

NEWS

Public Invited to Comment On ADA Modification Plans for Campus



disabled persons — students, employees and the public alike.

Over the next two weeks, the public is being invited to campus, via radio and newspaper advertising, to view copies of Oakland's two-volume ADA Transition Plan, which will be available in various formats from the circulation desk of Kresge Library.

A public hearing on the university's plan for fulfilling its ADA requirements is slated for 5:30 p.m. April 25 in the Oakland Center Gold Room A. Suggestions and concerns addressed at the hearing will be incorporated into the university's final plan by the end of May.

"Then implementation begins," explains Ed Perez, acting director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and member of the ADA Transition Plan committee. Other members include Lisa McGill, director of Handicapped and International Student Services; Khaled Dahr, senior architect; and ADA consultant William Hecker of Hecker Design, Ltd. in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is a civil rights law that was passed in 1990 to ensure that all public buildings can be accessed by wheelchair users, the hearing impaired, the blind, and other individuals with disabilities.

Oakland has taken a number of initiatives in the last several years to provide an accessible environment for those with disabilities, says Perez, including installing ramps and automatic door openers, designating handicapped

parking spaces, modifying restrooms and fixing sidewalks. Yet there's more to be done.

The ADA Transition Plan focuses on the remainder of the university's physical plant and includes a summary of every campus building — from Wilson Hall to Baldwin Pavilion — noting whether from drinking fountains, telephones, entrances and signage are accessible.

In preparation for Oakland's public hearing, McGill has attended several town hall meetings at local communities.

"We need to make sure we gather all concerns, and listen to the public's review and critique," says McGill. "Other universities are doing a transition plan to meet ADA requirements, too. It is like a self-evaluation. At OU, we're doing pretty good, we're moving right along in meeting the ADA requirements. We're behind some universities" in ADA compliance, she admits, "but we're ahead of others."

Dahr, the university's senior architect, says Oakland has chosen an "excellent consultant" to work on the project. "He (Hecker) is well-recognized in the area (of ADA) and very accessible," Dahr says. "There is only a handful of firms that specialize in these matters."

The university has budgeted \$322,000 per fiscal year for this year and next for modifications. The Plan, however, estimates a total of \$1.6 million will be needed to complete all campus upgrades.

"We need to remember that this is a cost estimate and could be off by a large factor," says Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration. "The only known funds are through 1995-96, after which we have requested state funds," Bissonnette says, "and if not forthcoming, we will need to budget our own general funds (in order to complete the modifications)."

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On the Mend

An outpouring of support for friend and colleague Stuart Wang has enabled Oakland to purchase an Apple PowerBook laptop computer and software as a gift for the recovering professor of mathematics. At the end of March, the Stuart Wang Gift Fund had collected \$7,407 from 262 university-wide donors. Margaret Wang, Stuart's wife and Oakland accounting employee, seems pleased to see her husband feel well enough to try out the new computer from his room at the University of Michigan Hospital, where he is recovering from a brutal attack by two men on campus March 2.

College Helps Improve Human Services Programs

Oakland County residents can look forward to improved human services delivery, thanks to Oakland's College of Arts and Sciences.

The college is serving as the planning unit for the Family Coordinating Council of Oakland County, which is proposing ways to help improve human services delivery within the county.

A plan based on the council's recommendations will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Social Services, which is allocating \$1.5 million to Oakland County to coordinate and improve family and children's service programs over the next three years.

The plan is being formulated in response to the 1993 Family Preservation Act passed by Congress, which requires the county to draft a plan that will be part of the state's Strong Families/Safe Children initiative.

"This is an opportunity to strengthen families in Oakland County by focusing on prevention efforts and by providing services in different and better ways," says Booker Dennis, chair of the County Family Coordinating Council.

For the College of Arts and Sciences, working on the plan is "an opportunity (for the college) to become more involved in the community," says Dave Downing, acting dean. "This is a very important initiative for the college. The entire idea (behind the plan) is to get some community feedback in order to determine which services and initiatives will best obtain the goals of improving services delivery."

The Family Coordinating Council's plan is due June 1. Council members include representatives from more than seven county agencies and departments, including health, the courts, employment and training, mental health, and the intermediate school districts.

Two phone numbers have been established to collect input from consumers and human service agencies within Oakland County: (810) 370-2145 and 1-800-500-8631.

