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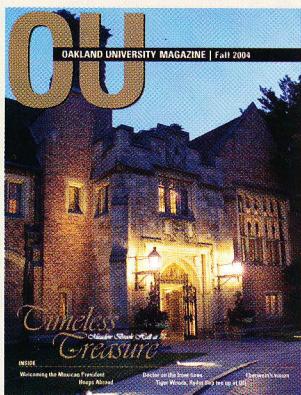
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Behind the Stories

When is work not work? The short answer is never. But, when you're doing what you love, believe in what you do, and can partner with people who inspire and motivate you en route, you can say at least it's good work. As we were putting this issue together, it struck me that so many of the people featured have so much more going on than mere tasks.

Matilda Dodge Wilson's passion for her home, Meadow Brook Hall, is a pretty big case in point. She and her husband, Alfred, spent years planning their home, right down to the switch plates in each room. They built what's been called an "American castle," but to her, it was a home for her family, a place in the country where she and Alfred entertained, a location for her philanthropic and community service and above all, her "pride and joy."

Good work can be timeless. A group of students in the '70s took their love of the university and affection for each other and started an association that's been getting together for 21 years. Alumnus Lisa Flynn was motivated by her love of country and her career as a vascular surgeon to serve in Iraq last year.

This issue's Distinguished Professor, Bob Eberwein, took a love of film and built an academic program that has inspired students for three generations. And it's Eberwein's faculty partner, Brian Murphy, who reminds us all in the first "Gold Mines" column that "All you need is love." He might just have something there...

Lillian Lorenzi

Lillian Lorenzi, Editor

Looking for OU lore...

I'd like to ask again for students, alumni, faculty and staff to help us research "Legends, Fables, Hauntings (and other weird happenings) at OU." We'd like to hear from you about any experiences you've had or tales you've heard that fit into this category. Drop us a letter or e-mail (oumag@oakland.edu).



Senator Carl Levin

Michigan senator receives honorary degree

Oakland University's Board of Trustees presented Senator Carl Levin, the longest serving senator in Michigan history, with an honorary degree at the May 1 commencement. The doctorate of laws degree was given during the School of Engineering and Computer Science and School of Business Administration commencement ceremonies.

The honor recognizes Levin's accomplishment, years of public service and support for the arts, sciences and professions. Levin was first elected in 1978 and is now in his fifth congressional term. He is known and admired for his work on the Armed Services and Governmental Affairs committees and many important issues including accountability in government spending.

Levin was born in 1934 in Detroit. He attended Swarthmore College and earned his law degree in 1959 from Harvard College. ●

One door closes, another opens

After 10 years and 83,470 hours of volunteer service logged, the AmeriCorps program ended this past August. And although many were sad to see it go, Oakland faculty, staff and students are already making plans to keep community service opportunities thriving at OU.

The program, which provided educational enrichment to Pontiac youths in schools, community centers, churches and housing projects, closed because funding from government and other sources ended.

"The philosophy and practices of AmeriCorps will not be in vain," says Jean Ann Miller, director of Center for

Student Activities. "We will be filling the gap left by AmeriCorps in our office. We have a commitment to do that."

The university's mission includes community outreach and it is a requirement for some academic programs, such as The Honors College. Upcoming plans for providing opportunities to reach out include expanding existing events like the American Heart Association Heart Walk and Make a Difference Day, and developing a monthly community service activity through the Center for Student Activities. ●



Yang Jiechi, ambassador of the People's Republic of China.

Chinese ambassador speaks at OU

Yang Jiechi, ambassador of the People's Republic of China and that country's highest U.S.-based government official, visited Oakland University last spring

during the 10th annual Ambassador Woodcock Legacy Seminar. He spoke to students, faculty, staff, and community and business leaders about Sino-U.S. relations and global trade between the two countries.

Yang's comments centered on his country's rapid rise in the global marketplace (China is now the world's fourth-largest trading nation and importer), China's efforts to develop economically and socially, and how relations between the U.S. and China are being expanded.

