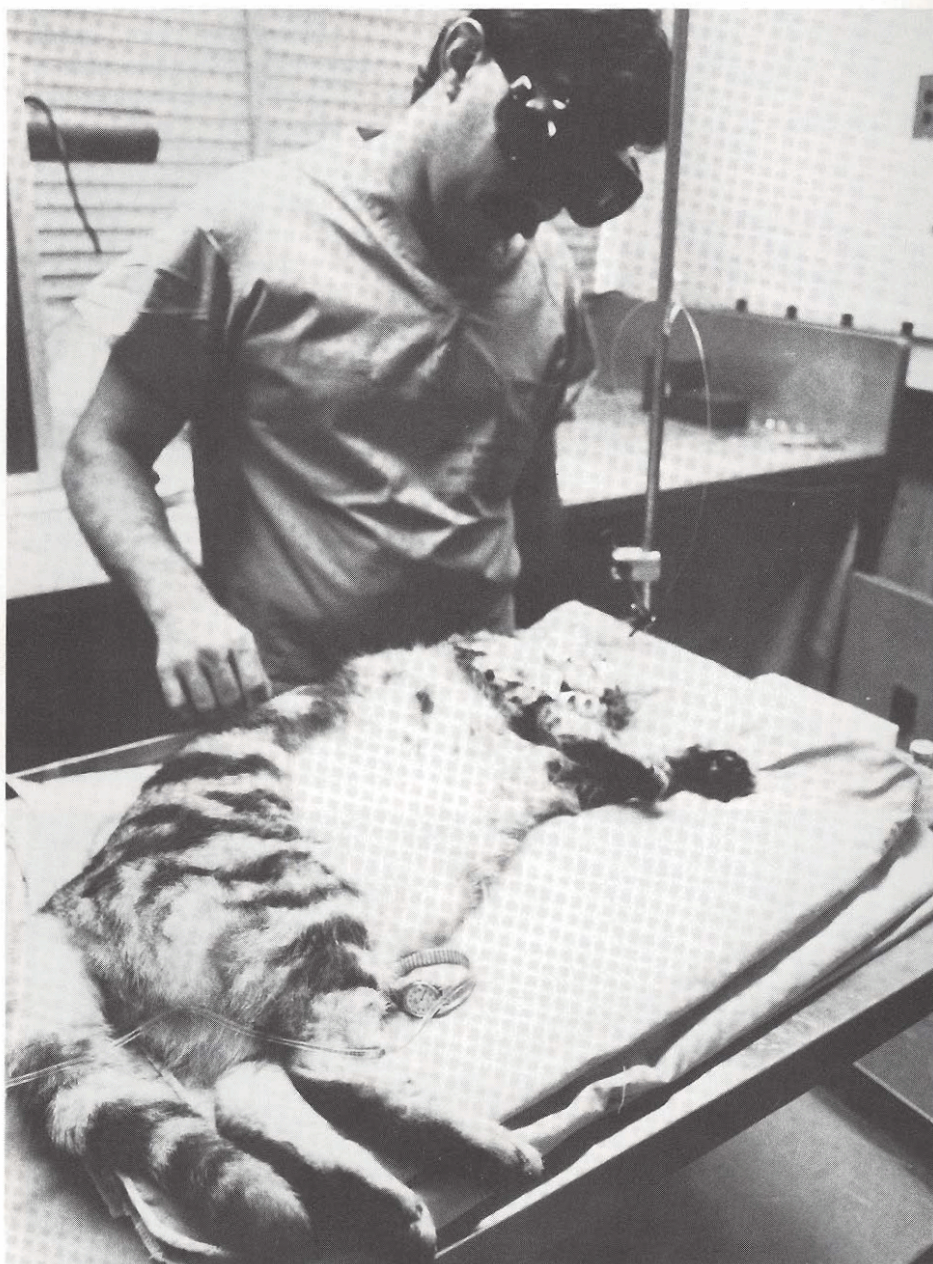
The experimental procedure is being used on pets that otherwise could not be saved, said Hetzel, who also is director of the Division of Radiation Biology at Ford Hospital. Ordinarily, these pets would be put to sleep because radiation or chemical treatments for their tumors is too expensive or ineffective.

When using the technique, Hetzel said, a veterinarian injects the animal with a photosensitive drug three days prior to laser treatment. The drug is absorbed by cancerous cells but rejected by normal cells. The animal is later anesthetized and a laser is aimed at the drug-treated tumor for about 30 minutes. The laser causes the drug to react and release activated oxygen — killing cancerous cells but not harming normal cells.

The project is part of a wide-ranging cancer research program being conducted by Oakland, Ford Hospital, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit. The four institutions have applied for a \$5.6 million grant to fund basic research on the chemical, physiological and biological aspects of the drugs being used, expand experimental treatment of animals in Oakland's laboratory and provide clinical trials on patients at Ford Hospital.

Hetzel hopes to treat 500 to 600 animals over five years, if grant funding is awarded. He needs qualified pets, all of which will be referred by veterinarians. The experimental procedure is not a "miracle cure," he cautions, and will not help all animals survive.

Two cats, Pooh Bear and Marbles, were the first pets to be treated. Pooh Bear had a mouth tumor that could be treated only by using fiber optics to aim the laser beam. Marbles suffered from tumors under the third eyelid and in a gland of the third eyelid. Marbles is now completely cured, but Pooh Bear had to be put to sleep.



The procedures were performed at Oakland by Kathy Morris, DVM, of Morris Hospital in Redford, Michigan. Assisting were Benjamin Bisgeier, DVM, a consultant to Oakland; Cliff Snitgen, manager of the School of Health Sciences' clinical research lab; James Mattiello of Oak Park, Michigan, a medical physics doctoral student, and Laura Vandenheede of Roseville, Michigan, a biology major. Mattiello is no stranger to cancer treatment with lasers. Two years ago in the university's instrument shop, he built a laser system that is now being used at Ford Hospital to treat patients with cancer of the bladder and larynx. — Jay Jackson, News Service Staff Writer

A cat with an inoperable tumor is readied for experimental laser surgery as part of a cooperative research project between Oakland University and Henry Ford Hospital.

Deans appointed for second term

Brian P. Copenhaver, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Andrea R. Lindell, dean of the School of Nursing, have been appointed to their second five-year terms as deans. The board of trustees approved the recommendations August 13.

Awards, honorary degree presented at commencement

Michigan Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Williams received an honorary doctor of laws degree at commencement exercises September 14.

Williams, Michigan's governor from 1949 to 1960, is a former U.S. ambassador to the Philippines and a former assistant secretary of state for African affairs. The 218-piece collection of African art he donated to Oakland in 1967 now forms the core of Meadow Brook Art Gallery's permanent collection of sculpture and painting.

In addition, Mark Kotler ('70) and Richard Wlodyga ('81) received 1986 Distinguished Alumni Service Awards.

Kotler, of Huntington Woods, Michigan, was cited for six years of "dedicated and conscientious service on the alumni association board of directors." During that period the board's allocations committee implemented numerous innovative programs to enrich the scholarly activities of students and faculty.

Wlodyga, of Pontiac, Michigan, was

chosen in recognition of "dynamic leadership, enthusiasm and hard work in guiding the development of the alumni association as a significant fund-raising body for the university."

Other honors awarded during commencement included the \$1,000 Teaching Excellence Award, which will be shared by Robert Facko, associate professor of music, and Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology.

Facko was cited for outstanding characteristics that include the ability to motivate and having enthusiasm, versatility and spirit.

Stamps was cited for his innovative teaching methods, infinite patience, caring, humor and commitment to humane, fair play and the equitable use of knowledge.

Ranald D. Hansen, associate professor of psychology, received the \$1,000 Research Excellence Award. His research focuses on ways in which gender influences an individual's perception and how inferences affect the way people think and act toward others.

In addition, 633 students were awarded degrees, including four doctoral students: one in biomedical sciences and three in systems engineering.

\$75,000 challenge meets its match — and then some

Oakland alumni gave to the university in record numbers to meet the 1985-86 annual fund challenge grant offered by the Oakland University Foundation.

The foundation had pledged an additional \$1 for every \$2 in new or increased alumni gifts, up to \$50,000. Oakland alumni met the challenge with gusto — pledging \$71,600 in new and increased gifts. Overall, the alumni fund brought in a whopping \$186,734, plus the foundation's \$25,000 contribution, said Joan Stinson ('63), director of alumni relations and assistant director of development.

Alumni aren't the only ones who tackled the stiff challenge, though. For the university's faculty/staff annual fund campaign, the foundation promised the same \$1-for-\$2 match, up to \$10,000, for new and increased gifts. The campaign topped its \$50,000 goal by more than \$12,000 — with faculty and staff pledging \$62,355. Of those contributing, 84 employees also are Oakland alumni.

All told, Oakland alumni and employees pledged a record \$279,089, including all \$30,000 in foundation challenge grants.

University mourns Professor Hammerle

The faculty and staff of the School of Engineering and Computer Science have established an endowment in honor of charter professor William G. Hammerle, who died July 8 following a long illness.

The endowment will be used to support an annual lecture by an invited scholar and to promote superior instruction and education in engineering and computer science.

Hammerle, professor of engineering, joined the Oakland faculty in 1959 as an associate professor of physics and was instrumental in developing new programs and activities throughout his career at Oakland. He was a past director of the engineering program and served as acting dean of the School of Engineering in the 1960s.

A former Michigan State University professor, Hammerle held a doctorate in physics and physical chemistry from Princeton University.

G. Mennen Williams prepares to address the audience after receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree at fall commencement.