"We welcome hearing from those who may have studies or data on human services programs that they would share with us," Downing

says. He added that Oakland's initiative is being spearheaded by Jackie Scherer, professor of sociology and acting associate dean of the college, along with sociology instructor Mike Ponder, graduate student Judith Lango and Lisa Feldman, an undergraduate student.

County and OU officials say the development of programs to assist families is critical because of the growing reliance on state government to deliver many programs formerly mandated at the federal level. They want consumers and delivering agencies to have a voice in developing the guidelines and procedures for the plan.



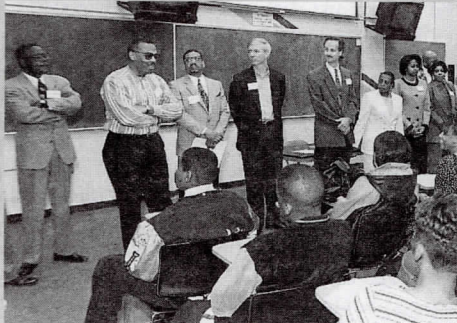
Soviet Woes Rebound

The former Soviet Union's current economic problems can be helped by taking advantage of the "spontaneous market forces" brought on by the prospects for joint ventures with its former republics and with the West, according to Paul Gregory (above), featured speaker at the 1995 Alice Conner Gorlin Memorial Lecture March 30, sponsored by the Department of Economics. Gregory, an international hands-on Soviet scholar, is Cullen Professor of Economics at the University of Houston and founder of Baltic International Airlines, one of the first Western joint ventures with the former Soviet Union.



Knowing No Bounds

Math or science? Performing or liberal arts? Education or the humanities? The endless career choices open to young people today were explored at the 28th annual Project Upward Bound College/Career Day held March 25 in South Foundation Hall. About 100 high school students from Pontiac, Ferndale and Oak Park got an earful of encouragement, advice and career ideas from 24 guest panelists comprised of Oakland students, faculty, staff and alumni. Keynote speakers were Judges Leona and Leonia Lloyd (above), sisters and former entertainment lawyers who now who preside over separate courtrooms in Detroit's 36th District Court.



APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

EMPLOYEE: Elizabeth (Betty) House
POSITION: Office Assistant II
DEPARTMENT: School of Education and Human Services/CIL
LENGTH OF SERVICE: Four years
EMPLOYMENT AT HISTORY AT OU: Secretary I, Psychology
 Office Assistant II, SEHS/CIL
UNIVERSITY SERVICE: Women of OU — Adopt-A-Road Committee Member

PLAUDITS FROM OTHERS:

- "Right from the beginning, Betty House has established and maintained positive relationships with the diverse members of the department faculty. She not only completes requested assignments in a timely fashion, but she extends herself well beyond job requirements. She keeps all faculty members organized and aware of department, school and university activities. She helps faculty meet their obligations with gentle reminders. She handles problems very efficiently, without becoming ruffled, and without losing her supportive attitude."
- "Betty is ALWAYS congenial! Even when four people are trying to get her attention, she remains pleasant and calm."
- "When it is time for faculty to engage in telephone calling to graduates of the program in order to raise money, Betty is right there, on the phones in the evening, though she has no obligation to join this faculty endeavor."



House

- "I have worked with certified professional secretaries who were fine people. I've never met Betty's equal in juggling many important tasks simultaneously."
- "Betty is a warm generous individual. She helps set the feeling tone in our department. Betty is a true professional. She is a problem solver who will track down the answers to our questions with gracious efficiency. Because of her response to students, they believe that the entire department cares about them (which we do)."
- "Betty is a worker for us; she is a peer who lightens the demands placed on us. She is a member of our team whose ideas and opinion are thoughtful and valued."

Employee Recognition Award nomination forms are available in all departments, ERD and CIPO. For more information, call Gail Ryckman at (810) 370-3480. *The Employee of the Month column is provided by the Employee Relations Department.*

AP Association Members Elected for 1995-96

A new group of AP employees will represent the AP Association for 1995-96.

The newly elected members are: Laura Schartman, president elect; Mona Wallace, treasurer; Vicki Larabell, corresponding secretary; Rosemary Robinson, representative for APs at levels 1-8; Eleanor Reynolds, representative for APs at levels 9-22; Gerard Joswiak, member-at-large, and Barbara Gaves, ACAPA representative.

