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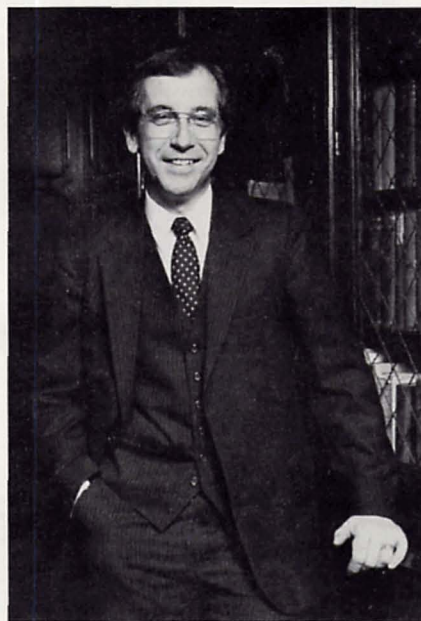




Oakland University is pleased to begin publication of this quarterly magazine. Its purpose is to provide important and relevant information to members of the university's extended family in the Alumni Association and The President's Club and to other interested individuals. We see this magazine as an opportunity to provide our many longstanding friends with accurate insights and glimpses into university life, programs, and goals. It is especially important for us to communicate directly with our many friends at this particular point in the history of Oakland University.

1982 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the gift from the Wilson family to the State of Michigan for the purpose of establishing a university community. This year also marks a most important milestone in the development of this young and vigorous university. Forced by the necessities of an unstable economic environment in Michigan and by a desire to excel in all activities, the university is reassessing its role and mission within the external framework of an eroding economic base. While the problems we as a university community face are staggering and enormous, they must be viewed as an opportunity to refocus what we are doing, to find more effective and efficient ways to accomplish our purpose, and to lay out a blueprint that will give us the stability we need to insure a successful future. To this end, we have created several important commissions that are assisting us in charting our course for the future and establishing our agenda for the 1980s.

Chancellor Varner in the 1960s provided a thrust for academic excellence that established a vibrant tradition at Oakland University which we, as a university community, have never lost. His insights



Ann Straky

into the community needs of this area directed us on a course that has proven to be appropriate, meaningful, and relevant. His desire to serve the community through a wide variety of cultural enterprises coupled with academic excellence brought Oakland University into the forefront of national prominence.

Today, we must continue in this early tradition but extend our drive for excellence and relevance even farther. To this end, we are seeking a greater sensitivity to community needs for it is our genuine belief that the successful universities of the future will find much of their strength in the immediate environs they serve. Under the current conditions, it is no longer financially or programmatically possible to keep full pace with the rapidly changing technology of our times. We must form linkages with the communities in which we live in order to remain relevant in purpose and current in process. Additionally, lifelong education today is not a luxury but a necessity if all of us are to remain in touch with these times that are changing so rapidly. Consequently, our renewed emphasis at Oakland University on service to the

community is one that will help us foster greater accessibility to our many constituents. The age of our student body is continuing to rise in part because of the recognition of many persons that education is indeed not something finalized during the first few years of life but, rather, a lifelong commitment.

We are attempting to focus many of our efforts now at Oakland University to serving the entire community better through expanded access. To accomplish this objective at a time when fiscal resources are dwindling demands the fullest measure of energy and creativity that all of us can bring to bear. The help of our alumni, our benefactors, and our many other friends is absolutely vital to the successful accomplishment of our emerging agenda for the 1980s. It is our hope that this new publication will be one instrument by which we keep our many friends informed and provide them with the opportunity to give us direction and guidance. While the financial uncertainties of these times could easily cause us to become discouraged, they also provide us with challenges of unlimited magnitude and opportunities for renewed commitments to our community and constituents. We are quite excited about our future, and we have no doubt that we will emerge strong and cohesive as we continue to seek excellence and relevance.