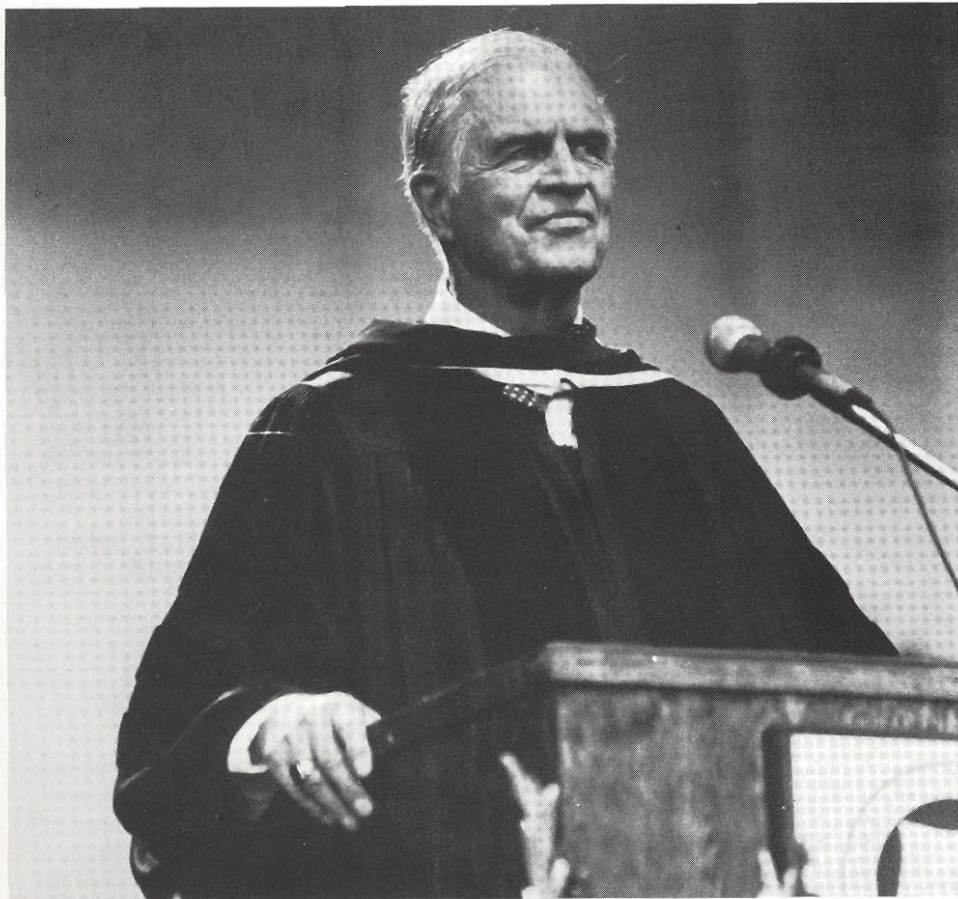


Photo by Kim Karelowski

Center for the Arts hosts special events for the younger set

The Center for the Arts and Oakland Schools are sponsoring seven arts events for children ages 6-12 during the 1986-87 season.

The selections include a classical music concert chosen especially for young audiences, a mime performance, a fantasy based on "Babar the Elephant," a New York comic dance team, South American children's music by a Brazilian guest artist and a concert band performance with narration.

A special Meadow Brook Theatre performance of Charles Dickens' tale "A Christmas Carol" also is slated.

The performances are scheduled Wednesday afternoons from October through April. Tickets to most events are \$3; group ticket prices are available for all performances except "A Christmas Carol," for which tickets are \$5.

For information, call the Center for the Arts box office at (313) 370-3013.

New home, same phone for Alumni Relations

The Alumni Relations Office has moved to 104 North Foundation Hall. But the alumni office phone number hasn't changed. It's still (313) 370-2158.

Genetic engineering may create microbes with a taste for PCB

Satish K. Walia, assistant professor of biological sciences, hopes to develop a super microbe that will eat, or degrade, toxic compounds like PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl), a flame resistant substance widely used in industry until it was banned in 1976.

Walia has received a \$322,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to further his research.

Strains of bacteria that can degrade PCB have already been identified, although most work slowly, Walia said. He plans to use genetic engineering to construct hybrid microbial strains capable of quickly degrading and mineralizing a wide variety of toxic organic pollutants.

Among them are halogenated organic compounds (including PCB), which have



been or are being used as pesticides, herbicides, lubricants, preservatives and insulators. More than 50 million tons of these toxicants are discharged into the environment each year, Walia said.

Forensics team bests its 1985 record in national competition

Oakland University's forensics team placed seventh among 118 colleges and universities competing in the 16th annual National Forensics Association Tournament hosted by the University of Bloomsburg in Pennsylvania.

Oakland's best previous finish was ninth place nationally in 1985.

Shaye Dillon, a senior from Sterling Heights, Michigan, won second place in Informative Speaking. Her sister Kelley, a junior, was a semifinalist in After Dinner Speaking. The Dillons also were quarterfinalists in Dramatic Duo Interpretation.

Tom Zizka, a junior from Brighton, Michigan, was a semifinalist in Informative Speaking and teamed with Shaye Dillon in Dramatic Duo Interpretation, for which they received semifinal honors. Leeaundra Preuss, a Birmingham, Michigan, freshman, was a semifinalist in both Persuasive Speaking and Impromptu Speaking.

In cooperation with Oakland Schools, the Center for the Arts is offering performances for children during the 1986-87 season.

Alumni affiliates award scholarships

Nine Michigan students will share \$6,500 in scholarships awarded by affiliates of the Oakland University Alumni Association.

The School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate presented the Thomas A. Yatooma Memorial Scholarship to four students, each receiving \$1,000: senior John Rees of Imlay City, junior Morris Burley of Washington, junior James Nykanen of Royal Oak, and sophomore Robert Martin of Northville. Yatooma, in whose memory the scholarship was established, graduated from Oakland in 1977.

Juniors Lorryne Althaus of Lowell and Mary Beth Tierney of Milford received \$500 scholarships from the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate.

The School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate awarded \$500 each to juniors Marilyn Borland of Almont and Carole Carmichael of Empire.

Joette Brock, a senior from Holly, received the \$500 Geraldene Felton Award for Leadership from the School of Nursing Alumni Affiliate. Felton was the school's first dean.

Alumni Memorial Scholarship draws top freshmen

Patrick Goik, a 4.00 student from Handy High School in Bay City, Michigan, has been named the 1986-87 Alumni Memorial Scholarship winner. Goik will receive a renewable \$1,000 scholarship.

The treasurer of his high school computer club, Goik plans to major in mathematics or computer science. During high school, he was vice president of his senior class and a member of the National Honor Society, Junior Achievement, Rotary Leadership and the school's cooperative education club. He also played varsity baseball.

Goik was one of 43 freshmen who qualified to compete for the scholarship, which is awarded for academic merit and leadership potential, said William Horton ('76), the scholarship selection committee chair. Candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 3.70 and earn a score of at least 28 on the American College Test (ACT). In addition, students' records of extra-curricular activities are important criteria used to determine whether they will be asked to compete.

"We particularly look for students with a record of high school involvement because student leaders become alumni leaders," Horton said. "We anticipate that these students will continue their leadership at Oakland and will be involved in the alumni

association, both as undergraduates and as alumni."

Fourteen finalists vied for the scholarship during a competitive essay and round-table interview with a committee of Oakland alumni. Senior Susan Tacia, the 1983-84 Alumni Memorial Scholarship winner, and Admissions Adviser Elsie Pennacchini also helped judge the competition.

The scholarship's high qualification standards pit some of Oakland's best students against each other, Horton said.

"All those who compete are superb candidates," he said. "The result of the process is that we are meeting the creme de la creme. Even more exciting, our applicant pool is growing. We had four 4.00 finalists this year. Believe me, it is a very difficult decision to make."

Alumni Memorial Scholarships are renewable for eight semesters, provided recipients remain full-time students and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.25.

Technology park booms with office, hotel construction

Cambridge Commons, a hotel, conference and office complex, is under construction at the northwest corner of the Oakland Technology Park.

The complex is being built by University Development Company, which is owned by Frankel Associates. The development will in-

clude the Cambridge Inn, a nine-story, 300-room luxury hotel scheduled for completion in the fall of 1987. The adjacent, five-story Cambridge Court Office Park will be built in two phases, with the south side scheduled for completion in January 1987 and the north side slated for occupancy in January 1988.

Cambridge Commons is just one of the new developments under way at the technology park. SecureData, a division of Security Bancorp of Southgate, Michigan, began work on its new headquarters building in early June, while EDS has announced plans to build a second Information Processing Center in the park. GMF Robotics' and GNK Automotive Components' new headquarters complexes are quickly taking shape, as well.

VanderMey helps U.S. team place third in Goodwill Games

For Mark VanderMey, a third-place finish turned out to be the thrill of a lifetime.

VanderMey, a junior from Grandville, Michigan, finished third in the 200-meter breaststroke at the United States World Swimming Trials, held in June in Orlando, Florida — just missing a trip to Spain for the World Championships, earned by the nation's first- and second-place swimmers.