In announcing the election results, outgoing president Maura Caruth-Selahowski thanked all members of the AP Association who ran for the open positions and those who voted. "Your interest in working toward improving the work environment for all administrative professionals does not go unnoticed. Congratulations to all the new members of the AP Association."

Five New Directors Join the OUAA Board

Jill Dunphy, director of alumni relations, has announced the election of five new directors to the OU Alumni Association, who will serve for three-year terms and assist in development and volunteer recruitment of the OUAA.

Elected to the OUAA board are:

Marianne Fey, 1980 B.A. in communication arts, and deputy general manager at McCann SAS, a major advertising firm in Detroit. Fey's service to the university includes membership on the *Oakland University Magazine* advisory committee and the board of directors of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Last year Fey, of Bloomfield Hills, was named Detroit's Advertising Woman of the Year.

Lisa Jesswein, 1989 B.A. in communication arts, is one of the vocal personalities on the Dick Purtan radio program on WKQJ 99.5 FM in Detroit, and a local drama teacher and motivational speaker. A resident of Madison Heights, she has served as a volunteer for the 1991 alumni reunion and has been a recruiter for the Alumni Ambassadors. Jesswein recently lent her vocal talents to a radio promotion for Oakland.

Rosa Maria Meyer, 1990 B.S. in management information systems, works for Troy Public Schools Continuing Education. For the past four years, Meyer, of Troy, has been an active

volunteer with the Alumni Admissions Ambassadors, placing a special emphasis on recruiting ethnic minority students.

Lynn Westfall, 1987 B.S. in economics, is an attorney with Lewis, White & Clay in Detroit. She received her J.D. from Detroit College of Law in 1993. As an Oakland student, Westfall, of Troy, served as president of the Oakland University Greek Council and Delta Theta Chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. She also served as a delegate to the 1985 National Phi Sigma Sigma.

James Wilbert, 1973 B.S. in accounting, is a partner with Coopers & Lybrand in Detroit. He is a former president of the School of Business Administration Alumni Affiliate. Wilbert, of Troy, is also a founding member of the OU accounting department's advisory board, a member of the SBA Board of Visitors, and recently assisted with the accounting department's successful reaccreditation. Wilbert was also instrumental in bringing the university into the Detroit Compact, a program for middle school students in Detroit and Pontiac designed to motivate and direct students toward vocational school or a college education. Last year, Wilbert was one of the recipients of the first Spirit Award, recognizing exemplary alumni volunteer service.



Buy the Book, Not the Slogans

"Everyone is doing a great job demonizing the phrase 'feminism,'" said Susan Faludi at a well-attended talk March 28 at Meadow Brook Theatre, part of the Student Life Lecture Series. Faludi is the author of *Backlash: The War Against American Women*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and investigative reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* told the audience that women's voices are still not being heard in this country because some "clever and popular so-called feminists" are trying to "silence the female world," and that the media is not allowing women's ideas to be taken seriously. After the lecture, Faludi autographed copies of her book at the Oakland Center Bookstore (left), where hard and soft back copies are still on sale.

—Lakeya G. Mitchell

THE CAMPUS REGISTER

Of Distinction

Items about professional activities or honors from anyone within the university community may be sent to the Publications Department, 109 NFH. Items run as space permits. Persons with E-mail capabilities are encouraged to send their items to: billingt@vela.acs.oakland.edu

James Dow, sociology and anthropology, has published an article entitled "*Anthropology: The Mapping of Cultural Traits from Field Data*," in Volume 12, Number 4, of the *Social Science Computer Review*. This volume was the eighth in an annual series on the state of the art of computing in each of the social science disciplines.

Frederick Glaysher, rhetoric, has received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The

eight-week NEH seminar will focus on "*Hindu and Muslim: Rethinking Religious Boundaries in South Asia*." Glaysher also read a paper titled "*Fang Lizhi and Human Rights in China*" at the College of DuPage symposium "Individualism and the State in China." Sponsored by the Illinois Consortium of International Studies and Programs, the University of Chicago, and the Illinois Humanities Council, the symposium constituted his final commitment as a participant on a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad to China for 1994.

Luellen Ramey, counseling, presented at the third National Group Work Conference, sponsored by the Association for Specialists in Group Work and the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. Her presentation at the winter conference was titled, "*The Dual Experience of Individualism and Community in the Here and Now Group Process*."

