# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY





The motto of Oakland University, "Seguir Virtute E Canoscenza," which is incorporated in its seal, has a distinguished origin, Canto XXVI, 1. 120, of Dante's Inferno.

These are the final words of Ulysses' great speech to his men urging them to sail on and on in pursuit of knowledge and experience of the world—even beyond the pillars of Hercules, traditionally the frontier and limit of legitimate exploration.

This is the three-line stanza:

Considerate la vostra semenza Fatti non foste a viver come bruti Ma per seguir virtute e canoscenza

Consider your birth
You were not made to live like brutes
But to follow courage and knowledge

# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

June 3, 1989 10 a.m.

Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion Oakland University Rochester, Michigan



## ORDER OF CEREMONY

#### **Processional**

Richard E. Haskell, Marshal David E. Boddy, Deputy Marshal Glenn A. Jackson, Deputy Marshal

#### Welcome

Howard R. Witt, Dean School of Engineering and Computer Science

#### Commencement Address

Ralph E. Reins President and Chief Executive ITT Automotive

#### Presentation of Honors

Presentation of Special Awards

Presentation of Candidates for the Ph.D. Degree

Presentation of Candidates for the M.S. Degree

Presentation of Candidates for the B.S.E. and B.S. Degrees

#### Salutation

Tracey A. Stanyer Graduating Senior

#### Alumni Welcome

Bruce S. Wilber School of Engineering and Computer Science Alumni Affiliate

#### Valediction

Keith R. Kleckner Senior Vice President for University Affairs and Provost

#### Recessional

#### Reception

The audience is requested to stand during the processional and the recessional.

### ON ACADEMIC REGALIA

# An edifying note contributed by a certain anonymous doctor of philosophy

On at least two solemn occasions during the academic calendar—spring and fall commencement—the faculty of the university publicly displays its full academic regalia and participates in the liturgy of processional and recessional, that curious coming and going that symbolizes the ceremony of commencement. The purposes of commencement are well known, but the reasons for the peculiar garb of the celebrants and their odd order of march are often as obscure to the audience as they are, in fact, to the faculty itself. This note may serve to explain academic dress and the professional pecking order it costumes.

Contemporary academics are descendants of clerical schoolmen in the universities of medieval Europe. Like the clergy, members of the bench and bar, and other learned professions, the medieval scholar clothed himself in heavy robes to stay warm in unheated stone buildings. Like all members of a hierarchical society, the medieval faculties rejoiced in visible insignia of rank. These outward signs of accomplishment and authority were tailored into the robes. Although the need for such voluminous garments to keep the scholar from freezing is long past, the use of them as emblems of dignity remains. You will observe that all caps and gowns worn by our faculty

are black, with certain disturbing exceptions. Black was the color adopted by mutual agreement among American universities at the end of the 19th century. In Europe each university has its own distinctive gown, varying in color and cut from all others. A European academic assemblage is a far gaudier occasion than its counterpart in America. Recently, certain universities in this country rashly broke the agreement and authorized robes in their own colors: for example, the crimson of Harvard and the green of Dartmouth may be seen in our ranks. This unsuitable spontaneity has been frowned on by sister institutions, yet the mavericks not only persist in their madness, but gain adherents to their ranks with each passing year.

There are three basic academic degrees: the baccalaureate or bachelor's degree, the master's degree, and the doctorate. A special style of robe is prescribed for each. The bachelor's gown is sparsely cut, neat, but a bit skimpy and unadorned, as befits apprentices. The master's gown is still simple, but fuller, sports a sleeve of extraordinary design impossible to describe, and has a hood draped from the shoulders down the back. Once used to keep the frost from the tonsured heads of medieval clerks, the hood now is solely a badge of a degree of scholarly achievement. The master's hood is small and

narrow, but displays the colors of the institution that awarded the degree. If you knew the colors of American universities, you could easily identify whence came our masters. The doctoral robe is the most handsome of academic raiment. Generous of cut, of fine aristocratic stuff, it is faced with velvet and emblazoned with velvet chevrons on the ample sleeves. You will note that most of the velvet facings and chevrons are black, but that some are of other colors. According to personal taste, the doctor may display the color of his doctoral degree on his sleeves and facings: light blue for education, pink for music, apricot for nursing, orange for engineering, and many more. The royal blue of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the most commonly seen in liberal arts institutions such as Oakland. The doctor's hood is the most elegant of all academic appurtenances. Large and graceful, it is lined in satin with the colors of the university that awarded the degree and is bordered with the color of the degree itself. Most academic costumes include the square cap called a mortarboard; the doctor's tassel may be either black or gold — tassels of all other degrees are black and stringy.

To instructed eyes, the order of march in the processional and recessional reveals the standing of individuals in the institution's formal hierarchy. In the processional the order of entrance into the hall is, quite fittingly, from most junior to most senior. The baccalaureate candidates enter first, followed successively by the masters and doctoral candidates

with the whole separated from the faculty by a decent interval. In the faculty order, the instructors precede the assistant professors who in turn are followed by the associate professors. The august full professors bring up the rear. After a respectful distance come the deans who in turn are separated by a significant space from the awful majesty of the platform party, the president, the vice president, and the members of the board of trustees. All remain standing until the board is seated. After the ceremony, the order of recessional is the reverse of the processional. The greatest dignitaries stream out of the hall first, with the artfully organized ranks of priority wallowing in their wake.