*J. Champagne*





# Oakland University in the Eighties Retooling for a New Environment

Written by Ann J. Lowe

Much the same way meteorologists watch developing pressure systems and prevailing winds to predict the weather, higher education in the last decade has been watching the change in student priorities, the decrease in student population, and the increase in costs to predict its own environment for the eighties. Indeed, the accuracy of any prediction increases with the onset of events being observed. How often do we find ourselves smiling at a radio prediction of the current weather. So too, an educational forecast for the eighties is now as inappropriate.

Oakland University has recognized that if it is to continue to contribute to the well-being and improved productivity and livelihood of its students and community, the advent of this new decade demands more than passive forecasting. The implementation of a creative, thoughtful strategy to reaffirm the position and value of higher education in today's society is required.

In Michigan, particularly, a response is expedient. The forces of change which have been mounting in the last decade for all of higher education have been intensified in our own state. Michigan, like other states, is encountering a decreased student population because of a declining birth rate. Michigan's college enrollment, however, is also influenced by other demographic factors. According to the Federal Bureau of Census, between 1970 and 1979 the state has lost 3.4% of its population because of out migration. And of the prospective college students who do remain in the state, fewer can afford the expense of higher education because of Michigan's poor economic climate. While the national unemployment rate has just reached 9%, Michigan's is at 15%. Perhaps

even more significant is the fact that the state has endured an annual unemployment rate of over 12% since 1980.

Of course all institutions of higher education have been struggling with the side effects of the nation's inflationary economy. Cost saving measures are, indeed, difficult to impose in a labor intensive industry such as education. But in Michigan the cost/revenue squeeze is especially severe. Oakland University's report of annual appropriations indicates that state funding for the institution has decreased to

1979-1980 levels with the percent of state appropriations per student reduced to 1978-1979 levels. According to a recent analysis published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, for the 1981-1982 academic year, Michigan ranks forty-second in the nation in state appropriations per student . . . a report which does not consider that Michigan's fiscal year may actually see significantly less state funding than originally promised. It is interesting to note also that in Michigan the share of the state budget for higher education has dropped from 20% in





1970 to 16.7% in 1980. While Michigan universities and colleges are losing ground in state funding, they are subject to the same increasing labor and operating expenses as the rest of the state. Financial flexibility has been virtually eliminated in higher education budgeting.

The change in student priorities, while difficult to measure, is yet another force affecting the role of higher education in today's world . . . a force exaggerated in Michigan again because of the state's economic climate. Evidenced by larger enrollments in computer, engineering, business, and health care related fields, students are rejecting the traditional liberal arts degrees in favor of studies which offer specific skills that can be more easily marketed. Jerry Rose, Oakland's director of admissions and scholarships, readily admits that "today's prospective college student is looking not only for a quality education but also a guarantee of a well paying job."

There can be no question that Michigan's economic conditions will accelerate the changes in higher education which have been anticipated nationally for some time. Michigan colleges and universities may well set the pace for the nation in defining a response to the general social, demographic, and inflationary pressures which have been testing the resilience of higher education since the seventies.

The current conflict between higher education and its environment parallels an observation made by John Dewey of the relationship between culture and science. Dewey noted that: "A culture which permits science to destroy traditional values, but which distrusts its power to create new values is a culture which is destroying itself." Universities might paraphrase the nineteenth century philosopher's words for their own purposes . . . "A university which permits its environment to destroy its traditional values, but which distrusts itself to create new ones is a university which destroys itself."

Oakland University is accepting the challenge of both its location and its time with the same kind of enthusiasm and commitment which has been characteristic of the institution since its beginnings. Conceived in the late fifties and nurtured during the sixties, a period of national academic indulgence and expansion, Oakland University was privileged to experience thoughtful and deliberate planning prior to its

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opening. Through a series of nationally recognized Meadow Brook Seminars, the academic direction and thrust of the new institution were discussed and enhanced.