Roberta Schwartz, journalism, has been selected for a listing in the biographical directory, *The Sterling Who's Who*. She will receive a plaque from the New York publication.

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research is located in 520 O'Dowd Hall. Stop in to visit the staff and obtain assistance with the external proposal development process. The following funding opportunities include sponsor contact information and submission deadlines. You may contact sponsors directly or request assistance from Information Specialist Pat Beaver at 370-4116, or by e-mail, beaver@oakland.edu.

Fulbright Scholar Awards for U.S. Faculty and Professionals: 1996-97 Competition

Since 1946, the Fulbright Program has offered faculty, professionals, teachers, and students the opportunity to conduct research, teach, or study abroad and to make a major contribution to the growth of mutual understanding among countries and individuals. The

1996-97 program year marks the 50th anniversary of the Fulbright Program. Over 31,000 U.S. scholars have travelled the globe as Fulbright lecturers and researchers since the beginning of the program. The competition for 1996-97 awards includes grants to over 135 countries. Awards range from two months to a full academic year, and many assignments are flexible to the needs of the grantee. Virtually all disciplines participate; openings exist in almost every area of the arts and humanities, social sciences, natural and applied sciences, and professional fields such as business, journalism, and law. Multicountry research is offered in many world areas.

The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright Scholar award are U.S. citizenship and the Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries, but most lecturing assignments are in English.

Applications are encouraged from professionals outside academe, as well as from faculty at all types of institutions. Every academic rank — from instructor to professor emeritus — is represented. Academic administrators regularly receive Fulbrights, as do independent scholars, artists, and professionals from the private and public sectors. The deadline for lecturing or research grants for 1996-97 is August 1, 1995. Other deadlines are in place for special programs: distinguished Fulbright chairs in Western Europe (May 1) and Fulbright seminars and academic administrator awards (November 1). Funding for the Fulbright Program is provided by the United States Information Agency, on behalf of the U.S. government, and cooperating governments and host institutions abroad. Application materials are available from Pat Beaver in the Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, 520 O'Dowd Hall.

Jobs

Information about job openings is available from the Employee Relations Department, 140 NFH, or by calling the Job Hotline at 370-4500.

- Coordinator for field placement and internship, School of Education and Human Services, AP-3
- Publicist, Department of Music, Theatre & Dance, AP-5
- Programmer/Analyst, Administrative Information Services, AP-4
- Director of Athletics - contract position
- Affirmative Action Administrator, Office of Equal Opportunity, casual
- Executive Director, Meadow Brook Hall, miscellaneous
- Senior Systems Analyst, Office of Computer & Information Services, AP-11
- Network Operations Analyst, OCS, AP-8
- Part Time Secretary, Academic Affairs, casual
- Groundskeeper III, Grounds, AFSCME
- Volleyball coach and marketing director, Athletics, contract position
- Director of Oakland Center, AP-16
- Assistant manager of development services/donor records, University Relations, part-time, AP-3
- CRT operators, Office of the Registrar, casual part-time
- Typesetting secretary, math department, part-time, C-7
- Director of Upward Bound, AP-10

New Faces

- Rosemary Aiello, of Rochester Hills, secretary II, Placement and Career Services.
- Lillian Arriv'e-Kellar, of Pontiac, clerk receptionist II, Office of Admissions.
- Nina Googasian, of Bloomfield Hills, assistant to the president, Office of the President.
- Mark Santa-Maria, of Whitmore Lake, presentation production coordinator, Instructional Technology Center.
- Suzanne Schroer, of Smith Creek, assistant golf professional, Katke-Cousins Golf Course.



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QUOTE

"The defeats and victories of the fellows at the top aren't always defeats and victories for the fellows at the bottom."

— Bertolt Brecht

BITS & PIECES

Easter Dinner at the Hall

Meadow Brook Hall is featuring a special dinner April 16 with limited reserved seating at 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. The Easter epicure may choose from a choice of chicken Wellington, pork tenderloin, swordfish St. Croix or eggplant parmigiana. The cost is \$18.95 for adults and \$8.95 for a special children's menu, and also includes soup, salad and dessert. For reservations, call the Hall at (810) 370-4577.

Lifestyle 101

Whether you're currently in a lifestyle modification program or looking to get started, you can receive tips on diet, nutrition, label reading, exercise as a way of life at a brown bag luncheon from noon-1:30 p.m. April 18 in the Oakland Center East Crockery. Featured presenters will be Sharon Long, nurse practitioner for Graham Health Center, and Terri Teeters, coordinator for primary prevention programs at the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute. A "nutritionally-correct" dessert will be provided. The program is being sponsored by the AP Assembly Professional and Personal Development Committee.

