

# inside OAKLAND

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News briefs for Oakland University colleagues

## breaking NEWS

### University Senate supports Division I move

The Oakland University Senate on January 9 approved a motion that the "senate recommend to the president and the board that OU apply to the NCAA to move to Division I-AAA."

The endorsement follows approval by OU's Student Congress on December 9.

The next step is for OU President Gary D. Russi to present his recommendation to the University Affairs Advisory Committee of the Board of Trustees at 3 p.m. January 21 in Rooms 129-130, Oakland Center.

Moving to Division I-AAA would likely mean adding another 30 students to the sports program, by the year 2000, generating an additional \$181,000 or more in state funding, based on the legislature's anticipated funding per full-time student, according to Paul Bissonnette, vice president, Finance and Administration and chairman of OU's Intercollegiate Athletic Review Committee.

## OU pursues 'best and brightest' area high school students

Oakland University continues to give gifted high school seniors the star treatment.

On February 12 and 19, OU is inviting the metro area's high-achieving high school seniors to its second Honors Exploration program at Oakland Center.

To be invited, students must have been accepted to OU for fall 1997 and have an academic grade-point average of 3.3 or higher.

Students will spend the day learning about majors,

talking to faculty members and academic advisers, taking a campus tour and examining their financial aid options. In addition, they will hear a mock lecture and will participate as guests of honor at a luncheon.

This approach may be new to higher education, says Admissions Adviser Amy Rickstad.

And it appears to be working.

On average, OU enrolls about 45 percent of the stu-

dents it accepts, ranking it near the national average, Rickstad says.

When the Honors Exploration program was piloted for one day last year, 52 of the 73 students (71 percent) who attended chose to enroll at OU. At that time, a 3.5 grade-point average was needed.

"We hope by the end of the day, students will plan to attend Oakland University," Rickstad says.

## Hall of Honor planned in February

The 1997 Hall of Honor is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. February 15 in Meadow Brook Hall. The event will honor former athletes Lisa Guilfoyle, women's swimming; Jim Surowiec, men's swimming; and Ken Osmun, cross country; and Brian Gregory, men's basketball. The Community Service Award will be presented to John Huntington, president,

Huntington Ford, for his contributions to the athletic program. Bill Rogers and Dave Birkholz will receive the George Wibby Award.

Tickets are \$35 each, and must be bought on or before February 7.

Call 3190 for more information.



## Ceremonies extend into February

The food court's honeymoon with the Oakland University community will continue this week and through early February.

OU plans an official ribbon-cutting ceremony

February 6. The name of the food court, chosen from 700 entries in a contest sponsored by OU, will be announced at that time.

## what's COMING

Articles scheduled to appear in the February *Inside Oakland*:

- **Journeys of Knowledge.** Each year Oakland University faculty and administrators make the trek to professional development workshops and fellowships throughout the country.

- **Saving Old Glory.** President's Colloquium speaker and Professor Bob Goldstein will lecture on his research into the flag desecration controversy February 4.

- **1500 Club.** Admissions sets goal for enrollment campaign.

- **Building Bridges.** Math Department and the School of Business Administration partner to benefit Oakland University students.

- **Helping the Community.** OU grant funds another year of services for Pontiac children.





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January 15, 1997

To Members of the University Community:

On Thursday, February 20, 1997, Oakland University will host the Fifth Annual "Keeper of the Dream" Banquet. The banquet honors the memory of the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and takes its name from his renowned "I have a dream" speech. This is an important event at Oakland and throughout the community, and I hope all who can attend will do so. Banquet proceeds are used to build the endowment that supports scholarship awards to Oakland students who have contributed to interracial understanding and good will and who demonstrate strong citizenship and leadership in interracial issues. The banquet is the culmination of African American Celebration Month activities at Oakland.

This year we are fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, William C. Brooks, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, General Motors Corporation. A pre-banquet reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. Guests will be seated for dinner at 7:00 p.m. The program will include the public presentation of the fall 1996 scholarship awards, and the banquet will conclude by 9:00 p.m. This year the banquet will be held in Oakland's Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, with seating capacity for 1,000 people. Your participation will help continue the banquet's tradition of success.

Reservations may be made by using either of the two enclosed reservation forms—the blue one for private pay by check or credit card and the yellow for departmental payment by interdepartmental charge form (IDC). A sample IDC form is provided to expedite IDC purchases. Individual seats are \$50 and tables for ten are \$500.

Please return completed reservation forms with IDC, check, or credit card number to the Office of Equity, phone (810) 370-4404, fax (810) 370-4462, as soon as possible or by February 6, 1997, at the latest.

This year promises to be the best banquet ever. I hope you will join me in celebrating diversity and renewing our commitment to making Dr. King's dream a reality.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Russi  
President

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Thursday, February 20, 1997

RESERVATION FORM - FOR OU EMPLOYEE PRIVATE PAY PURCHASES  
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OU Department \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

   I enclose my check payable to Oakland University: *Keeper of the Dream Banquet*.

   Charge to my Visa number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
   Charge to my Master Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF:	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
<u>  </u> Individual Reservation(s) .....	\$ 50 .....
<u>  </u> Friend Table(s) .....	\$ 500* .....
<u>  </u> Patron Table(s) .....	\$1000* .....
<u>  </u> Benefactor Table(s) .....	\$2500* .....
I cannot attend, but please accept my donation of .....	\$ .....

\* Includes reserved table for 10, program listing and cable television credits.

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Please print or type names of attendees for seating purposes. If names are not immediately available, please return form by February 6, 1997, to secure your reservation and forward names as soon as possible.

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**TABLES WITH MULTIPLE PURCHASERS:** To make your reservation and provide the required IRS receipt information, please submit one copy of this form for each purchaser. Fill in first copy completely; fill in remaining copies above the double line.

The value of goods and services received is \$25 per person.  
The remainder may be considered a tax deductible donation.

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*A fund-raising event in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
and in support of the Keeper of the Dream award  
for Oakland University students*

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Keynote Speaker

**William C. Brooks**  
**Vice President, Corporate Affairs**  
**General Motors Corporation**

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Reception: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Program Conclusion: 9:00 p.m.

Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion  
Oakland University Campus  
Rochester, Michigan

**General Public, OU  
Departments, Employees and  
Students**

\$50 Per Person

Tables/10 - \$500, \$1000 and  
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