"There are many different viewpoints to China's rise in the world," Yang said. "We believe that the world has changed and this could be a win-win situation for all."

His visit, underscoring Oakland's commitment to a globally based educational experience, was also a tribute to the late Leonard Woodcock, former president of the United Auto Workers Union and first U.S. ambassador to China. ●

Job prospects improving for OU grads

Despite the sluggish economy over the past few years, the success rate for OU graduates in the job market is on the rise. According to a Career Services survey of 2002-03 graduates, 92 percent found employment within six months of graduation, a 3 percent increase over the previous year's survey.

Nursing and accounting were two of the most successful fields in terms of post-graduation employment. The survey also revealed good news on starting salaries: the average annual salary reported by undergraduates, \$35,571, showed a slight increase over last year. School of Business

Administration graduates claimed the top average salary, starting at more than \$41,000.

Approximately 31 percent of the August and December 2002 and June 2003 graduates responded to the survey. ●



Holiday Walk at the Hall

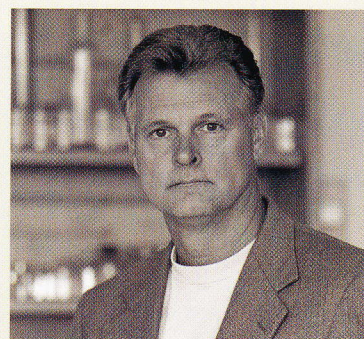
Step into the beauty and elegance of Meadow Brook Hall at this year's Holiday Walk. Open from November 26 to December 19, this annual event takes you on a retrospective of celebrations past, including the Wilson's New Year's Eve traditions, Alfred and Matilda's 25th anniversary party and Danny Dodge's Halloween festivities. Tours of the Hall, arts and crafts and more are included. Tours are offered daily, Monday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last

admittance 4 p.m.) The cost is \$20/adults; \$5/children; children under 2 are free.

Enjoy a special breakfast with Santa, December 11 and 18 at 9 a.m. in the ballroom. The breakfast includes children's activities, magical entertainment and a visit with jolly old St. Nick. The cost is \$30/adults and \$25/children.

A black-tie Holiday Gala is set for December 4, beginning with a 6:30 p.m. reception and tour. The evening includes a four-course gourmet meal and afterglow and dancing in the ballroom. Tickets are available for \$225 per person.

For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org. All Holiday Walk proceeds go toward preservation of Meadow Brook Hall. ●



Hightower appointed dean of SHS

Ken Hightower has been appointed dean of the School of Health Sciences after serving as interim dean for the past year. Hightower began his career at Oakland in 1974 as a post-doctoral fellow under the founding director of the Institute of Biological Sciences, later named the Eye Research Institute (ERI) and spent the next 25 years researching eye diseases that lead to vision loss or blindness. He became a professor of health sciences in 1999, teaching and developing courses for the school.

"Dr. Hightower will work to transform the School of Health Sciences into one that community leaders and professionals come to for solutions, partnerships, best practices and employees, and one where students compete to get accepted," says Virinder Moudgil, vice president for academic affairs and provost.

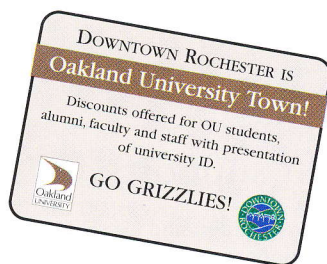
Hightower earned his bachelor of science in physics, his master of science in solid state physics and his PhD in biophysics/molecular science from Southern Illinois University. While at the ERI, he received six National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant awards and mentored dozens of undergraduate and graduate students in his laboratory.

"I want us to have a stellar reputation that says if you're interested in a health care career, we probably have something for you in one of our 10 distinct areas of study, all of which provide theory in the classroom and real-world, clinical experiences in numerous intern sites throughout the state," says Hightower. ●

Community partnerships enrich student lives

Oakland has always had a strong relationship with local communities and that bond continues to grow stronger through new partnership efforts with the City of Rochester. This holiday season will see OU students involved in the 53rd annual Hometown Christmas Parade, broadcast live on Channel 7 on December 5. New initiatives include universal student, alumni, faculty and staff discounts and special student welcome signs in downtown Rochester stores and restaurants. City officials have also pledged to give Oakland students priority in seeking career experiences in the city.