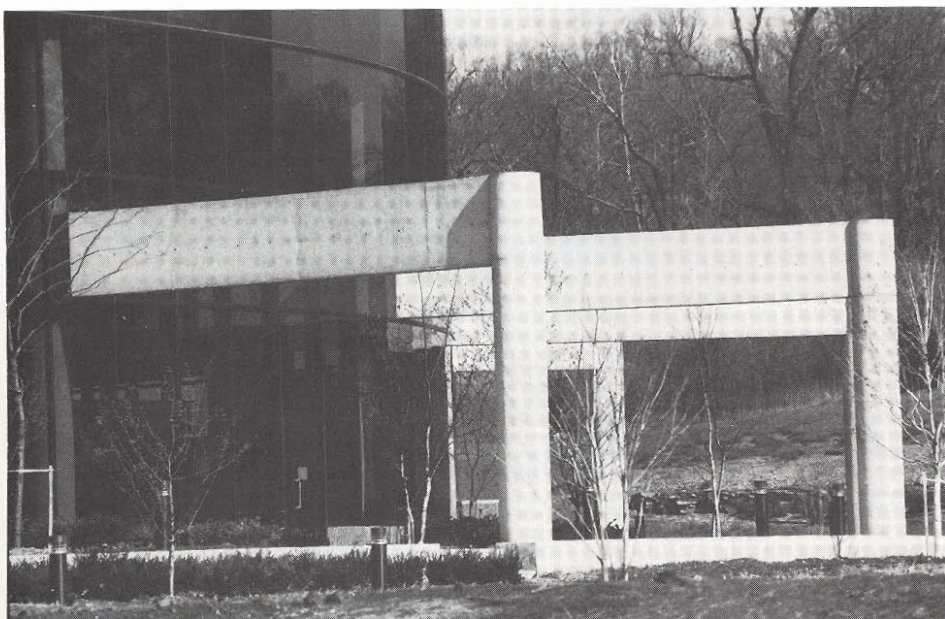
Instead, VanderMey joined the third- and fourth-place finishers, and a number of other American athletes, on a plane bound for the Goodwill Games in Moscow.

VanderMey, the NCAA Division II national champion in the 100-yard breaststroke, wowed them in Moscow. He was the first American to finish in both the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke events, finishing behind three Soviets in the former and four in the latter. He and his teammates placed third in the 400-meter medley relay.

A 12-time All-American, VanderMey is only the second Oakland athlete to participate in an international sporting event (wrestler John Major won a silver medal at the 1975 World University Games).

"It was a tremendous learning experience for me," VanderMey said, "not only in the caliber of competition I faced, but by being in Moscow and meeting athletes from other countries."

He expects the experience to give him an edge at the 1987 Division II National Championships next March, where he hopes to take both the 100- and 200-yard events. From there, the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, are in sight. — Andy Glantzman, Sports Information Director



Comerica, Inc.'s operations center, the first Oakland Technology Park facility to open, is now surrounded by headquarter complexes under construction.



The house that Greeks bought

Will it become the cornerstone of Fraternity Row? Or an offending symbol to alumni who believed in a university without a Greek system?

by Susan Salter

EIGHTY-SEVEN FRANKLIN Boulevard, Pontiac, Michigan, is under renovation.

Inside the historic three-story Frank Lloyd Wright-style mansion, stacked chairs and stools hide the mahogany woodwork, and ladders lean against one of four ornate fireplaces. The dozen-or-so students pounding hammers and wrestling drywall upstairs are the same young men who will pay \$160 per month to live here when the house is completed this fall. Across the brick porch, a wooden sign announces that this is the new home of Theta Chi, Oakland University's first social fraternity.

Purchased last April with funds partially provided by Theta Chi's national organization and loans from 68 fraternity alumni, the house is Oakland's first off-campus fraternity dwelling.

Since receiving its charter in 1981, Theta Chi has sought a house that was affordable, within easy commuting distance of campus and large enough. Their new

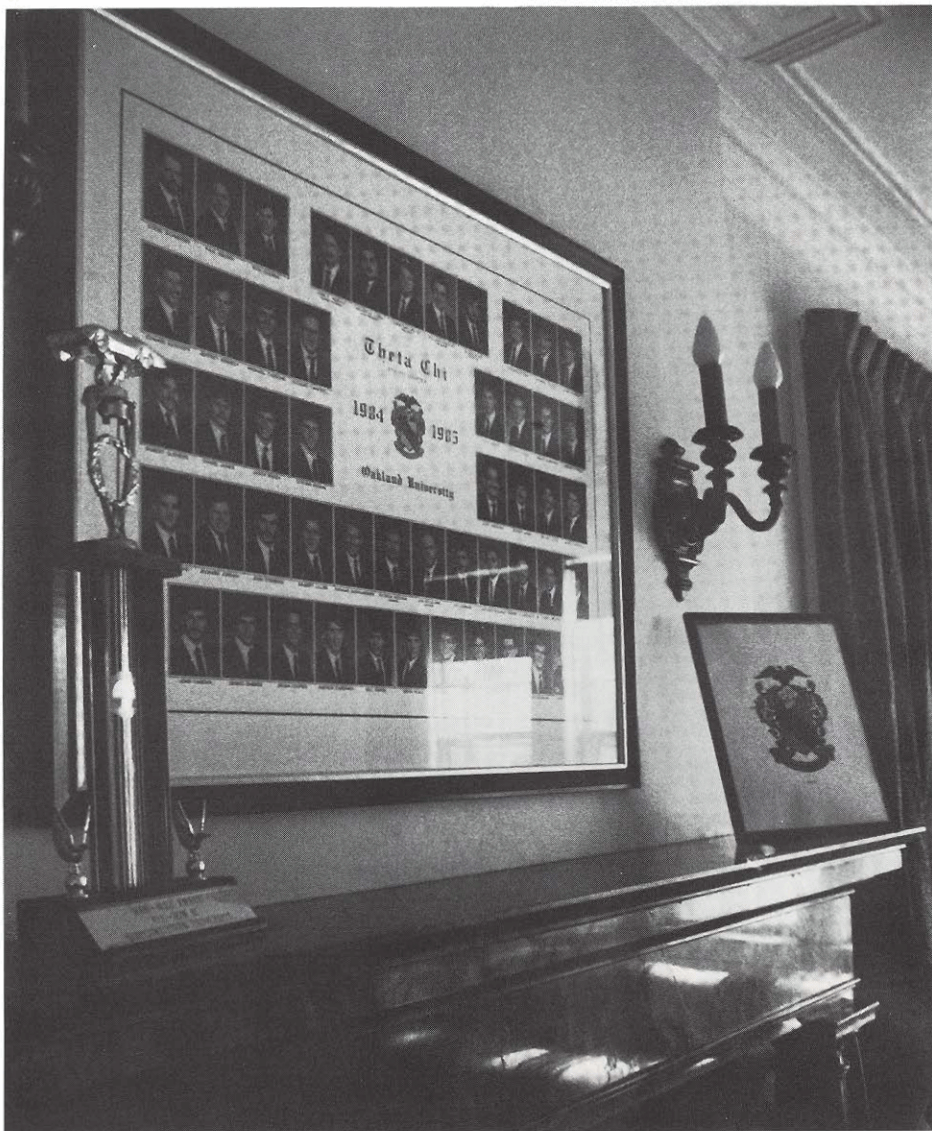


Photo by Sharon LeMieux

8,000-square-foot home fills the bill admirably. When renovation is complete, it will have 15 bedrooms, five half-baths, one full bath and a shower room in the basement. Altogether, about 30 of the fraternity's 40 members will live there. Members and alumni have worked together on much of the renovation.

The house was built in 1913-14 by carriage-maker O.J. Beaudette, whose company later became Fisher Body. The three-story building is in the National Register of Historic Places and is located in one of Pontiac's historic districts, just west of downtown. Although it was used as office space by the Pontiac Board of Education for 30 years, it had most recently been home to Charles and Angie Johnson, who sold the house to the Theta Chis for \$90,000 on an assumable mortgage. The building has an estimated replacement value of \$1 million.

To its new tenants, the house represents not just living quarters, but a commitment to the Greek way of life that has emerged at the university since 1979. But to critics of fraternal organizations, 87 Franklin

Boulevard is a step away from the direction in which they think Oakland should be headed.

One such critic is James Drummond, a member of Oakland's charter graduating class of 1963. Now an instructor at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan, Drummond remembers the early days of the university when, he says, Chancellor Woody Varner himself vowed that there would never be Greek organizations at Oakland.

"The promise against fraternities was presented as a matter of fact," says Drummond. "It is corroborated by everyone who was there at the time."

Drummond acknowledges that there was not an official sanction against the Greek system on campus. But he thinks that the presence of fraternities and sororities not only reneges on that early promise, but embodies what he sees as a lessening of the high academic standards on which Oakland was based. Drummond points out that the liberal-arts curriculum required today is less strict than that of the early 1960s. The establishment

and support of intercollegiate athletics, he adds, also undermines "the main purpose at Oakland — academic excellence."

But the most disturbing factor to Drummond is the aura of elitism and bigotry that seems associated with social fraternal organizations.

"I'm certain there are positive things they do," says Drummond, "but [the Greek organizations] serve no real purpose. And [theirs] is not a good policy." He cites what he sees as a fraternal tendency toward "ethnocentrism, racism, religious bigotry, and the like."

And then there's hazing, a particularly odious "reinforcement of juvenile behavior and the bigotry that often accompanies it." All these elements, Drummond concludes, have served to change Oakland from "a superb academic institution to roughly comparable to a regional college."

People don't like what they don't understand," says senior Darryl Reaume of Monroe, Michigan. "If people have a suspicion, they need to also have a basis [for fact] before they form an opinion."

Reaume, current Theta Chi president, has had three years' experience answering charges such as Drummond's. He doesn't think this generation of students violated any promise that might have been made but not enforced by Oakland's early administrators. The subject of academic achievement among fraternity members doesn't faze Reaume either.

"If [students] just want to have a good time they can do it anywhere — there's no need to make the fraternities a scapegoat," he says. "We encourage our members to concentrate on studies." Theta Chi has an "academic/scholastic chair who follows up on us and teaches study skills — we push academics more than anything else." Reaume admits that high scholastic standards are encouraged as much for the brothers' reputations as for their grade point averages: "Since we're always under fire, we have something to prove."

