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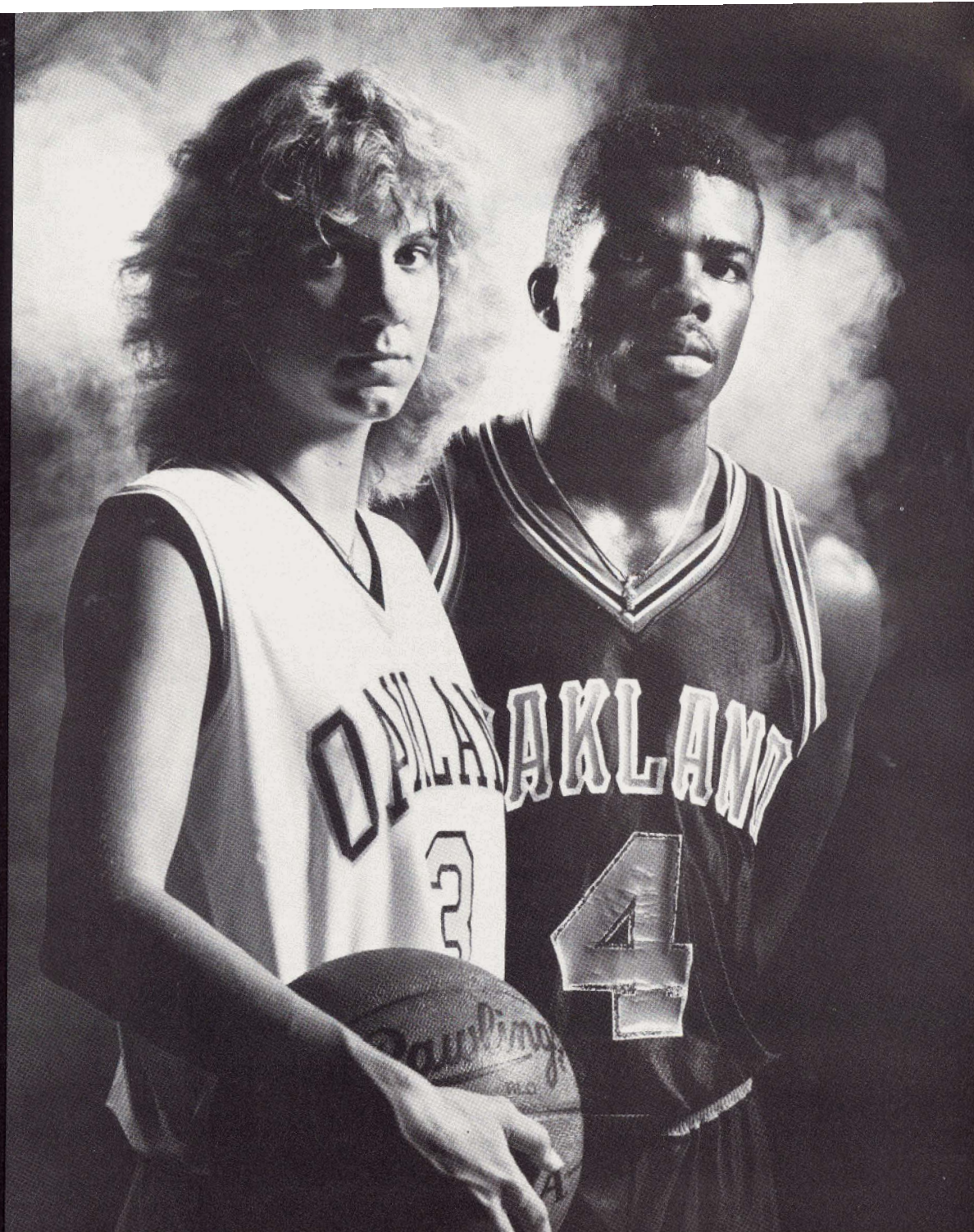
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EDITOR'S CHOICE

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

I've always thought there are two good reasons to explore Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

One is to get away from the urban sprawl — to walk through the pristine forests and breathe its cool, clean air.

The other is for the pasties — a rather simple meat and potato pie made famous by the many Mom and Pop shops dotting the highway along US-2, which runs along the peninsula's southern border from St. Ignace to Ironwood.

But a group of Oakland University biological science professors have added a third reason to the list: To appreciate the beauty of nature. To gaze at a field and realize there is more than just weeds and tall grasses lying about.

There is life. And it's important to care for its survival.

The biologists are passionate about the north country. Actually, passionate may not be descriptive enough. Over the years, they have focused their research efforts on a series of islands near Escanaba — studying its flora and fauna; crawling on their collective hands and knees to catalog a single plant species; wading in waist-deep muck in search of microscopic animal life.

It's actually 454 miles from Oakland's campus to the city of Escanaba, where they based their operation this year. I tagged along to get a feel for the island and zebra mussel research they consider so vital. One of the first questions I posed to the group was: "Why here? Why not someplace closer to home?"

It was James Wells, one of the biologists, who answered.

Peering over a cliff on Poverty Island, Wells recounted the tales of Charles Darwin and his research on the Galapagos Islands off the South American coast, which led to Darwin's theory of evolution — controversial to this day, almost 150 years later.

Wells said Oakland's biologists may



Biologists Robert Bloye, left, and Keith Berven cataloging island plants for future study.

never come across anything so earth-shattering, but, much like Darwin, they believe in what they are doing. They know it's important to get a precise feel for things living, whether big or small, and to catalog their existence for generations to come.

So the next time I'm up north, I know I'll appreciate it a little more. I'll take a closer look while hiking through the woods and remember that every plant and animal has a purpose and a reason for being there.

Oh, as for the pasties? I picked up six on my way home, fresh out of the oven and piping hot, at a little roadside stand outside St. Ignace.

Two of them didn't make it over the Mackinac Bridge.

Old habits die hard.

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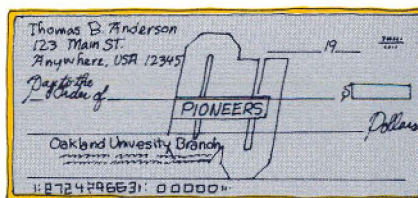
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BRIEFLY

► Penny Cass, undergraduate program director for Oakland's School of Nursing, has been named interim dean of the school. She replaces Andrea Lindell, who resigned to become dean of the College of Nursing and Health at the University of Cincinnati...

► Oakland University's Continuum Center has begun a community-based health education project for professional staff development in senior centers and adult day-care centers. The program will be funded by a \$432,778 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek...

► OU President Joseph E. Champagne, has been elected president of the Association of University Related Research Parks (AURRP), the first university president to lead the organization, which includes representatives from Japan, Canada and South Africa...

► Anita Bretzner, an OU sophomore, has received a \$7,500 scholarship from the Japan Center for Michigan Universities in Hikone, Japan, designed to interest American students in Japanese language and culture...

► The School of Nursing has received a \$15,000 grant to purchase equipment to help simulate a hospital laboratory. The grant is from the Helen Fuld Health Trust, the nation's largest charitable trust devoted to undergraduate student nurses...

► Reservations are now being accepted to join Oakland's men's basketball team in Chicago, Illinois, November 26-27, when the Pioneers battle Northwestern. The \$75 package includes transportation, lodging and a ticket to the game. For more information, contact the Athletic Department at (313) 370-3190...

UP FRONT

DATELINE EGYPT: BUSINESS IS BOOMING

Sheryl Wragg guessed right.

Wragg ('79), manager of contracts and procurement, and the official liaison between General Dynamics Corporation and the Egyptian government, knew business for her company would pick up the moment the first Iraqi tank rolled through the Kuwaiti countryside.

Contacted in Cairo, Egypt, her home base since 1982, Wragg, 35, says business is booming, so to speak, for the American defense contractor, which specializes in military tanks and aircraft systems.

"This crisis has put a scare in everyone," says Wragg, who earned a B.A. in history and art history while at Oakland. "That means countries are

looking to secure more military hardware — like tanks and planes. I've had some very intense negotiations with the Egyptian government."

While the crisis mounts nearby, Wragg says she has felt comfortable blending into the Arab world.

"I feel very safe on the streets of Cairo," says Wragg. "Actually, of all of the countries in the Middle East, I'm probably in the safest one at this point. There have always been tensions between Iraq and Egypt and with the actions Saddam Hussein has taken, he's not finding many supporters here."

Wragg believes the situation isn't about to defuse rapidly.



Wragg in Egypt: "This crisis has put a scare in everyone."

"Even if Hussein were to go away quietly, and he has given no indication of doing that, the United States and its allies are poised to keep a force in place permanently," Wragg says. "They don't want to go through this again."

FOCUS

Andrea L. Fischer

President's Club member since 1987

Age: 32

Marital Status: Single

Home: Birmingham, Michigan

Hobbies: Horseback riding, snow skiing and politics. "You know, all the safe stuff!"

Political Affiliation: Republican, very Republican.