With its youth characterized by quantum leaps in student enrollment as well as faculty and program development, the institution was required in the late sixties and seventies to alter its highly structured liberal arts curriculum. Although deviations from its original purist approach to education were inevitable, the soul of the institution still rests in the reports published at the conclusion of its founding seminars . . . as much for their recommendations and substance as for what they represent . . . a thoughtful, careful, and sincere effort to identify the new institution's role, mission, and character. So, it is not inconsistent now for the institution to take pause in reassessing its resources and its purposes. The times may require it, but so, too, do the institution's history and tradition.

Entering the eighties with a new president and four new deans, as well as a revised administrative

structure, Oakland University carries with it a fresh perspective. Intent upon establishing an institutional position capable of meeting the challenge of its current environment without sacrificing Oakland's roots in the liberal arts, President Joseph Champagne has commissioned three university-wide groups to address issues relating to the institution's academic mission, student service role, and outreach effort.

The Committee on Academic Missions and Priorities, headed by Acting Associate Provost George Feeman, is charged with examining each of the university's academic programs with respect to its quality, scope, strengths, weaknesses, requirements, opportunity for the future, and necessity.

"The committee intends to be very specific with regard to its recommendations," explains Feeman. "We have established priority levels and will classify programs according to a well defined set of criteria. I have been immensely satisfied by the high degree of sharing and idea exchange which has occurred as a result of the review process . . . a process which has for me reaffirmed this institution's vigor and character."

The Committee on Student and Urban Affairs Mission and Priorities, headed by Dean of Students Rosalind Andreas, has been charged with evaluating university sponsored student services in much the same way academic programs are being examined.

"The committee has taken its charge with much seriousness," comments Andreas. "We have been challenged by the magnitude and complexity of the tasks we have been asked to perform. As a group, however, we are committed to providing some clear directions for the institution." On a more personal level, Andreas noted, "I am enthusiastic about being a part of Oakland University right now, in this particular time . . . We are in the midst of making some hard choices



that many institutions of higher education are still avoiding."

In the arena of public service the president's Task Force on University Public Service, headed by Jacqueline Scherer, professor of sociology, has been commissioned to help clarify and offer direction for the university's various public service efforts.

"During our review process," said Scherer, "the task force has not been surprised by, but has been extremely impressed with the volume and scope of the institution's many public service activities."

While the two other committees have been delving into structured and well-defined areas of the institution, this task force is investigating an area in which the institution has always played an important role, but which has traditionally lacked coordination and recognition.

"Through this initial effort," added Scherer, "The task force is

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hoping to set a precedence for continued audits and visibility for the university's public service activities."

Undertaking their imposing tasks, the committees collectively have left no corner of the university untouched by their investigations. Their activities have included gathering data through surveys and questionnaires, evaluating both

internal and external reports, and interviewing students, staff, and faculty as well as community leaders and alumni. Armed with their conclusions and recommendations due this spring, the institution will be equipped to realistically evaluate its role and mission as an integral and productive part of its environment.

Indeed, Michigan's economic plight may, at least for Oakland University, prove to be the beneficial catalyst necessary to stimulate a response to the forces of change affecting all colleges and universities. In any other setting Oakland University might find itself continuing to underestimate its endurance, its energy, and its creativity. The institution is doing more than simply weathering a storm. Oakland University has committed itself to finding new resources and retooling traditional ones to meet the demands and challenges of the eighties.





## Affiliate Update

### Black Alumni Association

Black Awareness Month was celebrated in February with active participation by the black alumni affiliate. The tenth anniversary black graduates reunion is slated for June 4 in the Oakland Center Crockery. Inquiries may be directed to Lynn Barbee 377-3200.

### Engineering Alumni Association

The 1982 Engineers' Career Survey is nearing completion; results will be published in a directory later in the year. Funding has been allocated in support of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society newsletter. The Annual OUEAA Meadow Brook Theatre Benefit will be held on April 21 at 8:30 p.m. This year's selection is Neil Simon's *Chapter Two*. Tickets are available at \$9 through the alumni office. Call 377-2158.