One thing Theta Chi doesn't need to prove is its success within student organizations. Three of the last four presidents of University Congress have been Theta Chi members, including the current president, Tony Boganey. And the prestigious Alfred and Matilda Wilson Award competitions have seen Theta Chi produce one winner and four runners-up since 1981. According to Pat Nicosia, Oakland's Director of Budget and Financial Planning and a Theta Chi adviser, for such a small section of the student population — about 300 out of 12,500 students — fraternity members are "disproportionally active in university activities."

As for hazing: "We're above all that," says Theta Chi alum Tim Glinke ('82). For Theta Chi, at least, membership is "very open in acceptance — the desire to participate is important," he says. Glinke adds that there are not unusually high academic standards for admission (a 2.30 minimum grade point average is required), nor are prospective Theta Chis expected to be "jocks" or any other type of student. Theirs is a mixed bag of fraternity members who run the gamut of student types from "heavy-metalers to preppies," according to Reaume.

They are sensitive to the Greek image at Oakland, Reaume says: "We don't use the term 'frat' — it's got a bad connotation."

Nevertheless, accusations of racism, excessive hazing, and over-socializing continue to haunt Oakland's Greeks. While some of Oakland's 11 social fraternities and sororities have members of different ethnic groups, others do not. Often these organizations reflect the acceptance practices of their national affiliates.

The reaction of non-Greek students to Oakland's fraternities and sororities is generally benign, as Laura Saul, a University Congress representative, reports. At a university where 80 percent of the students commute and the average student age is 26, she says, the prevailing attitude is "it's their money, their choice — they're not hurting any of us." Most students, Saul says, don't even think about the fraternities and sororities — "until something happens."

Something happened last year, and the incident brought a good deal of bad publicity to Oakland's Greeks. A non-Oakland student admitted to a campus party by a fraternity member stabbed another student. It was an ugly situation, says Reaume, but needs to be seen in context of the entire Greek population on campus. "I've seen all kinds of malicious destruction in my years at Oakland," notes Reaume. Greek and non-Greek students should work together in shouldering the responsibility to prevent it, he believes.

When bad publicity strikes, the Theta Chis agree, it's important for people to remember the positive aspects of Greek life. Virtually every one of Oakland's Greek organizations is involved in some sort of public service. The members run charity events, blood drives and campus activities; the Theta Chis, whose name translates to "helping hands," pride themselves on their work assisting local elderly residents.

To James Drummond, even the organizations' community service activities, admirable as they are, don't "offset the negative impact" Greek groups bring to

Oakland. Besides, he says, "I've never had to belong to an organization in order to contribute to the community. I had no need to buy my way into an organization to make friends at school."

Donald Morse, professor of English and rhetoric, voices similar concerns. In Morse's opinion, the fraternal system isn't so much morally dangerous as it is outdated.

"It's an anachronism — a throwback to the gentlemen's eating clubs of the 19th century," he says.

As an instructor, Morse sees a problem in self-discipline among certain fraternity members. He cites one example of a student whose grade plummeted from 3.40 to under 2.00 after he joined a fraternity. The cause, says Morse, was over-socializing. "Some of [the Greeks] are not willing to discipline themselves. The pledge periods go on for a couple of months. Let's face it: When you're pledging, you're learning a lot of nonsense."

Morse's criticism is measured: He admires the Theta Chis and finds another fraternity — a business-oriented organization — "one of the most attractive groups on campus." But he thinks the nature of fraternal unions does more harm than good: "What we need are social groups that are fully integrated."

The Theta Chis believe that fraternities can be fully integrated with the university as a whole. Several note that their lives have been enhanced by Greek affiliation. "Involvement on campus is part of the Oakland experience," says junior Stephen

Gillich of Sterling Heights, Michigan.

"Working with the people here has made me a better leader and a better follower. We have a team effort toward a common goal."

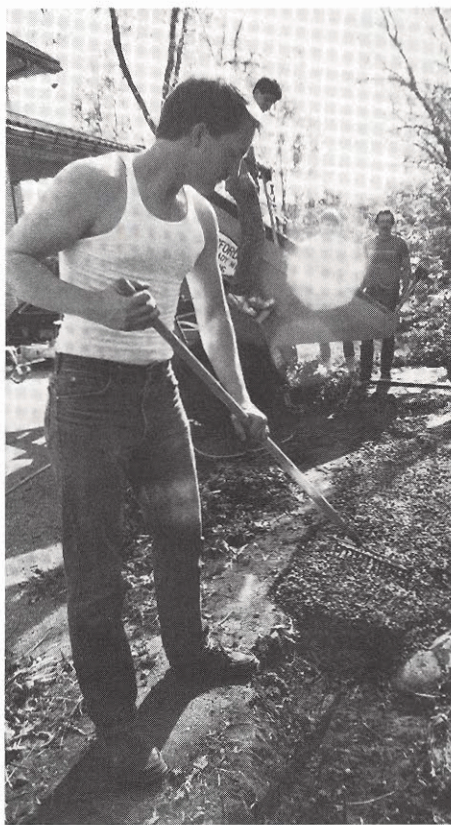
"We would like to see Oakland's Greek system grow," says Reaume. "There's a lot [of good] that can happen over time. I see the Greeks as a way of getting more involved with Oakland."

Does the Theta Chi house signal the start of Fraternity Row at Oakland? It's not likely, at least for now. Theta Chi vice president Craig Love, an Auburn Hills junior, reports that interest in houses has risen among some of Oakland's Greeks. But Nancy Schmitz, coordinator of student organizations, says the remaining fraternities and sororities are not financially secure enough just yet to finance houses of their own. They need to build their membership and resources in order to emulate the Theta Chis, who had been saving for a house for five years.

She points out that in addition to its 11 social fraternities, Oakland has one professional fraternity and three honorary fraternities — all of which accept both men and women and have high minimum grade points as admissions criteria. Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional organization for business majors. The honor societies are Pi Sigma Alpha for political science majors, Tau Beta Pi for engineering majors and Psi Chi for psychology majors.

The Theta Chis are optimistic about the future of the Greek system at Oakland. They say they've received enough encouragement from faculty, students and community members to balance the negative feedback. And they try to live by their motto: *Alma mater first, Theta Chi for alma mater*. Ed Eickhoff ('85), treasurer of the group's alumni organization, sees it this way: "The fraternity is an extension of the family. We have strong beliefs in brotherhood, individuality and academic success. College, after all, is a lifetime experience. For me, the Greek way was the best way to gain that experience." ■

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What do you think?

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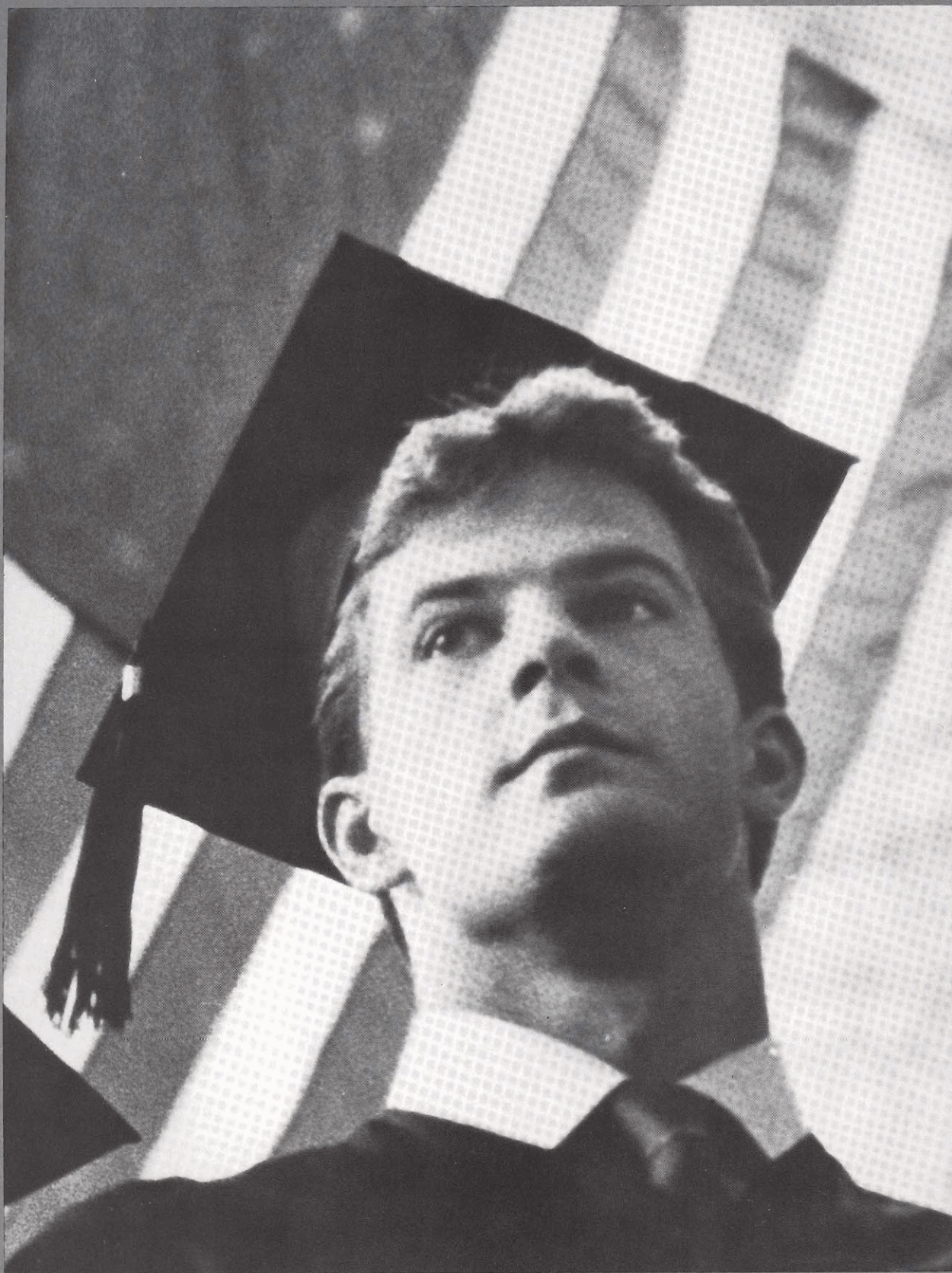


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Financing your child's education

by Susan Salter

*Putting the kids through college
has never been tougher.
Here's how creative financing can help.*

IN THE MYTHICAL GOOD old days, financing a college education was considered a relatively simple, middle-class affair. Dad opened a high-interest savings account soon after Junior's birth. Supplemented by a steady diet of U.S. savings bonds, the account matured along with Junior until college came along. If the funds came up short, Junior picked up the slack by selling magazine subscriptions door-to-door.