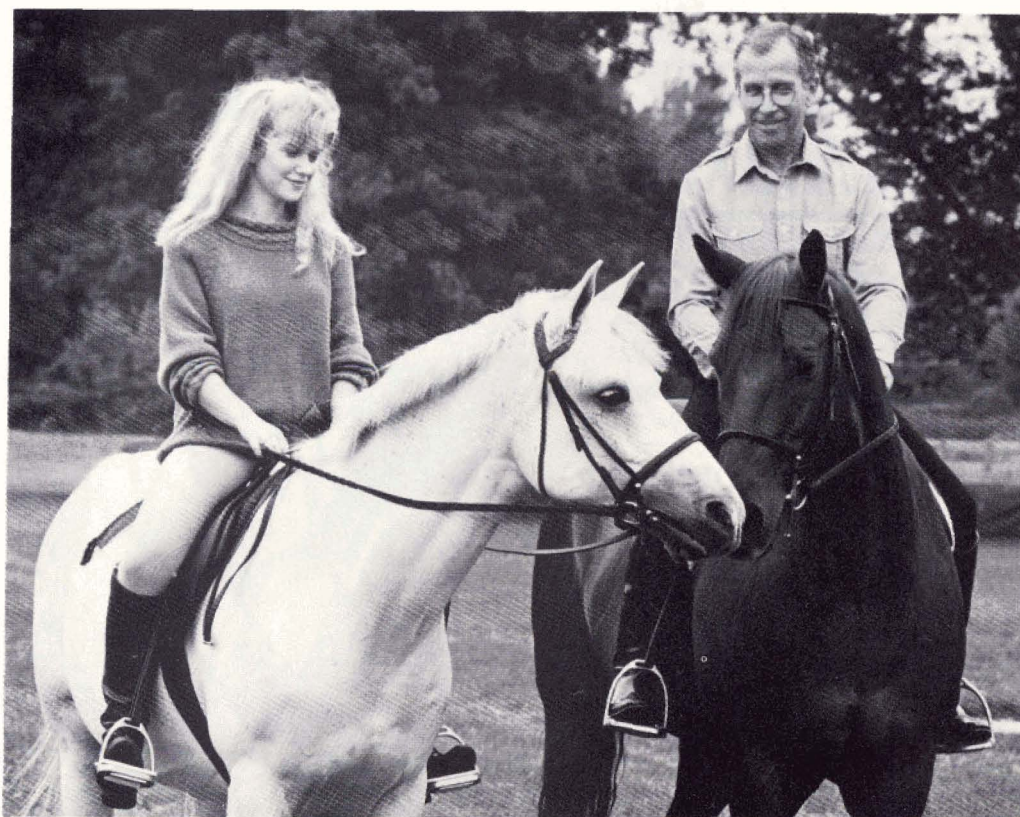
Current Profession: Senior attorney, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, Detroit, Michigan. Specialty: Legislative Law. "I'm very proud of my career, although I'm not around much. A lot of my time is spent in Washington, D.C."

Other Profession: Finance director for the "John Engler for Governor" Campaign. During the 1988 presidential election, was a member of the White House staff — coordinating campaign events for George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

Why Politics: The political atmosphere can be very intoxicating and it can be very frustrating. But you can make a difference."

Tips for Potential Candidates: "Jump in and get wet, but start now. There is no time like the present and no excuse for putting it off."





Champagne and Champagne aboard Snapshot and Copper: "We have a terrific time."

HOBBY HORSES

Four years ago, Julie Champagne asked — pleaded may be more accurate — with her father to let her take horseback riding lessons as a hobby.

Today, Julie is a Michigan riding champion in several events and her father, Oakland University President Joseph E. Champagne, is one proud papa.

"I'm very, very proud of her," said Champagne, an accomplished rider himself. "Julie has had a tremendous season and I couldn't be more happy for her. It makes all the hard work she's put in worthwhile."

While Julie rides nearly

every day, the pair usually ride together when schedules permit — she on a gray Arabian pony named "Snapshot" and he on "Copper," a chestnut-colored quarter horse. During horse shows, Julie, a 15-year-old sophomore at Rochester Adams High School, stays focused on her events while Champagne works as her groom.

"I took up riding so I could share the experience with my daughter, and I believe it's brought us closer together," says Champagne. "When she's in competition, I don't want her to have to worry about anything — so I do everything a groom would do for the rider — caring

for the tack and grooming the horse — we have a terrific time."

Julie ended the season as the Michigan Hunter-Jumper Association champion in the large pony and novice hunter classes, as well as reserve champion for pony equitation — an event where the rider is judged on riding skill and position over the horse. She also finished second in the 1990 Pony Medal Finals.

"It's great to have my dad involved," says Julie, who would like to be a veterinarian someday. "He's helped me a lot just by being there."

► Continuing Education's fall lineup for the "Perspectives on Art" lecture program will include Janice Schimmelman, OU professor of art history, exploring art in the age of Thomas Jefferson; Bonnie Abiko, assistant professor of art history, discussing art in Tokyo, Japan; and Charlotte Stokes, chairperson of Oakland's art and art history department, examining contemporary art in New York galleries. Call (313) 370-3120 for information...

► Patricia B. Hartmann, former chairperson of Oakland's Board of Trustees, has been named one of the state's "Outstanding Volunteers" by the Michigan Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives...

► James S. Albus, chief of the Robot Systems Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, will discuss the economic potential of intelligent machines in solving many of the world's problems at the Fourth Annual Hammerle Memorial Lecture, November 1, 1990, at 3:30 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public...

► The Board of Trustees has approved a 6.48 percent average increase in tuition and fees for Michigan undergraduates effective for the fall semester. The action includes an 8.62 percent increase for Michigan graduate students. The percentage hikes over two years rank lowest among Michigan's 15 public colleges and universities.

► Oakland officials are studying the possibility of a second 18-hole golf course to be built on university property at Adams and Avon roads — just across from the present Katke-Cousins course. It would be built strictly with donated funds.

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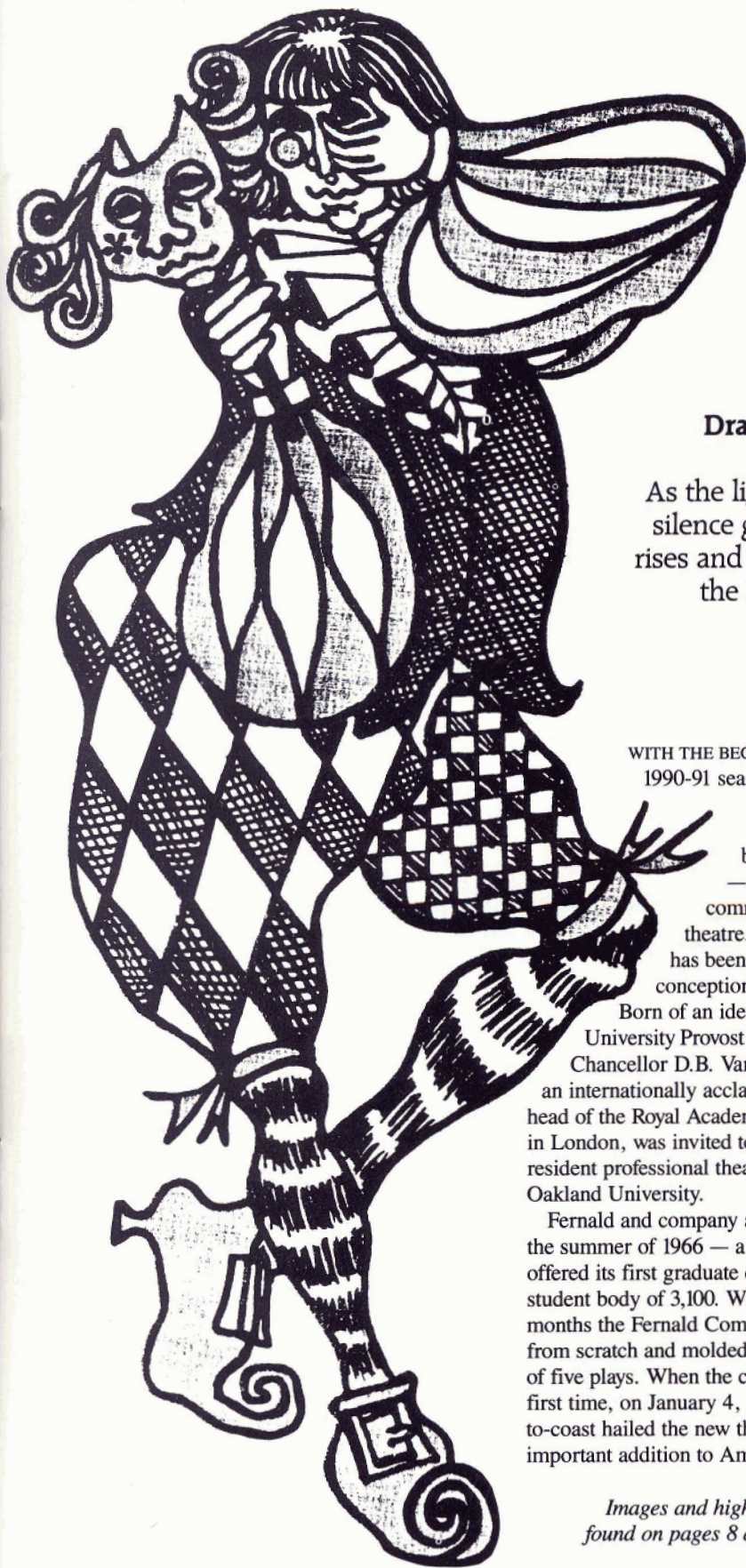
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by Vicky Billington

WITH THE BEGINNING of the 1990-91 season, Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre celebrates its 25th year — an anniversary uncommon in regional theatre. In fact, the theatre has been uncommon from its conception.

Born of an idea by then-Oakland University Provost Donald O'Dowd and Chancellor D.B. Varner, John Fernald, an internationally acclaimed director and head of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, was invited to establish a resident professional theatre company at Oakland University.

Fernald and company arrived on campus the summer of 1966 — a year after OU offered its first graduate course to a growing student body of 3,100. Within a few short months the Fernald Company built a theatre from scratch and molded a premier season of five plays. When the curtain rose for the first time, on January 4, 1967, critics coast-to-coast hailed the new theatre as an important addition to American culture.

Today, Meadow Brook Theatre remains Michigan's largest not-for-profit professional theatre. Approximately 80 percent of the theatre's operating budget comes from ticket sales; the remaining 20 percent comes from the Michigan Council for the Arts and gifts from the public and business community.

For a quarter of a century, Meadow Brook Theatre has presented an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary plays — from Shakespeare, Moliere, Chekov and Dickens, to Tennessee Williams, Lillian Hellman, Neil Simon and Agatha Christie — to an average of 128,000 patrons each year. The 1990-91 season opens in October with *Cabaret*, featuring rising Broadway star Donna Kane in the female lead.

"As this 25th anniversary season confirms, the Meadow Brook Theatre audience has been like a steady Rock of Gibraltar," says Terence Kilburn, artistic director since the fifth season. "The fact that we were able not only to survive but to thrive is a great source of satisfaction to everybody. Meadow Brook Theatre can really feel that it is an important part of Michigan's artistic life, and should be here 100 years from now."

Images and highlights from earlier Meadow Brook Theatre seasons can be found on pages 8 and 9.