Last year, Oakland placed 21 students in internships in Rochester. Additionally, OU is working with Rochester and Auburn Hills on a winter '05 student job fair exclusively for firms located in those cities. ●



First-ever nursing conference a hit

In partnership with Beaumont Hospitals, OU's School of Nursing hosted its first-ever research symposium in May. Focusing on the impact of nursing on patient safety and error prevention – a hot-button topic among the medical

community, patients and the media – the event drew medical experts from around the country and 350 health professionals from Michigan. Attendees explored where, how and why errors occur and examined ways to improve outcomes. ●

Crittenton brings new technology, training to OU

Oakland University nursing students will learn the ins-and-outs of fast-paced hospital care without ever leaving campus, thanks to a recent \$200,000 gift from Crittenton Hospital. The gift will turn the School of Nursing's current skills lab into the new state-of-the-art Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Nursing Skills Laboratory. From supplying real hospital beds to hands-on labs that teach how to give injections and take blood pressure, the lab will simulate real-world hospital care.

"All of our students, at some point in their training, will touch this room," says Jim Pearl, School of Nursing development director. "It will have a huge impact. If our students are well-skilled, they'll be ahead of the game."

Crittenton's support has been vital, he adds. "We couldn't ask for a better neighbor." ●

Students get inside track on powertrain technology

The best way to learn is to do. That's what students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science's new Applied Information Technology Experience program discovered this past year. A \$60,000 gift from GM Powertrain allowed for the creation of this program, which takes undergraduate and graduate students and puts them in the field, working side by side with some of the region's most skilled computer science specialists on technology issues. During the program's first semester, students spent close to 200 hours on projects ranging from building source scripts to designing software upgrades. "GM Powertrain was extremely happy with our students," says Jerry Felzien, SECS development director. No doubt the students were equally thrilled with this opportunity to put their talent to the test. ●

Compiled by Liz Lent, a freelance writer from Birmingham, Mich.

Nicholsons give Honors College the edge

As long-time supporters of Oakland University's Honors College (HC), Jim and Board of Trustees member Ann Nicholson have seen how young minds flourish under the right tutelage. With their establishment of the Jim and Ann Nicholson Faculty Initiative Fund, they have taken another step in sustaining OU's most gifted students.

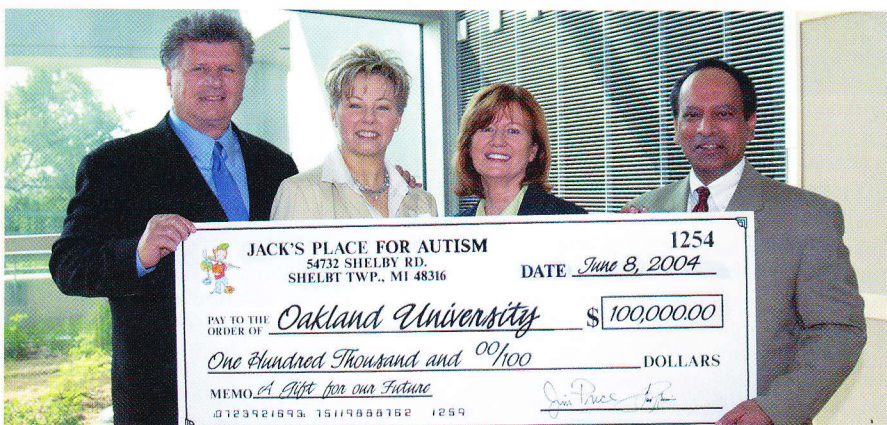
The fund helps ameliorate one long-standing challenge. The HC is designed without any faculty of its own, instead recruiting OU's most distinguished professors to lead courses. "Faculty here on campus say they want to teach for us all the time, but it's difficult for departments to let their professors go for a semester without providing a replacement for them," says Jude Nixon, director of The Honors College.