Happy, Fit Campers

The 22nd annual Oakland University summer sports camp season is just around the corner. The camps feature limited enrollment for boys and girls, individual attention and instruction by top qualified coaches and staff, living quarters and twenty-four-hour supervision. The camps run at various times from June 18 through August 6 and include basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming, diving and soccer. More than 2,400 young athletes attended last year. For a free camp brochure or for more information, call (810) 370-3190.

Celebrate the AP of the Year

Dave Herman, dean of students, has been named Administrative Professional of the Year by the AP recognition committee. Herman was nominated for the prestigious award by Maura Selahowski, director, CIPO. "He is Oakland's biggest cheerleader," she says. A ceremony to honor Herman is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. May 3 in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.

Salute to Student Organizations

A Student Organization Recognition Night is planned for 6:30 p.m. April 13 in the Oakland Center. The university has more than 80 recognized student organizations, and members and advisors will be honored for their contributions to the 1994-95 academic year. For details, call CIPO at (810) 370-2020.

And They Call the Wind...

... a tornado, especially this time of year. Faculty, staff and students are being reminded by the Department of Public Safety and Police that spring is tornado season in Michigan. A tornado watch, issued by radio or TV, means weather conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop. A tornado warning, on the other hand, means business. A warning is usually issued by the local weather service whenever a tornado has actually been sighted, or strongly indicated, by radar. A tornado siren is usually activated at this time. During a warning (with sirens), anyone on campus should seek shelter in the first floor or basement of a building, and remain in the shelter area for a minimum of 45 minutes, when most experts believe the time of danger will have passed.

How Open Should Presidential Search Be?

How open should the search process be to find a qualified leader to serve as Oakland's next president?

The privacy vs. open meetings issue is a controversial one, and the validity of a closed or semi-closed search is raising questions around campus and in Lansing this spring.

At its first official meeting March 21, Oakland's 11-member presidential search advisory committee shut its doors to the public.

That same day a complaint was filed against the committee by Oakland's award-winning student newspaper, The Oakland Post, alleging the committee acted in violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. The Pontiac-based Oakland Press is expected to file a similar complaint soon.

But last week in Lansing, the state Senate passed two bills that give a university presidential search body the right to more privacy, especially at the beginning of a search when typically a large pool of potential candidates gets narrowed down to a shortened list of those more qualified and desired. The bills, which passed by a 28-9 vote March 30 and were supported by testimony from University of Michigan President James Duderstadt and Wayne State University President David Adamany, have been sent to the House for further action.

Board of Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr., chair of the committee and partner in the national Dykema Gossett law firm, was not available for comment. Rob Bunker, assistant general counsel for the university reminded, "He (Schlaybaugh) is and can be the only spokesperson for the (presidential search advisory) committee."

On March 15, in announcing those chosen to serve on the search committee, Schlaybaugh said that "The committee will be communicating on a regular basis to keep the community advised of the progress we are making."

As Oakland University embarks on its search for the university's next and fifth president, opinion on the openness of search committee proceedings is varied among the campus community.

I think they're violating the law," says **Jane Briggs-Bunting**, chair of the Department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism and attorney for *The Oakland Post*, who filed the complaint against the board with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. "Right now the law doesn't allow it (the advisory committee) to be closed," she says, citing the 1993 Open Meetings Act act passed by the Michigan Supreme Court. "The OMA complaint alleges the committee not only acted in violation of the law, but willful violation of the law, which is a misdemeanor."

Briggs-Bunting says if the county prosecutor's office doesn't act on the complaint soon, *The Oakland Post* will probably file a law suit if no other members of the media take up the charge.

"This is a Pandora's box," says Briggs-Bunting, adding that if a university's presidential search can be closed, then other public entities, such as elections for city council or police chief, could be closed too.

"Do we really want to eliminate a free flowing debate in the election of a leader? Let's lead."

— Jane Briggs-Bunting

Mary Isaccs, office assistant for the Oakland Center and recent UAW past officer, says she's suspicious of anything that people want to do

in private. "I feel it (the search) should be open. As a public institution we really don't have the right to shut out the public. And I haven't heard enough about why it should be closed. There's a suspicious side of me that asks

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— Margò King

why? What is it that you don't want the public or the rest of the university to know?"