One of the world's leading theatrical figures, John Fernald came to Oakland University in 1966, at the age of 61, to establish the Meadow Brook Theatre. He had served as principal of the famed Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London for 10 years. Dame Judith Anderson, Peter Ustinov, Susanah York and Albert Finney, to name a few, performed under his direction. In an early press release, Fernald said, "To me, the great plays seem nothing in the script. To see them reborn, always reborn, in strangely different ways, is the exciting thing."



A full complement of English colleagues — directors, actors, costumers and set designers — arrived in Michigan in 1966 to staff MBT operations.



The first play to grace the stage was Bertolt Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle, a story of the nature of justice, based loosely on the biblical account of King Solomon's decision of which two women should claim a child as her own. Critics coast-to-coast hailed the production as professional and the theatre as intimate "with no seat more than 58 feet from the stage."

Star stepping

Meadow Brook Theatre's productions have starred many actors and actresses who have gone on to make a name for themselves in television and the movies.



Robert Englund is most famous as Freddy Krueger in the Nightmare on Elm Street movie series.



Polly Holiday played the gum-cracking waitress on the television show "Alice," and most recently appeared on Broadway with Kathleen Turner in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.



Curtis Armstrong has had strong supporting roles in the television series "Moonlighting," and the movies Risky Business and Revenge of the Nerds.



Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol is now in its ninth consecutive run at Meadow Brook. Thousands of young students have been exposed to theatre for the first time at Meadow Brook, seeing his play. "Most people forget the children in theatre," founding artistic director John Fernald said. "If they don't leave them out in the cold, they have the awful habit of talking down to them. We intend to treat children not as children, but as people, which of course is exactly what they are. They are also the audience of tomorrow and should be given the opportunity to see good theatre presented by a professional company of players. They will get a chance at Meadow Brook."

A 25-year retrospective of stage and costume design is on display in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery — just off the theatre lobby — through November 11. ■



Meadow Brook Theatre has been under the direction of Terence Kilburn since its fifth season in 1970-71. The multi-talented Kilburn is also a costume designer and an actor — he played Tiny Tim in the original 1938 film version of the movie A Christmas Carol.



Anita Barone now stars with Carol Burnett on the new "Carol & Co." television show.



William Hurt made his film debut in the movie *Altered States*, and also starred in *Body Heat*, *Broadcast News*, *The Big Chill*, *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, and *The Accidental Tourist*.



Jane Badler is in the current "Mission Impossible" television series.

TALK ABOUT prophetic.

There are those, and you could probably have counted Frederick Turner among them, who would argue that the phrase "student-athlete" is a contradiction in terms these days.

Sometimes, it's tough to quibble with them.

Consider Exhibit A...

While there are a handful of college athletic programs claiming graduation rates of 100 percent of they players, there are painfully more following the lead of schools like Memphis State, which graduated a grand total of six out of 58 basketball players between 1973 and 1983. Today, statistics reveal less than 30 percent of college athletes playing football or basketball in the United States graduate, a rate alarmingly lower than for all students.

Further proof...

In 1989, 21 universities were penalized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for infractions ranging from falsifying entrance exams, to wooing recruits with cash, to paying players, while an additional 28 were under NCAA investigation.

More shocking...

Since 1987, more than 250 college athletes have been arrested for violent crimes ranging from fistfights to rape and attempted murder.

All the while, university trustees at schools like Michigan State make front page news — charged in the press with succumbing to the harried pleas of its football coach rather than listening to the common sense of its president.

"There are certainly some things wrong with college athletics today," says Paul

NO GRADES, NO GLORY

by Duffy Ross

More and more frequently, college sports and its athletes are jumping from the sports page to the front page, and the news isn't good. So why hasn't the same thing happened at Oakland University?

Hartman, Oakland University's director of athletics. "It's not a good time right now. All the bad stuff seems to overshadow the good."

College sports, incredibly, has become an enemy unto itself.

The belief, perpetuated by coaches for years, that college sports provide a moral

education is beginning to wear thin. Too often, the innocence of the true amateur — the student-athlete who studies and trains hard and is rewarded for his efforts with sporting values and, above all, an education — is cloaked in controversy.

Even at NCAA Division II schools like Oakland, where an emphasis on athletics has always played second string to the classroom, the pressures placed on winning and recruiting quality athletes are growing.

Oakland is coming off perhaps its most successful athletic year ever. With a national championship in women's swimming, a national runner-up finish in men's swimming and a Final Four appearance by the women's basketball team, hopes both on and off campus have peaked for even greater accomplishments by the Pioneers this season.

Yet it's a difficult position to be in.

"We're at the point now where having a good season isn't enough anymore," says Bob Taylor, who guided Oakland's women's basketball team to a 27-6 record last season and its first trip to the Final Four since 1982. "Expectations are high and they should be. We may not be as big time as the Division I schools, but I believe that wherever you are, you have to make it big time."

At Oakland, it wasn't always that way ... and to a degree, still isn't. Like most

"(Sports) has become a business, carried on too often by professionals, bringing in vast gate receipts, demoralizing student ethics and confusing the ideals of sport, manliness and decency."

— Frederick Jackson Turner
Historian, from a speech delivered at the University of Wisconsin in 1906

"Perles 5, DiBiaggio 3"

— Headline in the *Detroit News* the day after Michigan State football coach George Perles was named athletic director over the objections of MSU president John DiBiaggio

Division II schools, far removed from television contracts, post-season tournaments and bowl games, Oakland has tried to keep the value of intercollegiate sports in perspective.

"Through the years, there have been a lot of rumors (some true) about our donors' wills stipulating that Oakland never have certain sports or sports programs," Hartman says. "Originally, being an honors college, intercollegiate athletics was certainly not a priority."

In fact, it took several years to warm the Oakland community to the idea of collegiate sports at all. The school opened in 1959 with provisions for voluntary intramural and recreation sports only. Physical education courses were not even required.

But student pressure for competition changed the climate.

Legend has it that at a faculty senate meeting in 1964, (former OU president) Woody Varner announced Oakland would, indeed, begin an intercollegiate athletics program in the fall. The story goes that one faculty member stood up and said if that was true, he was going to resign.

Woody said: "Fine, are there any others?"

No one else uttered a word.

"If anything, there has always been a reluctance on the part of the administration to expand too fast, simply because it costs a great deal of money to run an intercollegiate athletic program," Hartman says. "Our



administration has reasoned all along that there are sports special to Oakland University — like soccer and swimming. They have a special niche in our program, unlike football, which is a big-ticket item on the balance sheet of any university."

Although much smaller and less recognized than intrastate schools like Michigan and Michigan State, Oakland University has generated a core of support from a public unashamed to wave black and gold pompons — who know full well that the school will never generate a flurry of media publicity, no matter how successful.

"So what's wrong with supporting a school like Oakland?" says John Savio,

manager of the Oakland University Branch of the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

"To me, it's the best game in town and no one knows it. I guess that's what goes with being a Division II school but that's too bad, because I find it refreshing to watch athletes play without the excess baggage that comes with major college sports."

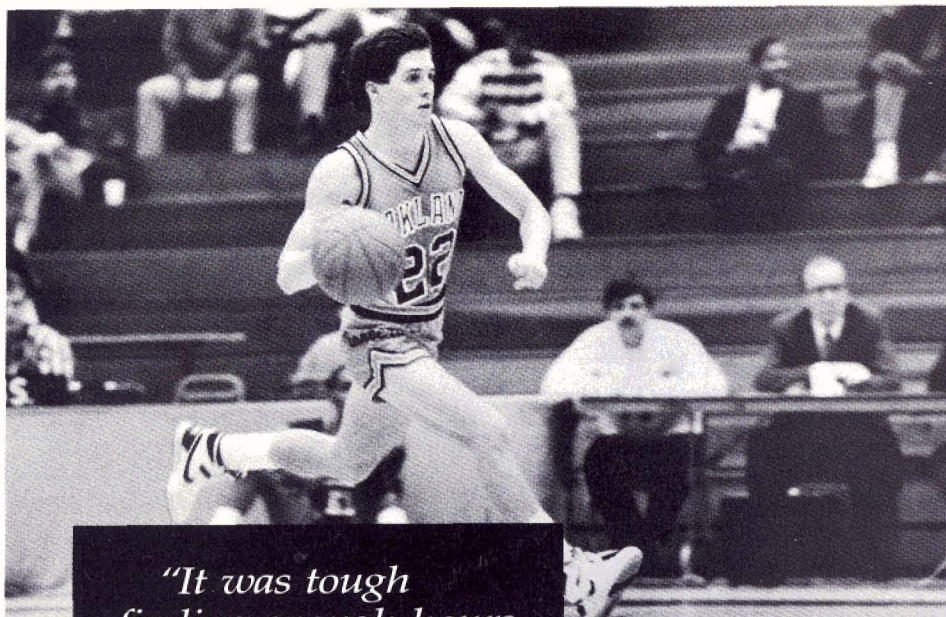
No one denies college sports are big business today. The price tag for ensuring success in the arena has reached staggering proportions with apparently no end in sight. Ten years ago — in 1981 — intercollegiate sports in the United States accounted for more than \$700 million in revenues. Recently, the NCAA signed a seven-year \$1 billion contract with

CBS Sports for exclusive rights to broadcast the Division I post-season basketball tournament, *alone*.

Yet most athletic programs are unable to support themselves.

The University of Michigan, for example, with one of the largest and most respected athletic departments in the country, operates 21 sports on a \$21.3 million annual budget. The department, which functions as a legally separate entity, receives no funds from the university, nor does it funnel money into academics.

Former Michigan athletic director, Don Canham, once described his department's self-contained manner this way: "We cut our



"It was tough finding enough hours in the day sometimes. Playing college sports and going to school is like having two full-time jobs."

— Brian Gregory
Three-time all conference guard

own grass, shovel our own snow, put on roofs, negotiate with unions ... We're borrowing \$3 million to build a new swimming pool. The university will not be liable for that debt. We will."

Last year, the Wolverines were \$2.6 million in the hole and project a budget deficit of \$5.2 million by 1993.

It makes Oakland's yearly athletic budget of roughly \$1.3 million — allocated primarily from the university's general fund — seem small change by comparison.

Hartman smiles when he tells the story of the home basketball game last year that drew 500 people and netted a gate of \$24.