### Human and Educational Services Alumni Association

The council is reorganizing. Any graduates in education or human services interested in offering valuable support to SHES and to fellow graduates may inquire through the alumni office at 377-2158.

### Nursing Alumni Association

Applications are being reviewed for selection of this year's scholarship winner.

### School of Economics and Management Alumni Association

SEM graduates were welcomed back to campus to meet Dean Ronald Horwitz and the faculty at a February open house. Results of elections for the SEMAA board of directors will be announced in April.

### Undergraduate Student Alumni Association

The students awarded \$50 book purchase certificates to winners of an essay competition. Twenty-two

awards were made to fellow undergraduates from funds made possible through last year's C.A.R.E. package sale during finals week. Plans are underway for the winter semester C.A.R.E. packages. The USAA will be welcoming alumni back to campus to participate in the annual careers day, cosponsored by the Alumni Association, the placement office, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

*Coming Soon:* A new alumni affiliate for the College of Arts and Sciences is on the drawing board. All alumni interested in renewing contacts with favorite professors and fellow graduates and in serving the college in a unique way, can call Professor Sheldon Appleton at 377-4567.

## Honors College Publication

The Honors College of Oakland University is assuming publication of *Odyssey*, A Journal of the Humanities, founded in 1975, and dedicated to literary, art, and media criticism; creative endeavors, and historical and linguistic work. The latest issue has been available since February 1982. Submissions for the spring 1982 issue are now being accepted.

Inquiries may be sent to: Robert C. Howes, Editor, *Odyssey*, 212 Varner, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48063.

## Alumni Research Grants Awarded

The OU Alumni Association continues to support promising undergraduate research. The awards were made to five students by the University Research Committee with funds contributed by the Alumni Association. The student projects will each be undertaken with the guidance of a faculty mentor.

Grant winners are Sally M. Whitty, a senior from Lake Orion, \$250 for "Parents Who Lose Children: A Study of Male/Female Differences in Parental Grief."

Shaun P. Healy, a senior from Troy, \$250 for research entitled "Reactivation of Inactivated Glucocorticoid-Receptor." The study involves the powerful steroid hormones that play a role in many body functions including reproduction and aging.

Scott Michael Braxton, a junior from Rochester, \$152 for research on "The Effects of Phorbol Acetate on Natural Cytotoxicity and DNA and Protein Synthesis." The research involves natural killer cells in the body that can surround and kill certain kinds of tumors.

Janet Sue Shellman, a senior from Rochester, \$249 to study "Nestmate Recognition in the Paper Wasp."

Joan M. Abbey, a senior from Pontiac, \$79 to complete a "Needs Assessment Study of Parents and Family Day Care Home Providers in Wayne and Oakland Counties."

## Renewed Commitment by President's Club

Consistent with the university's own self-imposed review of academic programs and student services, The President's Club began the year with a reassessment of its role within the university community... a reassessment which was requested by many of the club's members because of a concern over the expense of services rendered to the membership.

After reviewing the issues raised, the OU Foundation executive committee and the steering committee of The President's Club jointly and unanimously agreed in February to modify certain activities provided by the club for its membership. While some activities were discontinued, other university programs were made available for the first time. Essentially, members were asked, as suggested, to defray more of the expense for the club activities in which they participated.

"In view of the economic plight of the institution," explained club president Ralph Norvell, "this restructuring of activities will enhance greatly our membership's contribution to the university."

As Oakland University approaches its twenty-fifth anniversary, The President's Club has committed itself to seeking even more ways of assisting the institution.

"We recognize that friendships in the private sector are going to play an increasingly important role in the advancement of the university," noted Norvell. "With this fact in mind, the steering committee is committed to expanding club membership to 500 by the end of 1982."

And, indeed, The President's Club is well on its way to that end. Club membership has grown to 416 with a record 98 new members added in 1981.