Ann and Jim Nicholson

The fund helps fill those gaps for the departments that share their faculty with the HC. "This allows educators to leave their departments for a while, and we don't lose out on the collaboration and mentoring these professors provide, which is so important to our program."

A small portion of the initiative will also support bringing in guest lecturers from other institutions. ●



Jim and Linda Price (left) present SEHS Dean Mary Otto and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil with a check for \$100,000 to help establish Jack's Place for Autism.

Gift supports autism programs

On June 8, Jim and Lisa Price, co-founders of Jack's Place for Autism, presented \$100,000 to OU's School of Education and Human Services to begin the process of developing autism-related programs and a Web site that will provide information for families and professionals involved with autism.

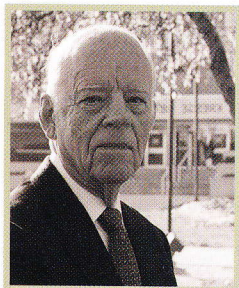
The donation also helped OU establish a director position for the center. Jessica Bridges was hired this fall. She is responsible for working with faculty and staff at

OU to develop a plan for programming that will increase understanding and awareness of autism spectrum disorders. The new director will act as a liaison between Jack's Place at the university, families dealing with autism, professionals in the field and the greater community. New programs are expected to be available this winter.

Look for more information at www.oakland.edu or e-mail questions to jacksplc@oakland.edu. ●

Remembering years of dedicated service

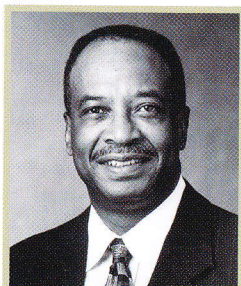
Four long-standing members of the Oakland University Foundation Board of Directors will be retiring as of the 2005 term. The foundation recognizes their years of dedicated service, vision and leadership to OU.



Henry Price has supported OU for more than 20 years, serving on the Investment and Gift Policy, and Task Force steering committees of the foundation board, through

membership in The President's Club, Heritage Society, President's Council Society and OU Meadow Brook Society, and as charter member of the Rita and Stephan Sharf Golf Course Project. He has been a generous supporter of OU through a charitable gift annuity and gifts to the Kresge Library and School of Nursing.

Eddie Munson served as chair of Oakland's Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, member of the Investment and Gift Policy, Subsidiary Oversight,



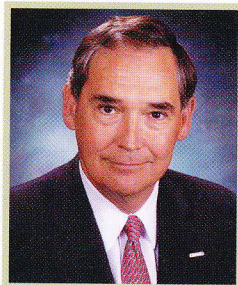
Executive Planning, Finance and Audit and Golf Course Construction committees of the foundation board and member and co-chair of the task force for the School of Business Administration. He has contributed generously to the university through his President's Club membership.



James A. Sharp Jr. was a member of the Oakland University Board of Trustees from 1988-1999, serving as chair for 1992-94. He helped develop

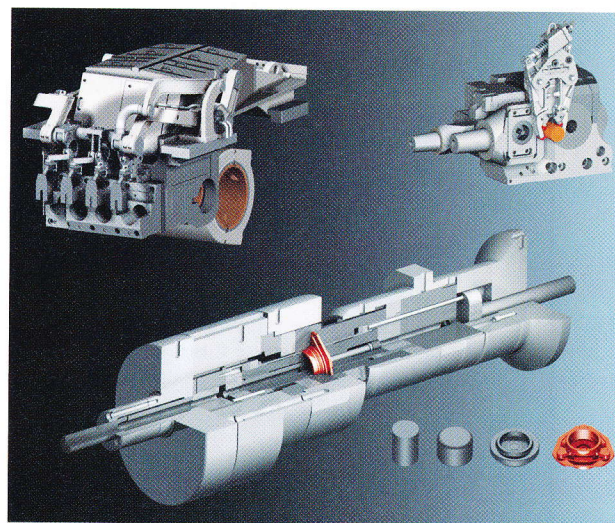
the Trustee Academic Success Program, which provides scholarships for programs that promote diversity, and served on the Presidential Search Advisory, Strategic Planning, Gift Development, Budget and Appropriations, and Gift Policy and Development committees and the Prospect Task Force of the foundation board. He has contributed generously to OU through Lifetime President's Club membership, as member of the Matilda Dodge Wilson Society and with his wife funded the James A. Sharp Jr. and Tessie Baltrip Sharp Endowed Fund, which gives interest-free loans to students and awards for undergraduate research projects.