Today sweeping tax reform is imminent, the economy is uncertain, and magazine subscriptions are placed through toll-free telephone orders. A challenge faces the traditional savings account — its technical name is Clifford Trust. Its nontaxable income, shifted from the parent's name to the child's name on the child's first adult birthday, is one victim of the new tax bill. So is the Spousal Trust, in which the assets revert from the child to the spouse of the contributor, providing yet another form of tax break.

Responding to these challenges, parents with money to invest are giving college financing a sophisticated new look. For Mark Calice, stocks are the answer. Calice, a stockbroker at First of Michigan Bank in Troy, likes the control over his money that stocks provide. "The security of stocks outpaces the rate of inflation," he says. Calice's contributions for his two children, ages 16 and 4, constitute a small, but steady, portion of his monthly budget. He invests about \$50 a month, "the price of a dinner out for me and my wife," Calice notes.

Katherine Rachel Rockentine, 10 months old, is also college-bound — that is, if her

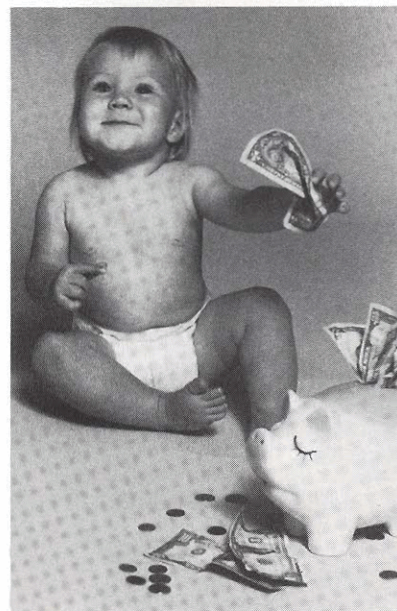
father, Owen Rockentine ('81), has anything to say about it. The elder Rockentine, who works for the credit information systems department at Comerica, Inc., has put Katherine's academic future in trust funds. He sees advantages in the fact that he can transfer the funds from bank to bank as interest rates fluctuate.

Citing the ever-rising costs of college tuition, Rockentine says he plans to accumulate enough to send Katherine to "a mid-priced state university." If she chooses a more expensive, private school, she will have to make up the difference. "After all," he says, "I'm still paying off my own college loans."

According to Oakland's Sid Mittra, professor of economics and management, zero-coupon bonds are one of this year's hot items among investing parents. A bond is issued by a corporation or company ("someone who needs your money quickly," says Mittra) at a discount price and is left to regain its net worth over the life of the bond. Thus, a zero-coupon bond with a net worth of \$1,000 may be purchased for a fraction of its face value. While the bond won't earn interest, it will still be good for its full amount upon maturity — a capital gain of \$800 if it was purchased for \$200.

The zero-coupon bond "is a fantastic deal," notes Mittra, "but it has one catch." He says the Internal Revenue Service recognized the fact that these bonds are purchased primarily to avoid taxable interest income, and it taxes the "imputed" interest on the bond.

Still a safe bet, however, are high-grade



*From zero-coupon
bonds to single-
premium deferred
annuities, college
financing opportunities
abound for parents who
start early.*



Mark Calice invests \$50 each month, 'the price of a dinner out for me and my wife,' to build a college fund for his children.

municipal bonds, issued by a city or township eager to raise funds for buildings, highways — or people movers. Municipal bonds are guaranteed to be federal tax-free and are often state tax-free if issued by the investor's state of residence. Their only drawback is a relatively low interest rate, less than 7 percent in most cities.

For parents who prefer dealing with insurance companies, there are single-premium deferred annuities, "a big name for a simple concept," Mittra says. "Essentially, you're buying an investment on your life through the insurance company. The policy will accumulate its cash value tax-free," says Mittra. "When money is taken out of the fund, it can be taken as a loan — and that's nontaxable."

He adds that the net cost of borrowing the money from a single-premium deferred annuity runs low — usually one-half of 1 percent, as opposed to the up-to-13 percent interest rate at banks — making insurance companies even more attractive.

There are still other ways to invest in college tuition. Mittra recommends refinancing a mortgage — the money can pay college costs and the homeowner may still deduct loan interest. Also, brokerage houses offer shares in nonleveraged equipment-leasing limited partnerships, in which the cash distributions will increase from 10 to 11 percent in its first four years to twice that amount in the last few years before the partnership is liquidated.

"The early distributions are largely a return of part of your principal and so are not subject to taxation," Mittra states. During the investment period, the contributor and spouse can each give up to \$10,000 worth of the shares annually to each child without paying gift taxes. "By the time the shares are generating taxable income, the tax burden will be lower because the young owner's rate is lower than yours," Mittra says.

While student loans are on the wane, students may still qualify if they "pass a need test that takes into consideration how much the family can pay, plus any scholarships, grants and earnings from a work-study program," according to Mittra. "There is no qualifying test if the family income is less than \$30,000, but even if yours is considerably higher, a student may qualify for a loan if he or she attends a school with high tuition or has siblings who also are in college." For parents or students interested in pursuing loans, Mittra recommends a booklet called *Don't Miss Out* (Octameron Associates, P.O. Box 3437, Alexandria, VA 22302).

Finally, there is the outright gift of money to a child. As a gift, the money becomes the child's property even before adulthood, to spend as he or she pleases. Mark Calice calls this "a potential pitfall,"

as the parents technically have no control over the funds.

The newest wave in college financing is the controversial "pay now, study later" concept that has emerged at a number of U.S. colleges, including the University of Detroit. (The program is being considered by a number of other Michigan colleges and universities). Under this plan, the parents pay the full tuition to a specific school at the rate applicable that year. Eight, 10 or 18 years later — when the child reaches college age — he or she has four paid years at that school, at sometimes remarkable savings for the parents.

Of course, there are drawbacks. If the child chooses not to attend the school or is not accepted, the parents are refunded only the original investment — no interest. The tuition is generally non-transferable, although some schools will allow the student to transfer after at least one year has been completed.

The emotional stakes are high, too. Choosing a college or university — or choosing not to attend at all — "is a personal decision" for each child to make, says former OUAA president Phillip Williams ('64), an engineer at General Motors.

To Karol Sprague ('71), mother of three daughters ranging in age from 13 to 1, "it would be awful" to be committed so soon to a school. "It would be like picking their boyfriends — if you like it, they would hate it," she says. Until her daughters are sure of their interests — one of them "wanted to be a beautician last week, a doctor this week" — it would be impractical to decide on a particular school this early, adds Sprague, corporate librarian for Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Mittra likewise feels that few parents can be sure that their children will find satisfaction in having their future planned in such a way, although for some families, "like generations of Harvard graduates," the advance-tuition program could be an advantage. "It's just one vehicle among the many alternatives," he says.

A word of caution: "Consult your tax adviser before trying these strategies," Mittra says.

Parents have vastly different methods of raising college tuition, but there is one piece of advice they all share: Start Now. Sprague hopes her daughters will compete for scholarships. Rockentine wonders if there will still be student loans available when Katherine grows up. And Mittra offers his foolproof plan for accumulating and saving money: "Don't have any children at all."■

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Victoria is receiving guests

by Karen Hill

Alum gives visitors to Port Huron's Victorian Inn the royal treatment

THEY DON'T BUILD houses like this anymore.

Three stories of elegant rooms, a wrap-around porch to lounge on, nooks and crannies to explore, a kitchen and a butler's pantry that would make a cook drool.

"It didn't look like this the first time we saw it," laughs Victoria Peterson ('68), as she sits in Pierpont Pub, the cozy bar located in the basement of the Victorian Inn, the Port Huron, Michigan, restaurant/bed and breakfast she runs.

"The outside was so bad I didn't even want to go in," she recalls. "The place

looked like it hadn't been painted in years. It needed a new roof. The porch was rotting off. It was a real mess."

But her husband, Ed ('68), a manufacturer's representative for a commercial theatrical lighting firm and part-time real estate investor, was convinced the house had investment potential, perhaps as an apartment building. Eventually, his excitement infected Vicki Peterson.

Sure enough, the house turned out to be a diamond in the rough.

"We were amazed at how nice it was inside," she says. "After all those years, it was still a single family home — it had never been broken up into apartments like many older homes have. The inside woodwork had never been painted. We decided it was really too nice to be cut up for apartments. The layout seemed to be ideal for a bed and breakfast. And when we saw the basement, we knew right away it would make a great pub area."

So, a deal was struck. The Petersons recruited their neighbors, Lynne and Lew Secorey as co-investors. Together they formed Victorian Inn, Inc., with Vicki Peterson as president, and bought the run-down house near Port Huron's waterfront in June 1983.