## New President's Club Members

New members of the President's Club are: Dr. and Mrs. Irwin P. Adelson, *Franklin*; Dr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Bayer, *West Bloomfield*; Mrs. Marilyn J. Brooks, *Rochester*; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Breskin, *Pleasant Ridge*; Ms. Glenna M. Daniels, *Rochester*; Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Laidlaw, *Farmington Hills*; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Lemmon, *Royal Oak*; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McGowan, *Birmingham*; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lee Miller, *Auburn Heights*; Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Mills, *Bloomfield Hills*; Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Steele, *Rochester*; Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Steigerwald, *Orchard Lake*; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stoffa, *Bloomfield Hills*; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Thornton, *Rochester*.

The following have recently become life members: Mr. Daniel J. Katke, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Church, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jenkins, Mrs. Herbert J. Stange, and Mrs. Richard Wagner.

*\*Graduates of Oakland University*

## Gehringer-Kaline Meadow Brook Golf Classic

The 1982 Gehringer-Kaline Meadow Brook Golf Classic promises a full day of sport and recreation for friends of the university. To be held on Oakland's Katke-Cousins Golf Course, the benefit is planned for Thursday, June 10. Chairing the event for his third year will be channel 7 newscaster Jac LeGoff with, of course, Al Kaline and Charlie Gehringer on hand as hosts.

Tee-off times will be scheduled between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket price of \$175.00 includes light morning refreshments, lunch on the course, cart, and greens fees for one golfer as well as cocktails and dinner for two that evening. Proceeds from the golf classic support Meadow Brook Hall and other Oakland University programs.





## Kleckner Named Provost



Deciding that the most qualified candidate in a national search was already in the university and working at his job, the OU Board of Trustees has selected Keith R. Kleckner as vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Kleckner's appointment was approved by the board on December 16 by unanimous vote and after strong endorsements by President Joseph E. Champagne and Professor Jacqueline Scherer, chairperson of the search committee.

Kleckner had been serving as interim academic vice president and provost since July 1, 1981. He replaced Frederick W. Obeir who resigned to become chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The new vice president, cited by President Champagne as the number two man in importance at the university, is aware of the challenges facing OU in the years ahead. His concerns over budget and quality were expressed February 18 in a university colloquium entitled "In Pursuit of Excellence."

Kleckner has been at OU since 1966 when he joined the faculty as associate professor of engineering. He became a full professor in 1971.

The Bloomfield Hills resident was assistant dean of engineering for graduate study from 1969 to 1975, and he guided the university's first doctoral program, an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in systems engineering.

## Trustee Changes Announced

Two shifts on the Oakland University Board of Trustees have been announced.

Detroit architect Howard F. Sims is the newest member of the board.

Sims was appointed by Governor William G. Milliken in October of 1981. He replaced alumnus David B. Lewis who had resigned after a decade of service to the board and to the university.

He may be new, but Sims wasted little time in assessing OU's reputation and the part he would play in its future challenges.

Sims said, "I am very pleased that Governor Milliken has appointed me to the OU Board of Trustees. Since its establishment as a separate institution, OU has grown to be one of the outstanding universities in the state of Michigan. I anticipate continued qualitative growth and



development by the university in the decade of the 80s, and as the newest member of the university community, I expect to play some part in that accomplishment.

"However, maintenance of our present high standards, let alone growth, will not be easy. A period of rising costs and decreasing state support will require the very highest commitment from the entire university community—students, faculty, administration, and trustees—to overcome obstacles for the continuation of university programs. To that end, you may expect from me nothing less than complete dedication and effort as one of your trustees toward the continuation and improvement of the academic programs of the university."

Sims is president of Sims-Varner and Associates, Inc., an architectural firm in Detroit. A graduate of the

University of Michigan, he is a member of the American Institute of Architects and of the board and executive committee of the Engineering Society of Detroit.

Marvin L. Katke, charter member of the OU Board of Trustees and university benefactor, has resigned from the board effective February 15, 1982.