Ralph W. Babb Jr. has served as Oakland's Foundation director since 1998, treasurer from 1998-2002 and vice chair from 2002-2004 and has given many years of service to the Executive and Planning, Investment and Gift Policy, Gift Development, Budget Appropriations, Real Estate Ad Hoc, Finance and Audit, and Nominations committees of the foundation board. He has provided generous support to the university through his President's Club membership.



OUF welcomes incoming members:

H. Jeffrey Dobbs, managing partner in the accounting firm KPMG and member of the board of directors of the Detroit Regional Club; **Daniel Medow**, OU alumni and past member of the OUAA Board and Steering Committee, and director of business development at Ultra/Standard Distributors in Royal Oak; **Michael Klieman**, OU alumni and president of Plastic Services of Michigan; **Dale Greene**, OU alumni and past member of the SBA Board of Visitors and 1999 SBA Beta Gamma Sigma honoree, and director of Crittenton Corporation. He also serves on the board of the Detroit Zoological Society and the Crittenton Hospital Board of Trustees. ●



UGS grant opens new doors for SECS students

Oakland University engineering students will get a head start on the real world with a recent software grant from UGS, a global leader in 3-D data packages. UGS has provided a \$30.2-million (commercial value; total donation amount is \$21.2 million) product lifecycle management software package to the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), enabling students to gain valuable experience working with the same software used by General Motors and its suppliers. The grant came through UGS' Academic Partnership Program, a global initiative reaching out to a wide variety of educational institutions.

The grant provides an important edge to OU students and the automakers who recruit them as graduates. "It is absolutely essential for our students to be familiar with software being utilized within the automotive industry," says Pieter Frick, dean of SECS, adding that the school is very grateful for "this generous grant."

Students will begin using the software in January 2005. ●



THE SCOREBOARD

Oakland's **women's golf team** finished the 2003-04 season in fine form by shooting a 326 during the final round at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships to move to second place in the final standings with a score of 992, matching their previous best finish at Mid-Con. The Golden Grizzlies took second by six strokes over IUPUI, with Oral Roberts winning the event with a score of 954. Freshman Christina Cibrario led the Golden Grizzlies by shooting a final round of 81 and finishing the tournament with a 245 (83-81-81) to finish in a tie for sixth overall and earn second team All-Mid-Con honors.

Oakland's **men's golf team** did not play their best at the Mid-Continent Golf Championships, as the Golden Grizzlies finished sixth overall with a final team score of 941. OU's Brian Stuard, who

completed his junior year this past season, was named the top amateur finisher at the Michigan Open golf tournament. He finished 11th overall at the event, turning in a four-round score of 287 (-1) that was 11 strokes behind the winning score of J.R. Roth.

Rob Reynolds, who completed his freshman year this past season, won the 36th Frank Syron Memorial Golf Tournament in a playoff when he birdied the first extra hole at the Pontiac Country Club. He came from four strokes behind the leaders in the final round to tie Jason May, firing a 70 (-2) that gave him a tournament total of 215 (72-73-70).

Despite a 20-34 overall record (10-13 in the Mid-Con), three members of the **OU baseball team** impressed major league baseball scouts enough to be drafted into the professional ranks.