The hard work of partners Peterson and Lynne Secorey has transformed the battered Queen Anne-style house into a thriving business. They supervise a staff of 20, including an innkeeper. Four comfortable suites accommodate overnight guests — including a businessman from Tennessee who stays there so often he has his own house key.

"We've had a lot of people from the Detroit area discover us," Peterson says. Though most of their patrons are from Ontario and Michigan's Thumb area, they've had guests from as far away as California, Massachusetts, Florida and Toronto.

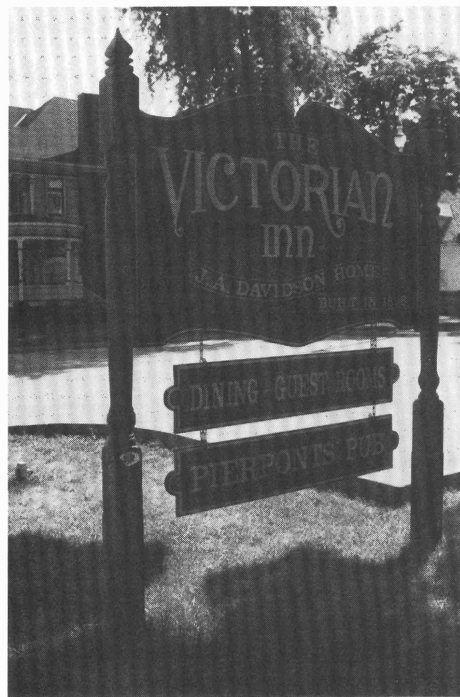
The inn's four guest rooms are usually full on the weekends, but the occupancy rate dips during the week — making the restaurant, which seats up to 50, essential to the Victorian Inn's success.

"We didn't really intend to get into the restaurant business full-scale," Peterson says. "We thought we'd just have our overnight guests and run a little tea room on the side — but things got away from us."

"The inn part is easy, but it is very, very hard work running a restaurant. It is an all-consuming project. If we had known then how much work the restaurant was . . ." she sighs. "People kept telling us, 'You don't know what you're getting into,' but we didn't think it would be that bad. It really does take all our experience."



The Victorian Inn (right) sits in restored splendor just a few blocks from downtown Port Huron, Michigan. The parlor (above) welcomes diners and overnight guests. The settee was donated by an area resident and the doll and its buggy are from a collection owned by Lynne Secorey, who, with Victoria Peterson ('68), runs the inn. The sitting area (opposite) is in the Clara Watson Room, named for a woman who ran a local tea room during the 1940s.





Neither Peterson nor Secorey had run a restaurant before, but they were confident of their partnership. Because while the Victorian Inn is the biggest project they have teamed up for, it wasn't their first. Neighbors and friends for years, they had volunteered together at Port Huron's Museum of Arts and History. In fact, they helped Oakland's Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology, excavate Thomas Edison's boyhood home in Port Huron, a project done in cooperation with the museum.

And they shared something else: a love of old houses. Says Peterson: "We both live in Victorian homes that we've restored — that's where we learned. In fact, the house I live in was in worse shape than the inn."

But this time was different. Not only did they need to do the work quickly, they tackled the task of bringing the inn up to Port Huron commercial building codes while trying to recreate a Victorian-era atmosphere. They used the house's original plans and specifications to make the restoration as accurate as possible.

The heavy work — replacing the roof, installing a heating and cooling system, repairing the porch, putting in a commercial kitchen, fixing the plumbing and wiring, and painting the three-story exterior — was done by professionals. But Peterson and Secorey organized their friends and families into work crews for the cosmetic work.

"We all just pitched in," Peterson said. "The older kids helped with painting. My youngest daughter, Wendy, polished old silver and brass. Lynne's husband did most of the landscaping. It was work, yes, but it was a great deal of fun. It's very satisfying to see an old house come back to life. With every strip of wallpaper we put up, we'd ooh and aah."

With the renovation under way, Peterson and Secorey set off on a treasure hunt, scouring Port Huron for period furnishings. They found the perfect floral carpet (it had been ripped out of someone else's house). They uncovered sets of dishes, silverware, drapes and bed linens at garage sales and antique shops. When they couldn't locate elaborately carved wainscoting for the stairway and upstairs hall, they made their own — first applying latex panels, then painstakingly painting on the wood grain.

The furniture was easy to find. Some of it came from their own homes. "We had a lot of things that we didn't have room for," Peterson says. "When you are into old houses, you just can't seem to stop collecting, so between us we had plenty."

Some of it found them. "We received a lot of gifts from the community. The city



The pair of etched doors (left) was donated to the inn. It links the bedroom below with another bedroom — forming the Edward and Victoria Suite. The suite was once occupied by Eusebia Davidson, daughter of James Davidson, who built the inn.



was 100 percent behind us, which was extremely helpful. I think that because we've lost so many of the wonderful Victorian era homes in Port Huron, people were especially glad to see what we were doing.

"When we were working on the house, we always left the door open and people would come in and wander around. Many times they gave us things. That's how we got the peach satin settee in the entry area, a brass fender for a fireplace, some beautiful bedroom sets and a pair of etched doors in the bedroom suite upstairs."

They also received a gift of special significance: a collection of clothing and personal items that had belonged to the late Eusebia Davidson, who grew up in the home that is now the Victorian Inn. She was the daughter of James Davidson,

a Scottish immigrant who became an important Port Huron merchant and banker and his wife, Helen. Built in 1896, the home is now listed in the Michigan Register of Historic Places.

The restoration went almost too well. "Just before we opened, we thought, 'Gee, it's so nice. Why don't we live here instead?'" Peterson says.

But they were already committed. In fact, they had given themselves just six months to open for business — and squeaked in under the wire.

"We were very optimistic and underestimated the time it would take to do the work. We had booked Christmas parties, thinking we would be done earlier than we were, so we had to be ready for private parties by the fifteenth of December. We did it, barely! It was a little hectic — we were not very well organized — but it gave us a chance to get started gradually. By the time we opened to the public a few weeks later, we were ready."

Three years later, the inn runs like clockwork. Peterson and Secorey are proud of their success, especially in the restaurant. They offer five luncheon and five dinner entrees, which change monthly. The menu runs the gamut from crab and mushroom bisque to frog legs provencale. "We knew we'd have to keep the menu small if we were going to do a good job," says Peterson, who shares cooking duties with her brother, Secorey and another employee.

They are particularly busy in the summer and at Christmas. In fact, their Victorian Christmas decorations are so popular they leave them up through January for visitors.

Would she like to do it again?

"I don't think so," she says. "The house across the street is for sale. People keep saying we ought to buy it and turn it into an inn, too. Really, it's too far gone. It had an old slate roof and they replaced it recently with shingles. When they tore the slate off, we stood here and cried.

"Getting the inn started was so much fun. You have all that enthusiasm and you're excited about what you're creating. Once you've accomplished it, the work of maintaining it begins. Believe me, running this place is a full-time job." ■

For more information, contact the Victorian Inn, 1229 Seventh Street, Port Huron, MI 48060, (313) 984-1437.

ALUMNI

1963

A. Michael Deller was appointed city librarian of Livonia, Michigan, in March. He will oversee the city's new \$7.2 million library-auditorium complex, for which construction began in July. He is president of the Michigan Library Association. Deller was elected chair of the public relations section of the Library Administration and Management Association, a division of the American Library Association. He also is president of the Detroit Puppeteers Guild and is a member of the Detroit Story League.

William Hommel has been appointed assistant professor of art history in the Department of Art at Central State University in Oklahoma. He holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University.

Virginia McIntyre has been elected to the board of directors of the International Reading Association's Children's Literature and Reading Special Interest Group. During her three-year term, she will be involved in planning and executing meetings for the group and will contribute to the organization's newsletter, "The Dragon Lode." McIntyre, a reading specialist, has been a teacher in the Waterford (Michigan) School District for the past 23 years.

1964

David McCall Liscomb has been appointed senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Liscomb had been pastor of First United Methodist Church in Troy since 1982. He previously served churches in Disco, Paint Creek, Clinton, Escanaba and Iron Mountain. While in Escanaba and Iron Mountain, Liscomb served on the boards of the Upper Peninsula Family Enrichment Bureau and the Dickenson County Big Brothers-Big Sisters. He also had a weekly radio program in Iron Mountain for eight years.

1966

Jonathan Bensky has begun a four-year overseas assignment as a foreign commercial service officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce. He is the commercial attache at the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Roger Ward was named manager of light-, medium- and heavy-duty truck marketing, including research functions, for GMC Truck and Coach Operations. He had been a zone manager in Kansas City, Kansas, since 1981.

1967

Susan Stussy is head librarian at Marian College in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1968

James Hinga has earned a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Michigan. His dissertation is entitled "America's Overseas Dependents Schools: A Profile of Politics in Education." He is a past member of the OUAA's College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate.

1970

Ruth Liberman Cann and her husband, David, became the parents of twins, Rishona Elisha and Jeremiah Maxwell, May 5. Ruth is a licensed mental health therapist in Florida, where she has been practicing for six years. David is a pilot for Delta Airlines.

Mark Kotler and his wife, Ruth, are expecting their first child in December. Kotler is a partner in Blumenberg Associates, a manufacturer's representatives firm in electronic components.

1971

Ann Grubb teaches at Marian College in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1972

Norine Blake Allen has been awarded the S.D. Shankland Scholarship by the American Association of School Administrators and will be honored at the AASA's national convention in February 1987. Five Shankland scholarships are awarded annually. Allen, assistant superintendent of the Avondale School District, is a doctoral candidate at Wayne State University, where she has maintained a 4.00 grade point average. She also received the Graduate Professional Academic Scholarship from Wayne State University. Allen chairs the OUAA's School of Human and Educational Services Alumni Affiliate.