It is hoped that these notes may make more intelligible the spectacle you are witnessing to-day. A discerning intelligence may detect in it many clues to an understanding of the academic profession as it confronts the ambiguities of the future with ancient wisdom and dignified confidence.

## DEGREES AWARDED DECEMBER 1988

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Computer and Information Science

Walter Anthony Baxter Steven Michael Chegash Chuan Chuan Chen Darrell Craig Hovinen Gary John Rudnicki Theresa Suzanne Tassie Marjorie Echan Wu

## Computer Science and Engineering

Nasser M. Abbasi Chiou-Shya Nancy Chao Douglas Brian Craig David Allen Graesser Scott Alan Hatfield Robert Lipset Kevin Patrick McGunagle William James Smuda Rajeswari Vishnubhotla

# Electrical and Computer Engineering

James Michael Oderkirk

#### Mechanical Engineering

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Vernon James Scott Jr.
Andrew Joseph Siring
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Michael Robert Workings

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Choon Fun Khoo Lay-Kheng Poh Roy T. Santola Liwa Wang

### Systems and Industrial Engineering

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### Systems Engineering David S. Matynowski

### CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES APRIL 1989

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

#### **Systems Engineering**

Deshan Chang

Dissertation: The Parity Structure and Discrepancy Diagnosis of Large Remotely Located Files

#### Mark Joseph Paulik

Dissertation: Analysis and Classification of Planar Shapes and Textures Using Stationary and Spatially Varying Autoregressive Models

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Computer And Information Science

Craig R. Carpenter
Peter Hon-You Chang
Jim Alan Degen
Thomas Cameron Hill
Brian Patrick Moore
Shailaja Ramkrishna Phatak
Kelchen Shih
Gursharan Singh Sodhi
William Robert Tarr II
Margaret Ann Tuttle
Samuel Frederick Voigt Jr.
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## Computer Science and Engineering

John Charles Gudenburr Helen Ching-Ho Kao Shan-Shan Chung Yen

## **Electrical and Computer Engineering**

Rita Bandhopadhyay June Lynn Burgett Stephen J. Byrne Kwek Hwa Chang Dennis Michael D'Hondt Walter Joseph Fielek Karin Lynn Herbart Matthew Donald Holloway Michael Patrick Liu Mary E. Masko James Craig Smith

#### Mechanical Engineering

David Brian Brown John Baker Fisher James A. Fortune Michael Alan Voight Michael Terence Wattai Bruce Scott Wilber

### Systems Engineering

Haytham Fayyad

# Systems and Industrial Engineering

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Mary Paula Moran
Shawn Patrick Pence
David Albert Richie
Steven Maurice Sikorski
Karyl Lee Upleger
Robert Mark Wilkinson

Margaret C. Wujcik

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

#### **Computer Engineering**

Mark Anthony Alestra John David Griswold James Rutledge Piscopink

#### **Electrical Engineering**

Lauren M. Balick Steven M. Berry Matthew Gorman Branch Wesley William Bylsma Ghassan S. Chehayeb Randal I. Cifolelli Hoang Huy Do James Richard Gerjekian Ronald Jerome Grajewski Andrew Malen Gray Vincent John Hackel Robert Elias Haddad Jeffrey R. Hemingway Howard James Heyl Jacqueline M. Jennings Daniel Lynn Lauback Douglas C. Martin Julie Marie Mulberger Patrick Fitzgerald Neff John S. Nemeh Chau Ngoc Nguyen Richard J. Rej Jennifer Lynn Rogers Ranjan K. Shah Timothy S. Strong Frank Walter Szuba Jr. Dennis Lawrence Taus Jr. Rickey Keith West Mark Thomas Winkelbauer

#### Mechanical Engineering

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#### **Systems Engineering**

John Derrick Butkiewicz Patrick Allen Duda John David Griswold

## ABOUT HONORS AND AWARDS

On the occasion of commencement, the university offers special recognition to those students who have attained outstanding levels of academic achievement and service.

Students who have demonstrated superior performance in the courses of their major subject area are awarded School Honors. The faculty of the School of Engineering and Computer Science has elected several graduating seniors to receive School Honors in engineering or in computer science.

The University Senate of Oakland University has established three levels of University Honors to recognize superior academic performance in all subject areas. Students who have completed at least 62 credits of study at Oakland University and whose cumulative grade point average ranges between 3.60 and 3.74 graduate *cum laude*. A student who has earned a grade point

average between 3.75 and 3.89

graduates *magna cum laude*. Students attaining the highest academic level, grade point averages of 3.90 and above, graduate *summa cum laude*.

Additionally, the faculty of the School of Engineering and Computer Science has created several awards to honor graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves by truly outstanding scholarship in engineering studies, by outstanding technical development toward the engineering profession and by exemplary service to the school. These special awards are marked by the presentation of certificates and prizes to the recipients and also by the engraving of the recipients' names on permanent commemorative plaques in Dodge Hall of Engineering.

The faculty extends most hearty congratulations to all of the students receiving honors and awards at this commencement exercise.

### HONORS AWARDED DECEMBER 1988

#### UNIVERSITY HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE Tracey A. Stanyer

MAGNA CUM LAUDE Jeffrey Jacob Nalazek Paul Leonard Yetter

CUM LAUDE Richard M. Bentley

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Jeffrey Jacob Nalazek
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## HONORS AWARDED APRIL 1989

#### UNIVERSITY HONORS

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CUM LAUDE Ronald Jerome Grajewski Peter Joseph Schihl

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