"The biggest culprit to the demise of college sports today is money and I believe the NCAA is one of the contributing factors," Hartman says. "But they run scared, too. If the NCAA were to turn over, on an equal basis to every school, the money earned from the NCAA basketball tournament, the top 100 basketball schools would immediately withdraw from the NCAA. They'd form their own conference and develop their own television package. Then you'd really have problems.

"It's sad. Today, if the coach does not win, he's fired, because there is not enough money coming in to support the staff and all the other sports," Hartman says. "So they've

created a situation where there is very little security and tremendous amounts of pressure. Now, schools are trying to get some of the control back, but it's going to take awhile because many university presidents, or university boards, don't have the guts to knock big-time college football down a peg or two."

Still, arguments are raised all the time over the merits of university-funded athletic programs. Professors cry for chalk. Coaches cry for basketballs. And the debate goes on.

"The experience these kids get from playing college sports and competing under such intense pressure is probably a better education than any accounting major will get from a business school," says Greg Kampe, Oakland's men's basketball coach.

"I will gladly debate any academic person who believes sports should not be on a college campus. I can enlighten them on why I believe my classroom is equal.

"In my classroom, basketballs are as important as chalk is in the traditional classroom," Kampe says. "I'm going to teach my players how to compete in the world. I have them several hours each day for four years, they have students for one semester. I deal intimately with 12 kids. A professor may scratch the surface with hundreds."

Oakland assistant professor of sociology, Albert J. Meehan, an expert on sports in society, agrees with Kampe. But he also believes it's time to break down the facade that exists concerning big-time college athletes receiving a classroom education. Meehan is an advocate of creating a voucher system for athletes with professional aspirations — whereby they would attend college solely to participate in sports, then be given the opportunity to come back at any time to complete their education.

"Look, let's not kid ourselves. For the most part, the football and basketball factories are just processing these kids through the system," Meehan says. "You cannot expect athletes to concentrate on academics when they spend enormous chunks of time digesting their playbooks. This is the real problem most faculty have with sports.

"This way, they could participate in collegiate sports, take a shot at their pro career and when it's over, they could come back to school," Meehan says. "We would have a real opportunity to give them the quality education they deserve."

Kampe says the pressures placed on winning at the college level have forced coaches to pursue athletes by any measure possible — which lately has had a nasty tendency of breeding one cheating scandal after another.

"There are only so many good players out there and you have to win the recruiting battles if you expect to win ball games," Kampe says. "But I'd never blow the whistle on a coach I suspected of cheating. People who live in glass houses should never throw stones. There are so many rules out there, I could be breaking them and don't even know it. My job is to keep my house in order. If someone cheats and beats me, that's life. I'm mad about it, but the other guy is the one who has to live with it.

"I know people who cheat. I know people at Division II schools who cheat — it's cheating on a smaller scale, but so what? I have friends who have cheated because of the pressure," Kampe says. "It's very difficult to get a coaching job at the college level. It's even tougher to keep that job."

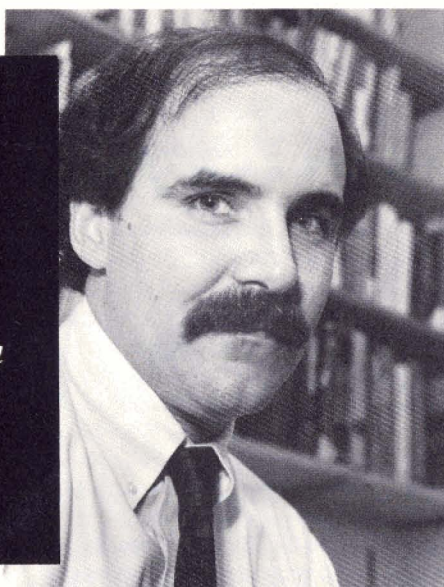
Yet winning is still the litmus test for success.

"To be honest, he could be the greatest kid in the world. He could be a 4.0 student, but if he can't play basketball, too, I'm not interested in him," says Kampe. "The kid has got to be able to shoot.

"Yes, people want championships now and I think they are going to be disappointed if they don't start getting them, but those pressures are no greater than the one's I've put on myself. I want to win championships

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— Albert J. Meehan
Assistant professor of sociology
Oakland University



... I want to win the national championship, but I want quality kids, 4.0 students and academic all-Americans; and I want people to think we have a great program and come and watch our team play and say those are great kids."

Ah, the kids. Two examples reveal the spectrum of today's student-athlete.

Brian Gregory, a three-time All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference guard while at Oakland, lived up to Kampe's ideal. Gregory graduated last spring and posted a 3.82 grade point average in secondary education — good enough to earn an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship for academic/athletic achievement. He is completing his graduate work at Michigan State, where he is an assistant on the Spartan men's basketball staff.

"It was tough finding enough hours in the day sometimes," says Gregory. "I had to really discipline myself because the demands were so great from both sides. Playing college sports and going to school is like having two full-time jobs. I guess I was lucky because I was successful at both, but it was a challenge, believe me."

Five years ago, Lisa Reynolds was one of the state's most sought-after women's basketball recruits. During her senior year at Grand Rapids' Ottawa Hills High School, she was courted by more than 65 schools from across the United States.

Reynolds chose the University of Michigan and drew rave reviews during her freshman and sophomore seasons.

Then she got pregnant.

Then she quit school.

Today, with a two-year-old daughter as her inspiration, Reynolds is enrolled at Oakland and playing basketball again — this time for the Pioneers — and looking forward to what the future will bring.

Someday, she'll be a teacher. Count on it.

"Everything is going to work out and I'm happy," Reynolds says. "It was important for me to get back into school and I'm just happy that my basketball skills will help me receive an education."

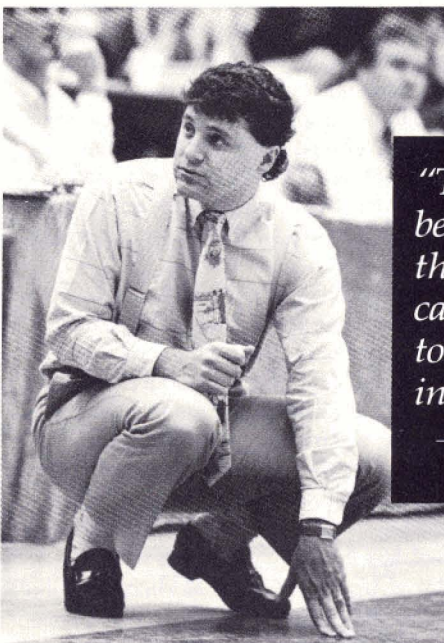
"We want to make sure Lisa makes it," Taylor says. "We're going to do everything we can to make sure of it and we're excited about what she'll bring to our basketball team."

Gregory and Reynolds have made it. Others aren't so fortunate.

College coaches today aren't blind to the fact that there are bad apples out there. Not surprisingly, most are at peace knowing that someday, it could be one of their own players who makes the negative headlines.

All are quite candid in their reply.

"I gotta believe there is an athlete at



Oakland that takes drugs," Kampe says. "It's a proven fact that one out of every 11 teenagers has tried some derivative of cocaine and we have a lot more than 11 teenagers here, so there has to be somebody — just like there is probably someone at Michigan or Michigan State.

"It happens. Our job is to try and keep it from happening."

And that's unfortunate, says Oakland women's swimming coach, Tracy Huth.

"It's a shame that we are constantly put on the defensive about the validity of sports," says Huth. "I wish I could turn it around. We won a national championship last year and I think it would be great to use it to gain some additional recognition for the university. We shouldn't have to defend our existence. We're an important part of this university's growth."

Hartman shakes his head when evaluating the state of college athletes today.

"It's too bad, really. We try to do a good job here," Hartman says, sighing. "There are no places to hide at Oakland. At some schools, they tailor-make programs for kids who can't achieve. But here, they have to perform in the classroom or they won't make it."

"If you take away all the problems, college sports will always have its spirit ... something to rally around," Hartman says.

"I went to Ohio State and there is a certain built-in pride that goes with successful athletic programs. For better or worse, sports seem to be the standard for measuring a university's identity."

"But we don't have the pressure on us that Division I schools have," Hartman says.

"Our coaches are not going to be fired if they have a losing season. Their job doesn't depend on winning and losing, and we'll survive if we never win another championship."

"I just hope it stays that way." ■

"To be honest, he could be the greatest kid in the world, but if he can't play basketball, too, I'm not interested in him."

— Greg Kampe
Oakland's Men's Basketball Coach

MUSSEL

BOUND

by Duffy Ross



After a 1,500-mile, 16-day study of the zebra mussel invasion, Oakland biologist Doug Hunter sees big trouble ahead for the Great Lakes.

Photos by Duffy Ross

THE SOUNDS OF "All Stop" reverberate through the ship's bridge and the powerful twin-diesel engines are ordered to rest once more. The 80-foot vessel, a floating fortress of icy-blue steel, bobs gently above the lake's murky depths.

It was time.

Doug Hunter prepares his plankton nets, slips them overboard and grows silent, waiting to hoist his catch overboard — a catch he hopes will shed some light on a monumental problem facing the Great Lakes.

The Oakland University biologist spent two weeks this summer on a zebra mussel hunt — plying the waters of the Great Lakes on the "Pride of Michigan," a training vessel operated by the U.S. Navy Sea Cadets.

Hunter gathered water and plankton samples and made several underwater dives of rocky outposts and shipwrecks through Saginaw Bay, Thunder Bay at Alpena, and around a series of uninhabited islands between Escanaba, Michigan and Green Bay, Wisconsin, in northern Lake Michigan.

Hunter didn't come away from the expedition disappointed. The mussels were out there ... and he found them.

Back in 1986, a ship, believed to be Polish or Russian, unknowingly departed a freshwater port in Europe with its ballast tanks teeming with life.

Destination: The Great Lakes.

When the freighter reached the Canadian shore of Lake St. Clair it dumped the ballast water, and its guests, into an ideal environment. One where they could live long, prosper, and multiply at a furious rate.

Although they are enjoying the stay, the zebra mussel's ability to thrive is spelling disaster for fish and wildlife, local communities, and the people who live, work and play along the coastlines of Michigan, Ohio and Ontario, Canada.

"It's bad, real bad ... and getting worse,"

says Hunter, associate professor of biological sciences at Oakland. "They could become the most economically and biologically devastating pest of any species ever introduced to North American waters."