John C. Burkhardt has been named executive assistant to the president of Eastern Michigan University. Burkhardt was director of health services for EMU. He holds a doctorate in education and a master's degree in organizational psychology from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in higher education administration from Michigan State University. Burkhardt is president of the Child Care Coordinating and Referral Service of Washtenaw County. Before going to EMU in 1978, Burkhardt was director of campus life, residence halls and food service at Saginaw Valley State College. He and his wife, **Janis Ross Burkhardt** ('71), live in Northville with their son, John. She is managing director of the Dorsey Business Schools and teaches Highland dancing.

1973

Mark Denison has received a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan. His dissertation is entitled "Absorption, Empathy and Imagery: The Interaction of Psychological and Interpersonal Skills."

Donald Rosen married Marcia Rodney in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 20. Rosen is a staff psychologist at the counseling center at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He completed his Ph.D. there and has recently returned to the staff.

1974

John Barnard was a state finalist for the 1986 Outstanding Elementary Science Teacher Award sponsored by the Michigan Science Teacher Association and the *Detroit Free Press*.

Mary Delaney always dreamed of having a school of her own. Her dream came true in 1981 when she opened Warwick Pointe Academy in Grand Blanc, Michigan. The academy now

enrolls 294 students, from preschool through eighth grade.

Mary Kuhn O'Connor has received a Ph.D. in education, curriculum and instruction reading from the University of Michigan. Her dissertation topic was "Attitudes of Selected Secondary Teachers Toward Reading in Content Areas."

Gregory C. Jamian founded Sun Medical Equipment and Supply Company in 1980. Sun Medical, which reported sales of \$3 million in 1984, has recently begun light manufacturing of medical equipment.

Judith Sternberg Spula has begun work on her master's in nursing at the University of Rochester in New York. She will specialize in women's health care. Spula has worked in obstetrical nursing for several years, both in Rochester, New York, and Houston, Texas. She resides in New York with her son, Ian, 4.

1976

Bettina Edwards was elected president of the Michigan Association of Professional Psychologists. Edwards is a psychotherapist at Fairlane Psychiatric Associates in Dearborn, Michigan.

Gregory Gusko has joined Ross Roy, Inc., advertising agency as account supervisor on the Dodge account. He will supervise and handle account management of the Dodge truck merchandising programs. Previously, Gusko had been a senior account executive at Campell-Ewald Advertising and an account executive at Visual Services, Inc.

Robert Peebles has been named assistant to the president of Crittenton Hospital. Peebles joined Crittenton in 1984 as director of human resources. He worked previously at Detroit Receiving and Harper-Grace hospitals. He holds a law degree from Detroit College of Law.

James Russo of Mason, Michigan, became a doctor of osteopathy in June.

Michael Sommers is a production control manager for General Dynamics in Warren, Michigan.

1977

Tim and Vicki Dearing Schram announce the birth of their first child, Kristin Marie, born March 7. Tim is a product design engineer for Ford Motor Company and Vicki is a manager in benefits for Chrysler Motors. Both received MBA degrees from the University of Detroit in 1984.

1978

Pat Bachman is president of Bachman & Associates, a mortgage buying organization. Bachman received an MBA from Arizona State University in 1981.

Sharon Billiau, a teacher in Dryden, Michigan, for 12 years, has been named principal of Dryden Elementary School. Billiau has taught remedial reading and various classes from kindergarten through eighth grade. She was the gifted and talented consultant, computer coordinator and reading coordinator. She started the Young Authors and Young Astronauts programs in Dryden. She has been active in the Michigan Association for Computer Users and is certified in computer repair.

Cynthia Brody is an attorney with National Bank of Detroit. She is active with the Oakland University Alumni Association, having served as chair and a member of the board of the OUAA College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate. She married Robert Starkman, also an attorney, in 1984.

Lary Christiansen has been named outreach manager of the education department at the Detroit Science Center. Christiansen is responsible for Science Under the Big Top summer camps for children, Science in the Schools, and an expanded series of fall Energy Expos at area shopping malls. He previously worked for International Research and Development Company in Mattawan, Michigan, and directed the development of science, math and computer science in Walker, Michigan. His secondary teaching certification is from Grand Valley State Colleges in Allendale, Michigan.

Glenn Genzlinger and his wife, Sharon, announce the birth of their first child, Mark William, born May 13. Glenn works for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, Connecticut. The Genzlingers live in nearby Hebron.

Mary Lee Gwizdala of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has begun a two-year term on the board of directors of the Michigan State University College of Education Alumni Association. Gwizdala's undergraduate degree is from MSU. She is an English teacher at Detroit Country Day Upper School.

Charles (Rick) Ricotta is assistant director of planning/research for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. He is responsible for directing information database and research development for planning and administration. Ricotta previously was employed at Best Western International headquarters in the market research department.

1979

Charles Conklin is a sales manager/accountant for the tax accounting firm of Guffey and Associates of Allen Park, Michigan. He and his fiancée, Karen Bugajski, are planning a December wedding.

Marilyn Kasko is land division manager of Capital Concepts. She was formerly with EDS as manager of its real estate operations. She received an MBA in real estate finance from North Texas State University in 1983.

Chris Gassen is an investment analyst in trust investment activity with National Bank of Detroit. Gassen received an MBA in finance from Indiana University in 1985.

Michael Solaka is managing partner of Zachery, Solaka & Associates, of Detroit, Michigan. The 1½-year-old firm specializes in packaging financing for Detroit real estate projects and acting as a liaison between government agencies and the private sector. Solaka coordinates the arrangements, primarily through the use of Urban Development Action Grants. To date, the firm's biggest project has been the Millender Center. The organization also secured funding for the Monroe Block project, which would convert the historic area into a \$40 million office-apartment-retail complex. Solaka is currently working on the \$30 million Atwater Landing project, which would develop a five-acre, two-warehouse site

with a performance center and a collection of shops, boutiques, restaurants and pubs. Solaka is past president and current advisory board member of the Founders Society Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts, is active with Party in the Park for Detroit Artists Market and is a member of the American Society for Publication Administration and the Academy of Political Sciences.

Nancy Oxendine Tutterow received a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1983. She and her husband, Dr. David Tutterow, have one son.

1980

Kirk Douglas has been an account executive with VALIC for the past five years. He markets qualified tax-deferred annuity programs.

Beth Gotthelf Fisk completed law school at the University of Detroit and accepted a teaching position in Clermont-Ferrand, France, where she taught American law courses to French law students. While in France, Fisk was sworn in as an attorney. She recently returned to Michigan and is a judicial clerk for Judge Myron Wahls, Michigan Court of Appeals.

Marianne Fey is senior vice president and general manager of Competitive Edge, Inc., an advertising agency that primarily services automotive dealer marketing groups across the United States. Fey oversees Competitive Edge field offices in Albuquerque, Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia and Tampa. She also handles new corporate business and is in charge of further developing corporate growth strategies. In 1980, Fey started the Detroit branch of Competitive Edge, a satellite office with one employee and one client. In just six years, the agency's billing has grown to \$18 million. Fey's professional affiliations include the Aircraft Club of Detroit and the National Association of Female Executives. She also is a member of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Thomas Sommers is a sales engineer with J.H. Bennet Company of Novi, Michigan.

1981

Sandra Cilibraise was promoted to analyst in engineering planning activity at General Motors Corporation, Chevrolet-Pontiac-GM of Canada Group. She and William Suszek are planning a July 1987 wedding.

Larry Bolterstein has been appointed vice president and corporate controller of Atlas Van Lines, Inc., and its subsidiaries. Most recently he was assistant controller for WearEver-ProctorSilex, which, like Atlas, is a division of Wesray. In that position, Bolterstein was responsible for all the controller's functions and also directed a major data processing project designed to upgrade the company's manufacturing systems. He previously served as controller of the mobile hydraulics division of Parker-Hannifin Corporation and as business analyst for the equipment division of Oxy Metal Industries Corporation.

Amy Ellwood is a senior family therapist with the adolescent psychiatric unit at York Hospital, Pennsylvania. Ellwood's responsibilities include teaching family therapy to psychiatric residents and supervising other family therapists. She

graduated from the University of Michigan's School of Social Work in 1983 and is certified by both the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists and the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Deborah Mudie is president of the Detroit chapter of the Association for Women in Computing.

Robert Pineau graduated cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law in May. He has accepted a position with the Detroit law firm of Kerr, Russell and Weber.

Helen Shereda-Smith and her husband, Gregory, are the parents of two children, Matthew, 1, and Christine, 3½. Helen, a former Pioneer basketball player, was initiated into the Oakland University Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. Greg, Oakland University's former sports information director, is the SID and sports promotions manager of Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado.

Denise Lynn Young has received a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan. Her dissertation was entitled "Correlates of Quality in Selected Programs in Regional Institutions."

1982

David Butler has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal at Fort Stewart, Georgia. The medal is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties. Butler is a clinical nurse with the medical department activity. He is an Air Force Reserve first lieutenant.

Colette Dywasuk has been appointed manager of marketing communications for Vickers, Inc., in its Americas-Communications organization. Vickers' world headquarters is in Troy, Michigan. Dywasuk is responsible for print advertisement, sales literature and other sales promotion materials for Vickers' fluid power products.

Holly Schmidt Maurice was recently appointed chairwoman of the public health and education committee for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southeastern Michigan. She was married in March.

1983

Linda Brown has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida. Brown's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

David Malone recently moved to General Motors' Buick-Oldsmobile-Cadillac headquarters as a systems analyst after 10 years as an educator/administrator.