There are a lot of questions students will want to ask the presidential candidates, says **Michael Manson**, a junior majoring in finance who is running for vice president of student congress, but he thinks some privacy is needed. "I think that initially the search should be semi-closed in order to screen applicants," he says. "It would also take less time if everything wasn't open to the public and we're already fighting some time constraints with this search. When the committee narrows the selection down, then it should be more open. It's important for students to see who their next leader may be."

Maura Selahowski, director of CIPO and president of the AP Association, said she would prefer the presidential search to be open as much as possible, but adds, "I can appreciate the confidentiality that some candidates might want."

Dave Herman, dean of students and president of the AP Assembly, says he feels individuals are entitled to some privacy as they seek other employment. "Employers aren't always sympathetic when employees seek positions. As they get toward the final group, then I think it is appropriate to make the names public. In a search for a highly visible public official those under serious consideration should be made public as early as possible to allow for public comments."

"I suppose it is always a trade-off between public and individual rights," says **Margo King**, assistant vice president for University Relations. King says she feels the early stages of the search should be private "to protect individuals who would like to explore the opportunity" without putting themselves at risk in their current positions.

"It seems a shame to undermine a present position while you assess future options. Not many of us would wish to be in that situation ourselves."

Liz Barclay, associate professor of management, takes a similar view. "As a human resource professional and someone who has done research on recruiting, I have mixed feelings about the privacy issue. In the initial stages of a search I lean toward keeping the candidates private. There are legitimate reasons for not having one's name out there. Once a semi-finalist list is generated, I believe that candidates should be public. Commitment to the process must occur."

The idea that good candidates may be hesitant to have their names made public in the early stages of Oakland's search for the university's top job is "poppycock and strictly anecdotal" says Briggs-Bunting. "I think we ought to try it first. It's the job that attracts the offer. American universities are world-renowned for being open to freedom of speech and expression. Do we really want to eliminate a free flowing debate in the election of a leader? Let's lead. Why be so frightened of openness?"

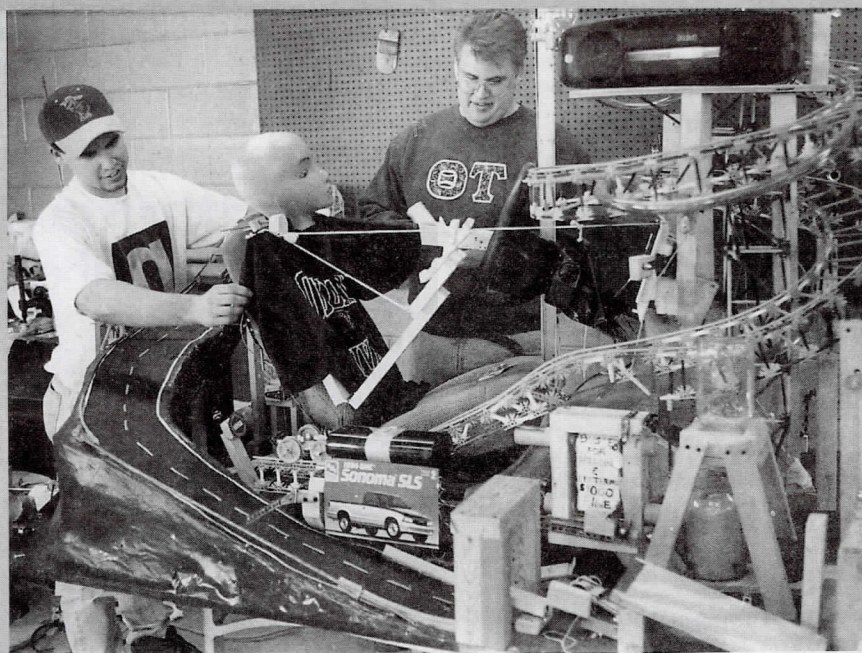
One high ranking administrator, who asked to remain anonymous, said, "I firmly believe that the process used by the Board last time,

"There are a lot of questions students will want to ask."

— Michael Manson

with representatives from the university community actively involved in the search, regular information disseminated to the community and an opportunity for the community to meet the final candidates, is sufficiently 'open.'

"For me, a bigger problem is the lack of interest by most of the community, as evidenced by turnout at board meetings where the issues are discussed, and attendance at the open interviews the last time around."