How much of a problem can the mutant mollusks be?

Plenty.

Just ask Detroit Edison. Earlier this year, workers flushed 15 metric tons of zebra mussels from the miles of water intake pipelines zig-zagging through its power plant on the Detroit River near Monroe, Michigan.

The city of Monroe's water treatment facility was crippled so badly for three days in 1989 that a ban was placed on water, period — forcing the community to shut down its businesses, schools and restaurants, no questions asked.

The problem has reached such enormous proportions that residents and sports enthusiasts who live and play on the southern Great Lakes run the risk of fouling their engines or damaging their hulls every time they put their boats in the water. Fill a pail of water from Lake Erie sometime. Although you won't be able to tell, Hunter says it's a good bet it contains thousands of zebra mussel larva.

Hunter is one of several marine biologists focusing on the Great Lakes zebra mussel infestation and looking for answers to a myriad of questions: Can they be controlled? How will they impact the lakes, wildlife and marine animals? And when are they going to stop reproducing so rapidly?

"Theoretically, zebra mussel populations should peak a few years after their initial growth period and then decline to a somewhat lower level," Hunter says. "The problem is no one knows when, or if, this will occur in the Great Lakes. It's quite possible that we are only at the beginning of the cycle."

Although he did identify mussels as far

SOLUTIONS TO EVOLUTION?

5:30 a.m. Daybreak interrupts the north's stillness.

The sleepy town of Escanaba, Michigan, awakens at the sight of the ascending fireball in the east. The waters of Little Bay De Noc, churning tranquilly minutes earlier in hues of deep blue and green, now simmer in an inferno of fiery reds and oranges.

By all accounts, it's another beautiful morning unfolding across Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Down by the city pier, Thad Grudzien has some advice for the groggy gang of sleepwalkers assembling nearby.

"Better load up on trail mix," Grudzien advises the drowsy, trying hard to shake off their short night's effects by watching Grudzien dip into a 50-pound box chock-full of raisins, nuts and dried fruits. "No one will deliver a pizza where we're going today."

It wasn't your average road trip.

Grudzien, assistant professor of biological sciences, was one of 11 Oakland University researchers and students who spent a week this summer studying the ecology and evolution of plants and animals on a chain of uninhabited islands nestled between the Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin shorelines in northwestern

Lake Michigan. The expedition was coordinated in concert with Doug Hunter's zebra mussel research (see related story).

"The people of Michigan don't know how fortunate they are to have places like these," says James R. Wells, adjunct professor of biological sciences at Oakland and director of Cranbrook's Institute of Science. "From a biological standpoint, Michigan's islands attract considerable attention — which frequently results in the evolution of novel forms of species."

The islands, with names like Little Summer, St. Martin and Poverty, may conjure up images of desolation, but they are perfect laboratories for gathering data on plants and monitoring generational changes in amphibians and reptiles.

While Grudzien spent his time foraging around cool, clammy places like fallen timber and old tarps for garter snakes, Oakland's Keith Berven, professor of biological sciences, waded through swampy areas and thick forests for frogs.

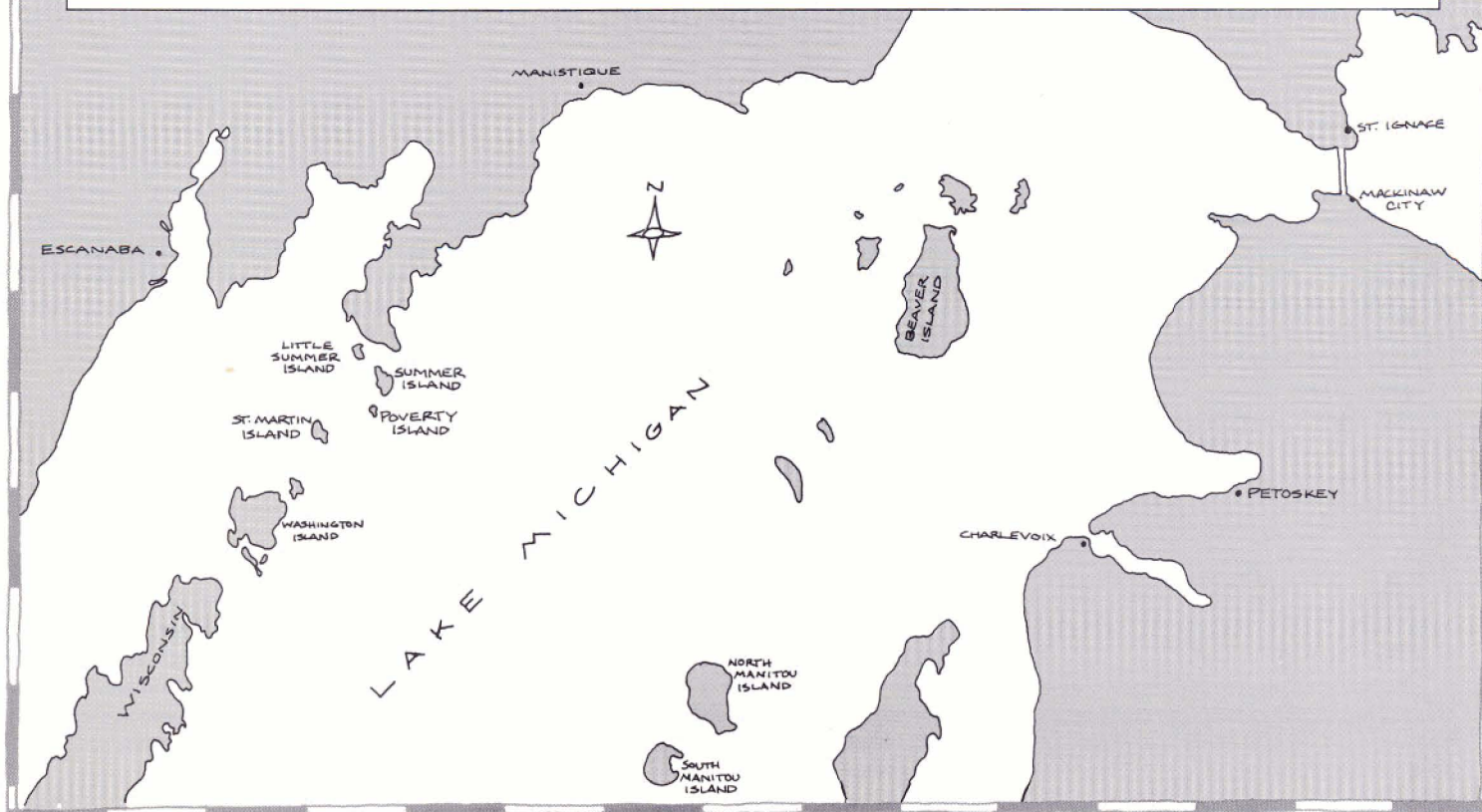
Along with more than 600 plant and wildlife samples, the team has begun to piece together a precise biological map of the remote islands — something no one has done to date. Once dried, plant samples are permanently stored in Cranbrook's herbarium, which houses more than 250,000 plant specimens,



Yikes: Oakland assistant professor of biological sciences Thad Grudzien displays his prize find — a four-foot garter snake unearthed from a St. Martin Island snakepit.

while the frogs and snakes are flash-frozen and brought back to Oakland's biology lab for study. The information is being catalogued for Michigan's Department of Natural Resources.

"If we compare the plant and animal samples gathered from the islands to those on the mainland, we can get a pretty good reading on any changes that may have occurred over a period of thousands of years," says Berven. "It's a tremendous resource for tracking evolutionary change and understanding plant and animal distribution."



Diving deep: Hunter surfaces with a collection of seaweed from the waters near Escanaba, Michigan. "(Zebra mussels) could become the most economically and biologically devastating pest of any species ever introduced to North America."

sediment and debris, that the water clarity of some areas of Lake Erie has improved in visibility from four feet to 12 feet since their introduction.

Hunter recently received a \$45,000 grant from the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Act to study the effect contaminants, most notably highly toxic PCBs, have on the zebra mussel population in the Detroit River and Lake Erie.

"Pollution levels are very high in the Detroit River," Hunter says. "And since zebra mussels are so good at filtering water, it's important to study the levels of toxin they retain, if any, because it could have a tremendous impact on the food chain."

Hunter believes complete control of the zebra mussel population is not forthcoming. European ports have battled the mollusk for more than 200 years without finding a chemical agent that isn't harmful to other marine life. Communities and electric utilities are using chlorine and ozone to remove mussels from water intakes, as well as high-powered hydro-blasting, but they are short-term solutions to a long-term puzzle ... clean them off one day and a month later they're back with more of their friends.

"The zebra mussel doesn't have a true predator," Hunter says. "There are some fish and diving ducks that occasionally feed on them, but there are not nearly enough predators to keep the population in check."

In the fall of 1989, American and Canadian fish and wildlife experts on Ontario's Pt. Pelee in Lake Ontario counted more than 13,000 scaup, a diving duck that migrates through the Great Lakes. In years past, less than 50 were normally seen.

Still, the zebra mussel population continues to grow. Which means biologists like Hunter will continue to monitor the mussel's progress and its effects on Michigan's ecosystems, industries and recreation interests.

"I believe the zebra mussel will eventually spread throughout the United States," Hunter says. "First through the Great Lakes waterway system, then through the Mississippi River and points south and west. We're only at the beginning of the tunnel, but it won't take long. Look how far they've come already." ■

north as Alpena, Hunter was unsuccessful in his search of Lake Michigan ... good or bad news, depending on which way you look at it.

"It was an interesting expedition for a number of reasons," Hunter says. "I'm not surprised by the lack of mussel evidence in Lake Michigan, although I'm convinced they are beginning to colonize that far north. It's inevitable."

An adult zebra mussel can live up to five years with females producing 30- to 40,000 eggs a year. After hatching, the free-swimming microscopic young travel the water's currents, spreading rapidly — eventually settling on the bottom or finding a hard surface to cling to. Although microscopic at birth, zebra mussels can reach several inches when mature.

Besides the waters surrounding Michigan, the mussels have spread as far east as the Niagara River and the mouth of the Welland Canal in Lake Ontario. New reports have also confirmed zebra mussel colonies in the St. Louis River mouth at Duluth, Minnesota, and along the Wisconsin shoreline.