Linda Moss has been working as a volunteer missionary and physical therapist in Macao, near Hong Kong on the southern coast of China. Moss, who has served there since August, 1985, will be in Macao for another 2½ years.

E. Thomas Nelson, Jr., is teaching chemistry and working on his master of science degree at the University of California-Davis.

1984

Arnold Brookshear was commissioned a Navy ensign upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School. He received pre-flight training on

aerodynamics, sea and land survival, aviation physiology and basic aircraft engineering.

Barbara Hartline has begun her first teaching position as a kindergarten teacher with the Great Lakes School in Clawson, Michigan. She is vice president for visibility of the OUAA.

Kathy Jo Lewis has been appointed instructor of mathematics and physics at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan, for the 1986 school year. She had been an adjunct instructor at St. Mary's for the past two years and a substitute teacher in the Walled Lake and Southfield school districts.

Gary D. Lichtman was recently promoted to associate editor for publications with the Sandy Corporation. He is responsible for Chevrolet Motor Division's internal magazines nationwide, including the stories, photographs and layouts.

Bernard Marinelli has joined Bornor Restoration, Inc., as estimator for the concrete and masonry division. Marinelli has 10 years of masonry construction experience.

Cheryl Niedermeyer has been promoted to client accounting coordinator at Young-Rubicam, Inc., for Ford Parts and Service and Wunderman, Ricotta & Kline. She was elected to a two-year term as president of Alpha Delta Pi's Michigan alumnae association.

Lori Ann Oresky has joined Michigan Bell as a staff supervisor.

Bill Sleeman completed his master's degree in library science with a concentration in archive administration. He received the Edmund Low Award from U of M's School of Library Science. Sleeman is currently working as a librarian at the Center for Sex Equity in Education.

1985

Leon Davis completed his freshman year at Wayne State University Medical School. He accompanied a Wayne professor of immunology on a research trip to Ethiopia last summer.

Abelardo Godoy has completed Officer Indocination School at the Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, Rhode Island. Godoy is a newly commissioned Navy ensign.

Joann Richards has been appointed director of nursing at Harrison Community Hospital in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Janice Thomas has been promoted to account administrator at Ross Roy, Inc., advertising agency. She is responsible for coordinating the internal advertising functions on the Michigan Bell and National Yellow Pages Service Association accounts. Prior to joining Ross Roy, she was a credit analyst at VMS Financial and the ticket sales/special events coordinator for Punch and Judy Performing Arts Theatre.

Charles Torok has completed a signal officer basic course at the U.S. Army Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He received instruction in military communications center operations. He is a second lieutenant.

Carol Zilli was promoted to systems analyst at the Management Information Support Center of Wayne State University.

1986

Denise Carol Hodges has joined Michigan Bell as an engineer.

Michele Mucciante spent three months in the Soviet Union as part of the 4-H Young Agricultural Specialists Exchange Program. Mucciante is one of 15 young adults from 11 states to participate in the continuing exchange program, which involves the study and practical application of agricultural technology. It is designed to foster cooperation and understanding between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. In preparation for her trip, Mucciante received extensive language and cultural training. The American delegates live on collective and state farms and stay with individual farm families during the summer. In the fall, they meet with Soviet delegates, who live on U.S. host farms and consult with land-grant universities participating in the program. Delegates receive additional training and study theory and applied laboratory practices in technology and agricultural economics in the host countries.

In memoriam

Jennifer McEwen died suddenly July 14. She was a communication arts major and was employed as writer and publisher for the public relations department of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

FACULTY/STAFF

David Bixby, manager of the University Bookcenter, has been appointed to the nominating committee of the National Association of College Stores. He is past president of the Michigan Association of College Stores.

Bandana Chatterjee, assistant professor of chemistry, has been invited to serve on the Aging Review Committee of the National Institute on Aging. The NIA is an agency of the National Institutes of Health. The review committee is responsible for judging the scientific merit of proposals and for technical review of research and training grant applications.

Carlo Coppola, professor of modern languages and literatures, has been nominated for the position of visiting professor of comparative literature at the University of Hyderabad, India, for the 1988-89 academic year, under the Fulbright exchange program. He recently received an associate of applied sciences degree in culinary arts from Schoolcraft College, together with a certificate as a certified cook.

Suzanne Frankie, dean of Kresge Library, has been elected vice chair/chair-elect of the Michigan Library Consortium and chair of the Council of Library Directors of Michigan State-Supported Colleges and Universities.

Sid Graber, who launched Oakland's program in special education, retired August 15. The program now offers seven degree programs, including a program in autism that is one of two in Michigan. Graber plans to be an active volunteer for organizations that help handicapped children and to work with his wife, Betty Houston, in a private psychotherapy practice.

Geraldine Graham ('86), administrative assistant in the Office of the Dean of Student Services, has been named recipient of the University's Human Relations Award. University President Joseph E. Champagne selected Graham for the award, which is presented only when an individual consistently demonstrates commitment to improving human relations. She is the first person to be honored since 1977.

Leonard Leone has been appointed a theatre consultant to the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Leone is a Wayne State University professor emeritus with a distinguished career in the arts. He is noted for his work in establishing the Bonstelle and Hilberry theatres, beginning Wayne's black theatre curriculum and a touring children's theatre, directing or producing more than 250 plays and his efforts to construct a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in Detroit.

Audrey Marriner, program manager for the Division of Continuing Education, has retired. During her 17 years at Oakland, she helped establish the Legal Assistant Program, training programs for certified public accountants and a certificate program in personal financial planning. She and her husband, Philip, have moved to Knoxville, Tennessee.

Anne Sandoval has been named associate director of admissions. She was chosen by the Michigan Association of College Admissions Counselors to represent the group, along with another Michigan delegate, at the National Association of College Admissions Counselors Leadership Conference at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Janice Schimmelman ('71), assistant professor of art and art history, has compiled *Architectural Treatises and Building Handbooks Available in American Libraries and Bookstores through 1800*, published by the American Antiquarian Society. The work is a catalog of the art and architecture publications that colonial Americans used for resources and inspiration. Schimmelman's research was supported by grants from Oakland University and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Roberta Schwartz, associate professor of journalism, interviewed Sunny Hemingway at Windemere, the family cottage in Petoskey, Michigan, and prepared travel articles on Traverse City. Schwartz recently has appeared on WWJ-AM and WDTN-FM.

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

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Alumni Bulletin Board

We'll be calling

The annual Alumni Telefund kicks off during November. A fellow alum may be calling you soon to ask your support on Oakland University's 1986-87 Alumni Fund.

If you'd like to get on the other end of the phone, volunteers are warmly welcomed. Call us at 370-2158 if you'd like to participate.

Chat with an astronaut

Astronaut Stephen S. Oswald will address the School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate annual dinner November 1.

Oswald, who earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy, is scheduled for assignment as a pilot on future Space Shuttle flight crews. He has logged more than 3,100 flight hours in at least 35 aircraft.

Teaching via satellite

Educator Sharon Newman, a past recipient of the Michigan Education Association's Instructional Excellence Award, will be the keynote speaker at the School of Human and Educational Services Alumni Affiliate annual dinner October 25.

Newman is the creative force behind the Rochester-based Appleseed Productions, a non-profit educational television company that produces live interactive satellite programs that are beamed to school classrooms across the country.

Association & affiliate board meetings

Come out and join us at any board meeting. Everyone is welcome.

The dates are subject to change, so you may want to confirm them with the Office of Alumni Relations, 370-2158.

OAAA Board of Directors: December 1, January 5

Black Alumni Affiliate: November 5, December 3, January 7

College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Affiliate: November 6, December 4, January 8

School of Business Administrative Alumni Affiliate: November 11, December 9, January 13

School of Human and Educational Services Alumni Affiliate: November 5, January 14

School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate: November 20, December 18, January 15

Calendar

November

- 1 Pioneer Classic volleyball tournament, all day, Lepley Sports Center. Tournament begins Friday, October 31.
- 3 Alumni Telefund begins, runs through November 20. Volunteers are welcome. Call 370-2158.
- 5 *Foxfire*, through November 30, Meadow Brook Theatre.
- 7 Center for the Arts: *Amadeus*, weekends through November 23, Varner Recital Hall.
- 12 Center for the Arts Children's Series: Classical Music for Children, performed by the Warren Symphony Orchestra and conducted by David Daniels, Varner Recital Hall.
- 14 Men's and women's swimming home opener: Oakland vs. Western Ontario, Lepley Sports Center.
- 15 CIPO Cinematheque: *The Gods Must Be Crazy*, 7 & 9:30 p.m., 201 Dodge Hall.
- 16 Center for the Arts: Lafayette String Quartet, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall.

December

- 3 *A Christmas Carol*, through December 28, Meadow Brook Theatre.
- 5 Women's basketball home opener: Oakland vs. Indiana Institute of Technology, 8 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.
Center for the Arts: Meadow Brook Estate Holiday Concert, through December 7, Varner Recital Hall.
- 8 Fall classes end.
- 30 Men's basketball home opener: Oakland vs. Tri-State University, 8 p.m., Lepley Sports Center.
- 31 *The Rose Tattoo*, through January 25, Meadow Brook Theatre.

January

- 6 Winter classes begin.
- 14 Center for the Arts Children's Series: *Zoophabreaks*, performed by the Mime Ensemble, 1 p.m., Varner Recital Hall.
- 19 Winter Carnival, through January 24. Events schedule available from CIPO.
- 28 *A Flea in Her Ear*, through February 22, Meadow Brook Theatre.

Complete schedules and ticket information are available from:

Athletic Department, 370-3190
Center for the Arts box office, 370-3013
Campus Information, Programs and Organizations (CIPO), 370-2020
Meadow Brook Theatre box office, 377-3300
Office of Alumni Relations, 370-2158

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