In a letter to Governor Milliken, Katke said, "I appreciate your confidence in me over the past



years. I am sorry that I find it necessary to resign before completion of my second term appointment. My resignation is for personal reasons, finding it difficult to attend board meetings during the winter months when we spend considerable time out of the state.

"I have enjoyed my association with Oakland University, working with the members of the board and with President Champagne and all members of his administration. They are a dedicated group doing a remarkably fine job under restricted budgetary conditions brought on by the state of our economy."

Katke is retired from Ford Motor Company where he served as vice president. In addition to serving in an executive capacity at Ford, Katke had worked for General Motors corporation earlier in his career.

President Joseph E. Champagne expressed his regret at Katke's resignation. In a letter he told Katke, "You have served Oakland University in every respect possible. We will indeed miss you from its formal operation." He expressed the hope that Katke would continue to take a deep interest in the activities of the university and that his advice and counsel might still be available.



# The Hearing Impaired Saw and "Heard" Romeo and Juliet

The hearing impaired appreciated the full beauty and tragedy of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" in signed performances February 7 and 21 in the Studio Theatre of Oakland University.

Two fully costumed signers, Mary Wells of Rochester, and John Ray of Southfield, brought the actors' dialogue to the hearing impaired in the audience.

Mary Wells is the Project Director for Oakland/Livingston County Services to Deaf People. This agency originated in order to develop a system of communication between the hearing and the deaf. Mary also teaches American Sign Language at Oakland where she received a double major—communication arts and theatre arts. While attending OU Mary performed an interpretation of "The Rivals" and at that time she and Tom Aston, director of the Student Enterprises, discussed the possibility of signing future shows. Tom Aston pursued the idea by requesting a grant for this project.

John Ray is a counselor for the hearing impaired at Madonna College. John's major concern for and with these students deals with medical, religious, and educational experiences. Over the years, John has also been actively involved in services concerning the hearing impaired and is presently chairperson for Region I Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

The project will be repeated in future Student Enterprise Theatre

performances thanks in part to a grant from the OU Alumni Association. The signed performances are open to all interested persons.

The purpose is to bring the full feeling and meaning of the arts to the hearing impaired and for others to experience the beauty of signed communication.



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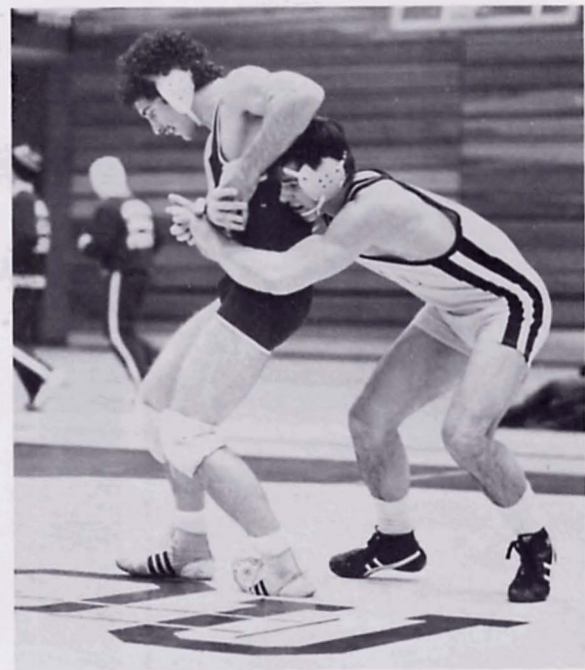
Bob Knoska



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From top, left to right:

Formerly an All-Stater from Pontiac Central, Pioneer junior guard, Antoine Williams, maneuvers the ball down court.

Senior co-captain, Kryston Peterson, on her way to a Division II national qualifying time standard in the 1650-yard freestyle.

All-American B.J. Kearney, senior from Fort Lauderdale, holds the university record in one- and three-meter diving.