Lost By A String

Oakland's Theta Tau professional engineering fraternity took fifth place in the National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest held at Purdue University March 25. "In our heart of hearts, we placed higher than we did," admits Craig Hopkins (left), a first year engineering chemistry major from Ossineke. "We had a string off a pulley and no one caught it before our run and it cost us our placing," he says.

Oakland's team was among nine from around the country who competed in the annual competition to build machines that undergo multiple tasks to complete a simple function. This year's competition required a contraption to take at least 27 steps to turn on a radio. "I would definitely do this again," says Hopkins. "It was a great experience. We had a lot of fun doing it." Other Oakland team members included Jeff Bouma (right), a senior mechanical engineering major; Brian Kretz, a first year electrical engineering student and Eric Kaczor, senior mechanical engineering major and president of the fraternity. A team from Purdue took first place.

EVENTS

Persons with disabilities who need special assistance to attend any of the events listed should call the sponsoring unit, or the Office of Equal Opportunity at 370-3496.

APRIL

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

Through April 9 — Exhibit, *Art of the Indonesian Archipelago*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. 370-3005.

Through April 9 — Play, *The Glass Menagerie*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

7 — Community Chorus, *Two Choral Giants*, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Continuing Education. 370-3013.

7-8 — Meadow Brook Estate, *Spring Spectacular*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

11 — Oakland University Insight brown bag luncheon, featuring Process Redesign and Quality Improvement activities at Oakland, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge II. Free. 370-3486.

11 — Annual initiation / dinner, OU chapter of Sigma Xi, 5:30 p.m. Oakland Center Crocery. Guest speaker Jay Pasachoff of John Hopkins University to speak on "Exploring the Universe with the Hubble Space Telescope." Admission. 370-3559.

12 — Concert Band, *Season Finale*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

13 — University Senate, 3:10 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room C.

13 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

14-15 — Oakland Dance Theatre, *Spontaneous Combustion!*, 8 p.m. Friday and 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

15 — Chorale and University Chorus, *Dido and Aeneas*, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Sponsored by Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. 370-3013.

16 — Easter Dinner at Meadow Brook Hall, with seatings at 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. Admission and reservations. 370-4577.

18 — Brown bag lunch/lecture, "Lifestyle 101," with Sharon Long and Terri Teeters, noon-1:30 p.m. Oakland Center East Crocery. Free. Sponsored by the AP Assembly.

20 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

20-May 14 — Play, *She Loves Me*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

21-May 14 — Student/Faculty Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. Opening reception April 21, 5-7 p.m., 370-3005 or 370-3375.

27 — "Leading Through Influence," Annual Secretaries Briefing, 8:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m., North and South Foundation. Sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education. Admission. 370-3120.

27 — OU Bible Study, noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Annex II. 370-3262.

MAY

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1-May 14 — Student/Faculty Art Exhibit, Meadow Brook Art Gallery. 370-3005.

1-14 — Play, *She Loves Me*, various times, Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. 370-3300.

JUNE

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

3 — Spring commencement, Baldwin Pavilion. School of Business Administration, 10 a.m.; College of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Sciences and General Studies 1 p.m.; School of Engineering and Computer Science, 4:30 p.m., School of Education and Human Services, 7:30 p.m. School of Nursing ceremonies will be 1 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre.

5-6 — Charlie Gehringer Meadow Brook Memorial Golf Classic, a fund-raiser for Meadow Brook Hall, Katke-Cousins Golf Course. 370-3140.

8 — University Board of Trustees meeting, 3 p.m., Oakland Center.

JULY

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

10 — Annual President's Club Golf Outing, 18 holes and reception/dinner, beginning at 1 p.m. Katke-Cousins Golf Course. 370-2241.

17 — 20th Annual OUAA Golf Outing, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Katke-Cousins Golf Course. 370-2158.

AUGUST

Meadow Brook Hall tours, 1:30 p.m. daily and from 1-5 p.m. Sundays (last tour begins at 3:45). Admission. Gift Shoppe also open. Call 370-3140.

4 — Fashion show, as part of the Concours d'Elegance, featuring Oscar de la Renta. 370-3140.

6 — Concours d'Elegance, vintage auto show, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Admission. 370-3140.