Hunter and his fellow biologists fear they will eventually spread throughout the Great Lakes system and into Michigan's inland lakes and streams quite unintentionally.

"They're spreading almost by accident," says Hunter. "Anglers who fill minnow pails with water from an infested Great Lake and then dump the water into an inland lake can potentially introduce hundreds of thousands of mussel larva to the area."

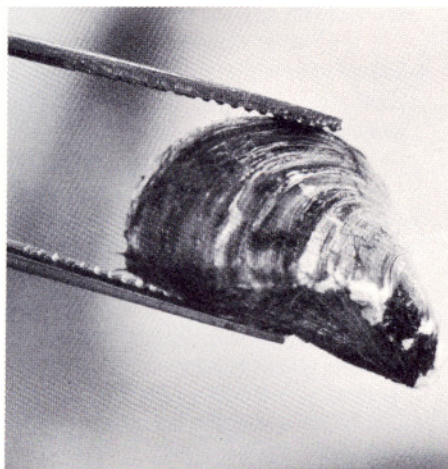
"Worse than that, they can survive almost two weeks out of the water, so mussels are hitching rides on boat hulls from one lake to another," Hunter says.

One of the great unknowns is the impact mussels are having by attaching themselves and thriving on traditional fish spawning beds of rock and gravel.

Hunter says many of the rocky areas in Lake Erie already appear to be completely covered with mussels. He is concerned that by colonizing on these natural reefs, it could be detrimental to the hatching success of popular gamefish species such as walleye and smallmouth bass.

"The feeding method of zebra mussels is also one of our growing concerns," Hunter says. "Because adult mussels filter about a liter of water a day, nearly all matter, including plankton (microscopic plant and animal matter which young fish and other members of the food chain feed on), is strained from the water."

Zebra mussels are so good at filtering



Flexing mussels: Although microscopic at birth, zebra mussels can reach several inches when mature.

JUST DESSERTS

by Vicky Billington

*University "chefs"
share their holiday recipes for
sweet treats and sinful delights.*



Eberwein: "Food should be seasonal and fresh, colorful, imaginative and light."

*Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne'er succeed.
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.*

—Emily Dickinson

WHEN THE AIR TURNS autumn crisp, Jane Eberwein's thoughts turn to molasses and Emily Dickinson. That's because the Oakland English professor and Dickinson scholar hails from New England, where the thick sweet syrup is tapped and the roots of the Amherst-born poet run deep. In fact, Eberwein once made gingerbread using the 19th-century poet's recipe to welcome attendants to a Dickinson seminar.

Food and friends play a big part in her holiday celebrations. She and husband Robert, chair of the English department, have good friends who enjoy good food and together they share hosting annual holiday dinners — going to one home for a Passover Seder, another for Christmas and yet another for New Year's Eve.

The Eberweins are fond of France and have made several visits there. She shares with us a recipe for clafouti, a French dessert that resembles an elegant pancake baked with seasonal fruit and topped with a glaze. Eberwein says French and New England cooking are similar in that both feature fresh, seasonal foods.

Pear-Cranberry Clafouti

- 3 large pears
- 2 tbs. lemon juice
- ¼ c. dried cranberries
- 4 tbs. unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 c. milk
- 3 eggs
- ¾ c. sugar
- ½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. fruit-flavored liqueur
- Glaze:
- ⅓ c. peach preserves
- ½ tsp. grated lemon rind
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tbs. fruit liqueur

Preheat oven to 375. Butter a 10-inch quiche pan, 1½ inches deep. Peel, core and slice the pears, dropping slices in lemon juice to prevent browning. Arrange the slices neatly, in spokes, in the quiche pan. Scatter the dried cranberries around the pear slices.

In a blender, blend the butter, milk, eggs, sugar, flour, vanilla and liqueur until smooth. Pour the batter over the pears. Place in preheated oven and bake for 30-35 minutes, until firm on the surface but custard-like. (The clafouti will puff up while baking, but sink when cooled.)

While the clafouti is baking, warm all the glazing ingredients, except the liqueur. Remove from heat and blend in liqueur. Spread over the top of the hot clafouti. Serve warm or cold.

Serves eight.



Ray-Bledsoe: "I cook by feel, rather than by portions."

"Always a good meal, often a great meal," is Wilma Ray-Bledsoe's cooking adage. Those who've been fortunate enough to dine at the home of Oakland's vice president for Student Affairs know she always keeps up her end of the bargain. Ray-Bledsoe once entertained Oakland's entire men's and women's basketball teams for a roast beef dinner.

Ray-Bledsoe has two favorite dishes that she makes and gives away as presents: one is a French dressing, made from a "super-secret family recipe;" the other is a rich pound cake.

"For any cake there are two important hints for success," she says. "Beat the batter until it shines, and use cake flour, the kind you purchase in kitchen specialty shops."

Here is Ray-Bledsoe's pound cake, rich enough to eat alone, delicious when served with ice cream or a hot fruit compote.

Elegant Pound Cake

3½ c. sifted cake flour
2½ c. sugar
½ c. whipping cream
8 jumbo eggs, separated
1-2 tsp. vanilla

Beat egg whites, gradually adding 6 tbs. sugar. Beat until stiff and refrigerate. Cream butter and remaining sugar. Add egg yolks and beat until smooth. Mix vanilla with cream and add flour and cream alternately until smooth. Beat at medium speed for 10 minutes (until it shines). Fold in egg whites. Bake in well-greased tube cake pan at 300 degrees for 1¼ hours.

Leonardas Gerulaitis, associate professor of history at Oakland, started cooking "because I was hungry and I like good food." A Rochester resident for almost 30 years, he says that until recently there weren't many good restaurants around, so he started cooking and entertaining at home.

"I seldom follow a recipe," says Gerulaitis. "I'll read a cookbook to get ideas, and use recipes as a general outline. Taste should always be your final arbiter."

The traditional holiday meal of his Lithuanian youth had to adhere to the Advent. Thirteen dishes were prepared, reminiscent of the Last Supper, and hay was scattered over the tablecloth as a reminder of the Christ child in the manger.

One of those dishes included a sweet poppy seed soup for dessert. Poppy seeds can be found in some Polish stores or a good German bakery, he says.



Gerulaitis: "I hate to cook the same meal twice."

Christmas Eve Poppy Seed Soup (Lithuanian traditional)

½ lb. poppy seeds
4 oz. honey
4 oz. blanched almonds
4 qts. boiling water
Wash seeds, then place in boiling water and simmer for 30 minutes.
In small quantities, put the seeds through a food blender. Do the same with the blanched almonds. Return both to the simmering water and bring to a boil. Stir in the honey. Refrigerate overnight.

(Note: Generally served with small homemade rolls similar to croutons. Gerulaitis says Italian bread sticks "small as your thumb" will suffice.)



Coppola: "Food is as basic as human language."

The sign of fine cooking is not using measurements, just pinches here and there," says Carlo Coppola, language professor and director of Oakland's Center for International Programs. Coppola has an associate's degree in culinary science, and admits that he has friends who "accidentally on purpose" stop by his home around dinner time, hoping to be fed.

Coppola's cooking ability is becoming legend: Once during a Christmas stay in India, he baked an apple pie using an oven heated by slow-burning cow dung cakes. He plans to teach an Honors College senior colloquium this winter titled "Culture and Cuisine."

Here, he offers readers a rich Sicilian chocolate pound cake laced with Strega, an Italian liqueur. "It's probably the richest cake ever, and should be served in very thin slices." ■

Cassata di Natale

(Sicilian Christmas Cake)

Some preliminaries: Because this cake requires at least 24 hours to "ripen," it should be made a day or more before it is to be served. It improves with age and freezes well. It also makes a very impressive, and very welcome, Christmas gift for especially good friends. The cake requires two frostings, one for the "crumb layer," applied first on the cake to prevent crumbs from floating into and showing through the second chocolate layer. Prepare the white frosting first, as a dollop of it is needed to anchor the cake to the cake dish.

To prepare the white frosting (for crumb layer and trim):

8 tbs. unsalted butter at room temperature
2½ cups confectioners' sugar
2 tsp. white vanilla (do not use dark vanilla; it gives the frosting a brownish cast; available at better kitchen stores)
4-5 tbs. heavy cream
3 maraschino cherries, with stems, 2 red and 1 green, completely drained and thoroughly patted dry with a paper towel.
Beat butter until light and creamy. Add confectioners' sugar and vanilla; continue to beat. Add 2 tbs. cream and beat until smooth. Continue to add cream 1 tsp. at a time until mixture is smooth and spreadable. Decoration with maraschino cherries described below.

To prepare the cake:

1 pound cake
1 lb. ricotta cheese
1 tbs. heavy cream
2 tbs. sugar
½ cup Strega (orange-flavored Italian liqueur; Grand Marnier may be substituted, diluted with 2 tbs water)
½ cup chopped mixed candied fruit
½ cup high-quality (preferably imported) semi-sweet chocolate, broken into small pieces (Nestle's or Hershey's not recommended)

Trim off top and sides of cake with serrated knife to make the cake as rectangular as possible. Cut horizontally into three even pieces. Brush crumbs off each layer.

Put ricotta through sieve, then beat until smooth. Add cream, sugar, and 2 tbs. Strega; mix slowly until smooth and of a spreadable consistency. If necessary, add more cream 1 tsp. at a time to achieve desired consistency.

Gently fold in candied fruit and chocolate with a spatula. Do not overblend, because chocolate will melt and give texture an undesirable brown tint.

Spread 2 tbs. of white frosting on a cake plate and press bottom layer of pound cake on frosting to anchor the cake. Drizzle 1½ tbs. of Strega over bottom layer of pound cake.

With a metal spatula, spread half of the ricotta mixture over pound cake, spreading evenly, squaring off sides and edges to make ricotta mixture flush with cake. Evenly spread the top of the ricotta layer so that it is flat.

Place middle slice of pound cake on top of ricotta layer. Drizzle 1½ tbs. of Strega over middle layer of pound cake. Place remaining ricotta mixture on middle layer of pound cake, repeating the process used above.