Linda Krawford scores for the Lady Pioneers. The OU women completed a clean sweep of the GLIAC with a 16-0 league mark.

Is it a foul or a legal tackle? Morris Lupenec, sophomore forward, in action against Wayne State.

All-American wrestler, Gregg Mannino is a junior from Warren and is a two-time GLIAC Champion.





## 1964

**Richard J. and Karen (Zubris) Biesanz** have collaborated with his mother, Mavis Biesanz, on a text entitled *The Costa Ricans*, which was released by Prentice Hall, Inc. in January 1982. Biesanz is an associate professor of anthropology and sociology at Corning Community College in Ohio.

**James P. Bouhana** is an associate professor and chairperson of the curriculum committee at the new WANG Institute of Graduate Studies, a school of information technology in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

**Karen M. (Oxley) Lessenberry** is a social studies teacher at Birmingham Groves High School. She and her husband, Jack, became the parents of twins, Albert Bryan and Molly Ann, October 15, 1981.

## 1967

**Nancy (Rindfusz) Maxwell** announces the birth of her second son, Scott Kirkpatrick, April 22, 1981. Her first son is five-year-old Tommy. Nancy and husband, Tom, live in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. Nancy taught French for nine years and received her M.A. degree from Fairfield University, in Connecticut and Le College de Ste. Genevieve, Versailles, France.

**John R. Mills** recently began his tenth year of teaching English at Brandon High School. John is also codirector of school plays and adviser for the yearbook.

**Ronna Romney** has been named co-chairperson of Richard Headlee's campaign for the Republican nomination for governor of Michigan.

**Carol White** is an elementary music specialist in Las Vegas.

## 1968

**Drew and Jan (Holmgren) McKay** advise that Jan's first book, *Narration and Discourse in American Realistic Fiction*, will be published in 1982 by the University of Pennsylvania Press. As of January 1, Drew became the vice president of the Informational Technology Group of the Indian Head Corporation, New York, N.Y.

**Robert E. Sullivan** finished seminary after completing his Ph.D. at Harvard University. His dissertation, *John Toland and the Deist Controversy*, will be published next year by the Harvard University Press. He is now on the staff of St. John's Church in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

## 1969

**Ellen (Koch) Jud**, her husband Ron, and their two children: Bradley, 6, and Andrea, 4, are living in Medina, Ohio. Ron is with Ford Motor Company.

## 1970

**John L. and Donna (Poland) Bagrosky** and their three children, Michelle, 8; Shannon, 5; and Michael, 4, are living in Columbia, Maryland, where John is employed by the U.S. Public Health Service as associate director of the federal government's anti-smoking program.

**Richard DeLorme** has accepted a faculty position in Oakland University's School of Human and Educational Services.

**Robert J. Dotson** has been named labor relations manager for the Automobile Club of Michigan at its Dearborn administrative headquarters.

**Nelson Fabian** received more votes than any other candidate in the recent election of city council members in Berkley, Michigan. These results put him in line for the position of mayor pro tem.

## 1971

**Rheba (Milberry) Gwaltney** married Eric A. Gwaltney June 13, 1981. Valerie Glen, a former OU student, and Sandra Williams '71 were attendants at the Richmond, Virginia, wedding. The Gwaltneys reside in Baltimore, Maryland. **Bruce Scharfenberg** had an exhibit of mixed media constructions at the Xochipilli Gallery in Birmingham, Michigan this past January and February. Bruce lives and works in Hancock, Michigan.

## 1972

**Nihal Goonewardene** is vice president of International Science and Technology Institute, Inc. His firm is involved in consulting services to the U.S. government.

**Gary W. Pedersen** is headmaster of The Adventure School for learning-disabled children in Birmingham, Michigan, which he founded in 1980. His interest in this field was spurred by fourteen years as a diagnostician and remedial therapist at the Gordon Keller Clinic in Bloomfield Hills.