Patterson

Persistence of Time

Artist Salvador Dali provided some of the inspiration for Gregory Patterson, assistant professor of dance, when he performed "Persistence of Time" with the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE) March 31 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. The concert was the EDE's final performance of the season. But dance aficionados can still enjoy EDE founder Laurie Eisenhower's award-winning talent when the associate professor of dance directs a student-choreographed concert, "Spontaneous Combustion," April 14-15 at Varner Studio Theatre. For ticket information, call the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance box office at (810) 370-3013.

Learning to Lead Through Influence

Assuming a leadership role, building self-esteem and communicating for better results will be topics at the annual Secretaries Briefing and Videoconference April 27. The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in North and South Foundation halls and include a videoconference developed with Professional Secretaries International, on-site discussion, an exhibitors tradefair and a luncheon with guest speaker Peg Treacy, a certified Image Consultant, who will speak on "How to Dress Like a Million Without Spending It." Tuition is \$75 (attendees can qualify for two points toward Certified Professional Secretary recertification) and registration must be made by April 21. For more information call the Division of Continuing Education at (810) 370-3120.



Treacy

SHE LOVES ME



Scott Mikita and Lisa Rochelle

Musical Romance

Meadow Brook Theatre will complete its 1994-95 season with the Broadway musical smash *She Loves Me*, by the creators of *Fiddler On the Roof*, April 20 through May 14.

The award-winning musical tells the story of two perfume shop clerks in 1930s Budapest who squabble with each other by day, but by night write emotional letters about their hopes and dreams to anonymous pen pals. Unknown to both, they are writing to each other. Scott Mikita plays Georg and Lisa Rochelle is Amalia. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or by calling (810) 370-3300.

16 Undergrads to Present Research at "Meeting of the Minds" with U-M

Oakland University will be well represented when 16 OU undergraduates join 22 undergrads from UM-Flint and 19 from UM-Dearborn to describe their recent research work at the "Meeting of the Minds III" conference May 19.

The all-day conference, to be held at the UM-Flint campus, is a chance for students from all three universities to get an opportunity to share ideas and mingle throughout the day as they make presentations with posters, talks, demonstrations and performances. The public is also invited.

The presentations by Oakland's College of Arts and Sciences' undergraduates will span a broad spectrum of research and study — from the effects of human breast cancer cells in culture and the preferences of Zebra mussels, to a look at Thoreau as "comforter" and the typologies of sibling relationships.

Free bus shuttle service from Oakland University to the event will be available. For details, contact Mike Sevilla, professor of chemistry and acting associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, (810) 370-2020.

OU students and departments expected to participate include:

BIOLOGY

Kelli Carpenter, "Biochemical Identification of the Mogollon Rim Leopard Frog."

Micheline Hichme, "Effects of Human Breast Cancer Cells in Culture."

Kristine Hirshfield, "Evidence that Carbohydrates May Play a Structural Role in the Sperm Flagellum."

Mary Sheer and Aron Haas, "Distribution of Basic Fibroblast Growth Factor Receptors During Angiogenesis in Adult Rat Mesentery."

Susan Toczylowski, "Do Zebra Mussels Prefer Native Clams Over Other Available Surfaces?"

CHEMISTRY

Yee Do, "Functional Characterization of CD56+ Human Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes."

Amy Juett, "Reaction of 13-Oxo-octadecadienoic Acid with Cellular Thiols Including Glutathione." M. Koskala, F. Jonuzi and M. Cardella-Geb, "Development of a Capillary Electrophoretic Assay for Taurine."

Sergey Krymbgold, "13-Hydroxyoctadecadienoic Acid Dehydrogenase: Levels of Activity in Colon Tumors and Normal Tissue."

Therese La Vere, "Evidence for Hydroxyl Radical Formation in Irradiation of the DNA Hydration Layer."

ENGLISH

Rachelle Kezhaya, "Thoreau the Comforter: Images of Renewal."

PSYCHOLOGY

Danielle Lentine, Linda Buscemi, Tina Biggar, Tom Arnold, "Perceptions of Risk for HIV Infection Among Incarcerated Women in a Short Term Jail Facility."

Sherry Pagoto, Priscilla Schlottman, Andrea Kozak, "With a Little Help From My Friends: A Survey of Close Adult Relationships."

Francesca Pernice, "Healthy Start Prevention Project."

Kristine Verbugge, Morgan Bielfuss, "That Was Then, This Is Now: Typologies of Sibling Relationships."