Place top layer of pound cake on flat second layer of ricotta mixture. Drizzle 1½ tbs. of Strega over top layer of pound cake (about 2 tbs. Strega should be left; to be used in chocolate frosting, below). Gently press down on top layer to make cake as compact as possible. Be sure all sides, edges, and ends of cake and ricotta mixture are as even as possible. Cake may be shaky but will firm up with refrigeration. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours.

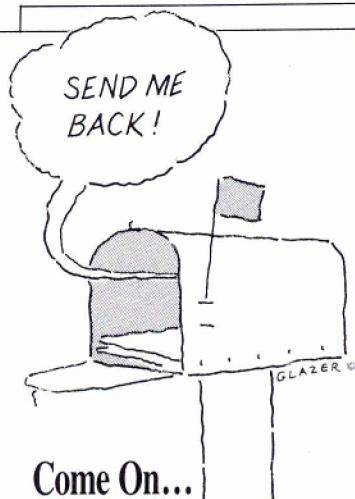
Brush cake free of as many crumbs as possible. Thinly frost cake with a light layer of white frosting. This crumb layer of frosting is intended to keep crumbs from getting into the outer chocolate layer. Refrigerate for about 1 hour.

To prepare the chocolate frosting:

18 ozs. high-quality (preferably imported) semisweet chocolate (Nestle's or Hershey's not recommended)
¾ cup strong black coffee (preferably espresso)
2 tbs. Strega
½ lb. unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch slices and chilled
Break chocolate into pieces and melt with coffee and Strega in a heavy saucepan on low heat, stirring until chocolate is completely melted. Remove from heat. Beat in chilled butter one piece at a time until all butter is blended into chocolate, and mixture is smooth. Chill for about 45 minutes, or until mixture thickens to a spreading consistency.

With metal spatula spread chocolate frosting over crumb layer on top and sides of the cake. Chocolate may be swirled for circular effect, or spread evenly, then smoothed out with a metal spatula dipped in hot water after every two or three spreading movements. Place remaining white frosting in a pastry bag with a star tube. Pipe top and side edges with stars or shells. Place three frosting stars next to one another lengthwise in middle of cake. Place maraschino cherries, stems up, in middle of frosting stars. (Cultural note: "maraschino," an Italian word, is correctly pronounced "ma-ra-ski-no" and not "ma-ra-shi-no.") Cover cake with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 24 hours until it ripens.

To serve: Slice with a serrated knife that is dipped into a tall glass of hot water between each slicing. Because this is a very rich, filling cake, it is suggested that smaller, rather than larger, portions be served.



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You're Invited to Dinner with a Scholar

OU alumni are invited to dine with Oakland University faculty presenters preceding the "Enigma of Genius" lectures at Meadow Brook Hall. Future programs include Professor Jane Eberwein on Emily Dickinson, November 15, 1990, and Professor Richard Stamps on Thomas Edison, January 24, 1991.

Dinner reservations are \$15 per person from the Alumni Relations Office. The lecture fee is additional and requires a separate reservation. Each dinner is limited to only 25 guests. For more information, call the Alumni Relations Office, (313) 370-2158.

ALUMNI

1966

Jonathan Bensky has completed a four-year assignment at the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He began his assignment as commercial counselor at the American Embassy in Manila, Philippines this summer.

1970

Carol Harris Buller is teaching German at Midland High School in Midland, Michigan. Last summer Carol accompanied her seventh group of students to Germany, Switzerland and Austria. She sends greetings to Jack Moeller. **Mike Buller** is a high school librarian at Midland High School.

Larry Hathcock, Dana (Schwab) Hathcock '68 and daughter Holly are developing their own business, Historic Homes, Inc., in Holly, Michigan. Larry is in his 20th year at Holly Elementary and Dana has spent 22 years at Owen Elementary in Pontiac. Larry received his M.Ed. from Wayne State and Dana her M.A. from OU.

Les Pratt retired from coaching after 20 years at Lakeview Schools and Chippewa Valley High School. His career included coaching hockey and track with 37 various championships and State Class A track regional titles at both high schools.

Sarah Smith (Williams) Redmond was appointed executive director of the Michigan Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.

1973

Gary Appel announces the birth of his son, Raphael David, and publication of his book *"The Growing Classroom,"* detailing garden-based science education. He was awarded a three-year Kellogg Fellowship to study sustainable development in Third World countries.

Daniel V. Kinsella represents corporate management in the newly merged firm, Hough, Cook, Weatherhead & Kinsella, in Chicago.

1974

Vito J. Pianello has been promoted to vice president in consumer loans-floor plan and leasing for Manufacturers Bank.

1975

Rae J. Cubba was named junior high "Teacher of the Year," for Utica Community Schools. She is a special education teacher at Heritage Junior High.

1976

Carly R. VanDox is marrying Kenneth F. Kupper in October and is an attorney in Alexandria, Virginia, in her own firm. She is completing terms as president of the Alexandria Bar Association and member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the Alexandria Bar. She and Ken are relocating to Miami, Florida.

Mark Wayne Volz is a partner in a new computer software venture for insurance agencies in Southern California. He is sole author of the software.

1977

Denise Bortolani-Rabidoux has been promoted to director, corporate nursing services at International Health Care Management, Inc., the management arm of Crestmont Nursing Care Center in Fenton, Michigan.

Susan Jane Lang earned her master's degree from OU and has recently joined Entente International Trading in Sterling Heights, Michigan, as a trade consultant. She deals with the export markets in France, Israel and Africa.

1978

Wayne L. Starr is manager of user support services in university computing at Eastern Michigan University. He earned his master's degree at OU and lives in Holly, Michigan.

1979

Donna Radich and husband, **Milan**, announce the birth of a son, Daniel James, June 25, 1989.

Deborah Regiani is the 1990 recipient of the Traverse City area Chamber of Commerce Teacher of

the Year award. She currently teaches in the K-6 Resource Room at East Bay School.

1980

Catherine (Butcher) Keenan is self-employed doing personal computer work for various Air Force bases in West Germany. She lives with her husband, Paul, and son, John in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

Jennifer Walsh is a merchandise planner for Paul Harn's Stores, Inc., in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she and her husband live with their one-year-old daughter, Jill.

Ann Wiles was promoted to assistant hospital director at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

1981

Elizabeth Allweiss holds a master of science degree in clinical psychology from Eastern Michigan University and practices in Southfield, Michigan, specializing in substance abuse treatment and family therapy. She announces the birth of her first child, Sarah Elizabeth Allweiss-Rosenbaum, born February 24, 1989.

Michael R. Murphy, DDS, is in a solo practice in Lapeer, Michigan, and recently completed a two-year program in orthodontics and orthopedics through the United States Dental Institute. He is single and lives in Lake Orion, Michigan.

Doris Neumeyer has been promoted to nurse epidemiologist at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy, Michigan.

1982

Alison M. Helbling is controller of Alter Design Builders, Inc. She received her MBA from Loyola University of Chicago and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, national business school honor society in May, 1990.

Marlene (Soltys) Harris married Robert Mitchell Harris May 27, 1989, and is a registered nurse at the Family Birth Center in Cape Coral, Florida. They expected their first child in August.

Scott H. Smith has been appointed to officer, revolving credit operations of Comerica Bank-Detroit and resides in Lake Orion, Michigan.

IN TOUCH

1983

Daniel M. Cloos owns a "Detroit Style" coney island restaurant in Raleigh, North Carolina, across from North Carolina State University. He became the father of Mark Henry on May 3, 1990.

Louise A. Hufnagel completed Western Michigan University's certification program in the Graduate Institute: Educating Gifted and Talented Learners in December 1988. In 1989, she was elected to the Outstanding College Students of America.

Lori Poel Piazza married Michael in July 1989. They reside in Andover, Massachusetts, and Lori is a territory manager for Sweetheart Cup Company in Boston, Massachusetts.

Lynda Poly-Droulard married in 1986 and had a daughter, Sarah, in 1988. She obtained a M.Ed. in 1989 with a cardiac rehab specialty and was promoted to clinical nurse manager in 1990 at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan.

1984

Martin R. Ballard married Karen Lorraine Saputo, June 18, 1988. Martin is vice president of Ralph Ballard Printing, Inc., in addition to being president of Martin-Ballard Marketing, Inc., in Hazel Park, Michigan.

Richard D. Bearse is a clerical worker at New Horizons, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Michelle S. Wiegand is a Michigan conservation officer assigned to Marquette County.

Lawrence Jeziak earned his master's degree in communications from Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communications Arts. In addition, he received first and second prize in drama and essay categories, respectively, in the 49th annual Tompkins Writing Awards sponsored by the English department of Wayne State.

Mary Jo Ridenour has been promoted to second vice president and credit officer in the credit department of Manufacturers Bank.

Lloyd White received his master of science in education from Indiana University while attending Indiana/Purdue at Fort Wayne. His wife, **Sharon** ('85) is pursuing a master's degree. She is a senior methods engineer at the GM Assembly Plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where Lloyd is a shift superintendent.

1986

Carolyn E. George was appointed executive director of World Medical Relief in Detroit and visited Zaire in July as a member of an American Medical Mission to assess the health care needs in that country.

Kirstin Orr and husband, John, opened Itza Deli in December across from OU at the corner of Walton Boulevard and Squirrel Road and hope to open a second deli within the next year. She hopes everyone from the HRD department is doing well.

1987

Scott A. Bodjack married Gerri Nicosia in November 1989, and is a research engineer at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Navy Ensign **Steven Dradzynski** of Richmond, Michigan, was commissioned to his present rank upon graduation from the Aviation Officer's Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Katherine Fuscuardi married Tony, July 11, 1987, and moved to Maryland in 1989. Kathy is head nurse of NICU at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

Deborah Goldman and Stephen announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Joanne, born on March 31, 1990.

1988

Diane O'Neil is marketing assistant at Letica Corporation in Rochester, Michigan.

Katie Oyler married Jim Turski September 8, 1990, and was promoted to manager-in-training for Standard Federal Bank.

Ann Marie (Kotula) Wagner has completed one year of training in Chrysler's Fleet Sales Division and now is in her second year of training at Chrysler's Sales Distribution Department.

Deborah J. Hays is a realtor-associate for V.I.P. Realty in Drayton Plains, Michigan. She also owns and shows smooth fox terriers in conformation, obedience and field trials.