## 1973

**Gary Appel** is science coordinator for the Project Life Lab of the Live Oak School District in Santa Cruz, California. The Life Lab teaches science, nutrition, and gardening to all third, fourth, and fifth graders in the Live Oak School District.

**Jacqueline Lichty** has recently written and published a self-help guide for teachers who are considering a job change by choice or by "pink slip."

The book is entitled, *The Educator's Job Change Manual*.

**Richard Paschke** has been appointed vice president of Campbell-Ewald Co. He is media group supervisor on the Eastern Airlines account.

## 1976

**James Kersting** recently made a quality-of-life move to Boise, Idaho, where he established a consulting corporation for the private practice of clinical cardiopulmonary bypass for open heart surgery.

**Ralph Mauselshagen** and his wife, Debbie, are first-time parents of a daughter, Lora. Ralph is employed by Cobb County, Georgia, as a programmer.

**Kim Rust** of Chicago announces that she and John Roman '77, assistant director of the NBC series, "Chicago Story" plan to marry.

## 1977

**Russell A. Fisher** has been appointed to officer status as a funds management officer of the Detroit Bank & Trust, principal subsidiary of DETROITBANK Corporation.

**Laura A. Gradowski** has reported for duty with Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Norfolk, Virginia.

**Sharon (Kimmel) Reinherz** announces the birth of her son, Adam David on August 7, 1981. She and her husband reside in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and she teaches in Waukegan, Illinois. Sharon is also a master's candidate in reading disabilities at Marquette University.

**James A. Richards** has been elected administrative officer to the Central Commercial Finance Division of Walter E. Heller and Company in Chicago.

**Lisa (Mills) Walters** received her M.A. degree in English language and composition from Eastern Michigan University last year and was accepted into Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society. Lisa is presently an English instructor at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

## 1978

**Dale E. Bock** received his J.D. degree from University of Nebraska in 1980. He is currently working toward his Master of Labor Law degree at George Washington University.

**Cynthia Brody** graduated *cum laude* in June 1981 from the Northwestern University School of Law, and has been admitted to the State Bar of Michigan. Before entering practice, she plans to spend the next year on Congressman Jim Blanchard's gubernatorial campaign.

**David G. Wertz** recently moved to Greeley, Colorado, where he will pursue a Ph.D. in counseling and psychology at the University of Northern Colorado.

## 1979

**Charles C. Conklin** has accepted a position as store controller trainee with Montgomery Ward, Inc. of Detroit.

**Helena Ruffin** joined Group 243 Design, Inc. in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a media buyer. She will have responsibility for placing media advertising for Domino's Pizza, Inc.

## 1980

**Diane (Kowalski) Dirkes** was granted the Rotary Foundation Award to pursue her M.B.A. degree in England. She is employed by Michigan-Wisconsin Pipeline.

**Christopher Poel** advises us that the English language school he has founded in Japan can use teachers. To qualify candidates need to have only a bachelor's degree and the proper visa.

**Mary Wells** is teaching "Introduction to American Sign Language" for the OU extension program. Mary is project director of Oakland and Livingston Community Services to Deaf Persons.

## 1981

**James Drummond**, recipient of the James Morrison Thompson Scholarship while at OU, was awarded the Sherman Clarke Fellowship in Chemistry by the University of Rochester, where he is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of chemistry.

**Gregory W. Quick** has been appointed to officer status as a foreign exchange officer of Detroit Bank & Trust, principal subsidiary of DETROITBANK Corporation.

If you wish to get "in-touch" with a fellow graduate, please contact the alumni office. Office staff will forward your name and address for you.



Dotson '70



Fisher '77



Ruffin '79



Quick '81



# CALENDAR

## APRIL

**School of Performing Arts**—for tickets 377-2000  
*Bosoms and Neglect*, Studio Theatre ..... through April 4

**OU Alumni Association Board of Directors**  
 Business Meeting, Meadow Brook Room, Oakland Center . . April 5

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