IN MEMORIAM

1972

Diane Lynn Anderson (Schaefer)

1974

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1976

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1978

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Calling All Alums For TeleFund '90

Oakland University's Annual Alumni TeleFund is currently under way and bigger than ever. The 1990-91 drive has expanded to 28 nights, attempting to reach more than 15,000 alumni and secure 3,000 pledges by November 20.

TeleFund organizers still need alumni volunteer callers. If you're interested, contact your alumni affiliate through the Alumni Relations Office, (313) 370-2158.



It's Party Time

Mark your calendar for a holiday party showcasing two campus landmarks — all spruced up!

On Saturday, December 1, from 2 to 5 p.m., the OU Alumni Association invites you to tour Meadow Brook Hall during the annual Christmas Walk. Drink in the legends of the Hall and be dazzled by the glittering holiday displays in more than three dozen magnificent rooms.

Then return to a merry reception sponsored by the Student Affiliate of the Alumni Association at the newly renovated and festively decorated John Dodge House. What better way to get some holiday spirit?

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Jan and Don O'Dowd (top center), with Oakland's Alaskan alums.

Alumni Hold Reunion Up North...in Alaska

They called it the "Farthest North Reunion of Oakland University Alumni" and who's to argue their claim?

Eleven OU alums living in the great white north of Alaska recently gathered for a reunion — the guests of Don and Jan O'Dowd. Don, president of Oakland University from 1974-84, retired July 31 as president of the University of Alaska. It was his idea to host the gathering before leaving his post.

A good time was had by all. Here is Don's report:

"After years of promising ourselves that we would have a party for alumni and former students of Oakland University here in Fairbanks, Alaska, we finally did it! Spurred on by the fact that we were leaving the area, Jan and I issued invitations to all OU people we could identify.

"We are only sorry we didn't get the Oakland people together sooner so we could all have had a chance to become better acquainted. We were proud and pleased to see what a talented and enterprising group they are."

The Alaska event was the third reunion for OU alumni in less than a year. Last December, a gathering was held in conjunction with an OU women's basketball game in Phoenix, Arizona. In June, 24 alumni met in Chicago, Illinois.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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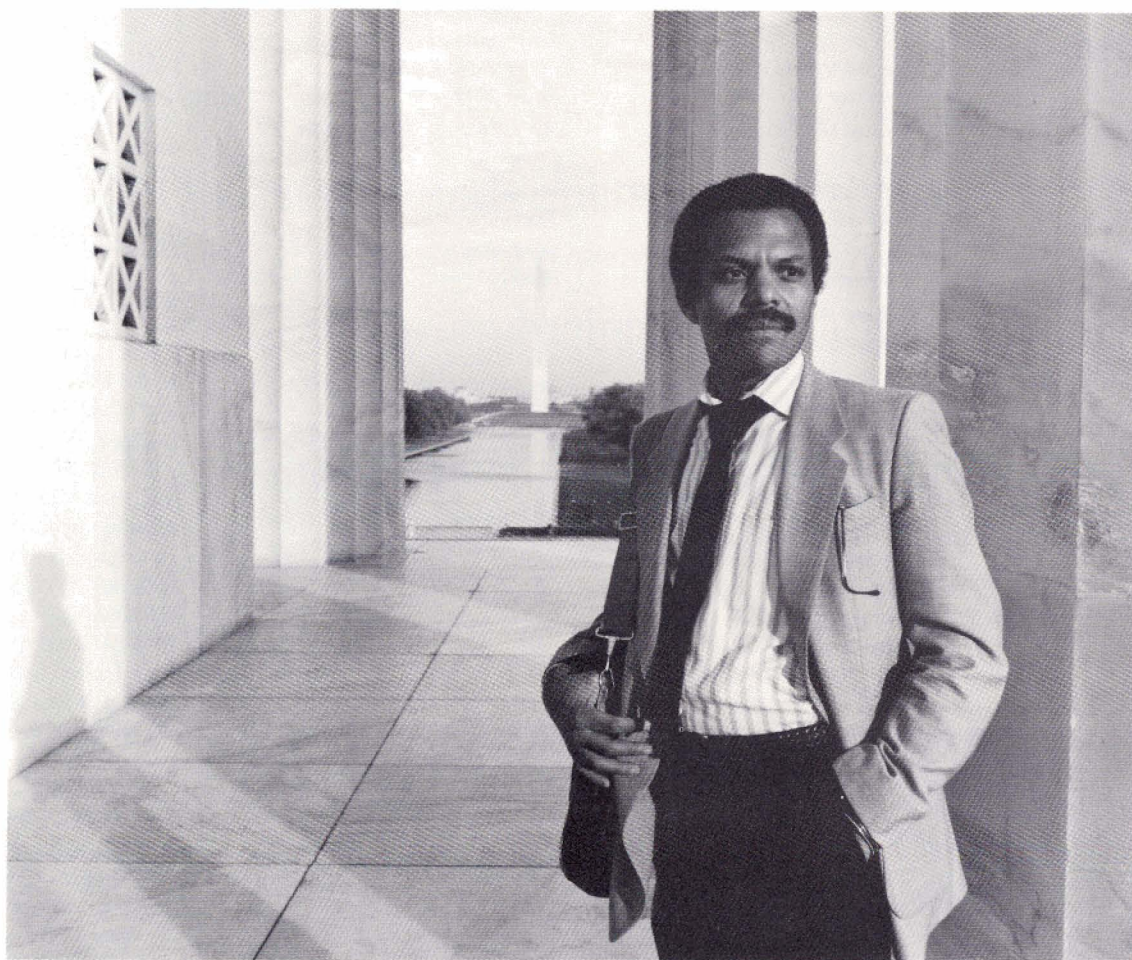
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PARTING THOUGHT



TRUTH IS NOT ENOUGH

by Joe Davidson

I don't pretend to be a robot without feelings — I bring all of me to work. I can't deny certain opinions, and that's why the notion of objectivity is a phony one. I'm mindful of the fact that I can write a story where everything is true, but only tells one side of the story. That's why for me, the truth is not enough.

My respect for Martin Luther King, Jr. was very important in my political development. I remember when the news broke about his assassination. I was sitting in my room in Vandenberg stunned while the white students down

the hall were having a water fight — and continued having one. That showed me how far apart our views of the world were. That played a major role in the way I define myself and my position in society. I'm still definitely not part of the mainstream — and don't want to be.

What makes me happy? I'm happy when I see folks being successful against tall odds; not necessarily monetarily, but in integrity and spirituality. I'm happy when I think I've done a really good job on a news story. Really good sex makes me really happy. I'd love to see a free

South Africa; that would make me happy. I'd love to see the problems of drugs and racism disappear. I'd love to see my kids prosper as human beings. And I'm going to do everything I can to make sure they grow up to be honorable.

Joe Davidson ('71) is a reporter for the Wall Street Journal's Washington Bureau and a journalism instructor at Howard University. Davidson holds a B.A. in secondary education/social studies from Oakland.

Excerpted from "Making America Work," the 1989 President's Report of Oakland University.

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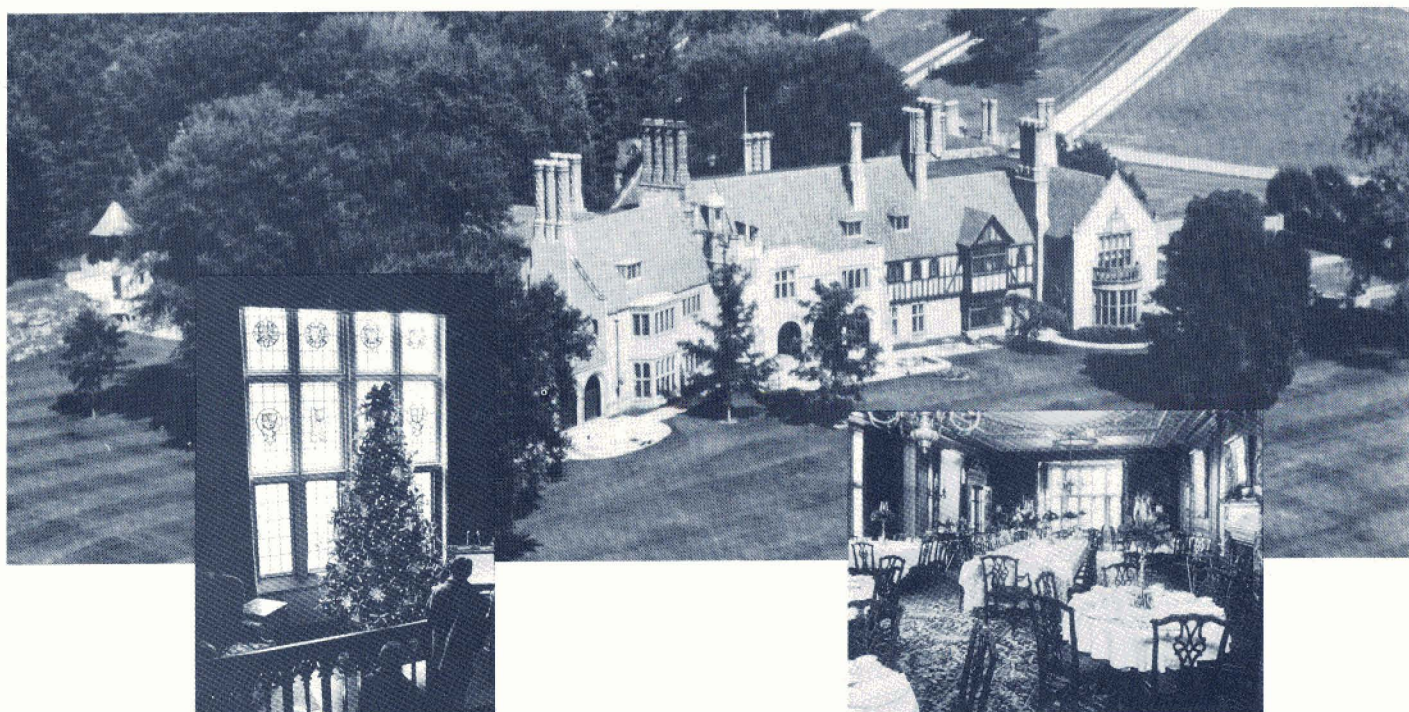
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