Brad Morenko

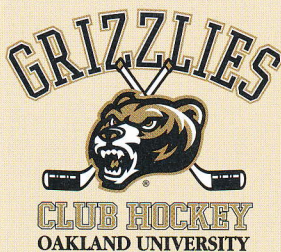
Bob Knoska

The Detroit Tigers, Baltimore Orioles and Cincinnati Reds selected pitchers Dominic Carmosino, Kyle Boehm and Brad Morenko, respectively. Carmosino was selected in the 27th round by the Tigers and was assigned to the Oneonta (N.Y.) Tigers of the New York-Penn League (short season A level). Boehm went in the 17th round to Baltimore and is playing for the Aberdeen (Md.) IronBirds, also in the NY-Penn League. Morenko went to the Reds in the 40th round and joined the Billings Mustangs of the Pioneer League (short season rookie level) in Billings, Mont. ●

THE ROUND UP

Student finishes second in professional tour

OU student Jack Huczek finished second in the 2003-04 professional racquetball tour, which wrapped up in May. Huczek was ranked first at the beginning of the year but dropped down to second the last week of the season, just 20 ranking points behind the first-place finisher. Huczek, who competed as the youngest player on the tour, is studying business management. ●



Hockey club to host national tournament

Oakland University's Men's Ice Hockey Club will host the 2005 ACHA National Tournament in March 2005. Oakland beat rival bids from fellow Great Midwest Hockey League newcomer Davenport College and Central Division foe Grand Valley to be awarded the bid. ●

Student archer hits his mark

Sophomore Chris Glass, a political science major, was named as a fifth-year member of the 2004 Junior United States Archery Team and the current top-ranked compound archer in the nation in the men's collegiate division. In March, he won the male senior compound category at the 2004 National Archery Association North Region Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. ●

Correction

In the spring issue of *OU Magazine*, we incorrectly identified a photo in the Sports section as the Oakland men's swimming and diving team. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Jayme Wilson

Grades, scoring lead basketball player to state honor

Sophomore Jayme Wilson was named to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Women's Academic/Athletic Honor Team. She was the state's only underclassman to make the list.

The BCAM honor pays tribute to five outstanding scholar-athletes

from Michigan colleges and universities at the NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA levels. To be eligible, a player must either be a starter or important reserve and have at least a 3.2 grade-point average.

Wilson, a general studies major, started in all 28 games for Oakland and averaged a conference-best 15.3 points per game. She led the league with eight 20-point games, including a career-high 32 points against Southern Utah. ●

Academic achievers

A total of 55 student athletes from Oakland University were named to the winter/spring 2003-04 Mid-Continent Academic All-Conference team, and for the winter 2004 term, 137 student athletes representing all 14 varsity teams attained the Golden Grizzlies Excellence in Academics honor.

To be selected to the Mid-Con Academic All-Conference team, student athletes must achieve a 3.0 or better cumulative grade-point average, have a sophomore or higher academic standing and compete in the sport for which he or she is nominated. Oakland's 55 selections were the second most in the nine-team league. ●

Support the *Golden Grizzly Athletic Fund*

Oakland University is the Host Institution for the **2006 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP** at The Palace of Auburn Hills

Four first-round games will be played Friday, March 17, 2006, and two second-round games played Sunday, March 19, 2006, advancing two teams to the Sweet 16.

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At Long LAST LOVE?

Is it a cocktail, this feeling of joy?

Or is what I feel the real McCoy?

— Cole Porter, "At Long Last Love"

Let's say you are (as I was, last April) asked to give a Last Lecture.

In effect they say to you: OK, you have spent all your life in schools, you have read walls of books, and maybe even written some; you have taught thousands of students in hundreds of courses . . . so what, at long last, do you have to say for yourself?

Well, at long last, the answer (so obvious as to be embarrassing) is love: love what you do, and do what you love. Love + commitment = joy + happiness; in other words, the real McCoy.

However, I told the friends and colleagues in the new OC Banquet Rooms that there is a first step: have some fun. I explained that a core gospel in my life I found in my favorite Shakespeare critic Harold C.

Goddard. In his analysis of Hamlet, Goddard argues that Hamlet's deepest self tells him that he should not take revenge; he should not obey his father. How do we know this? How do we know what his deepest self is? Goddard says it is suggested when Hamlet is, nearly, a happy man: we catch a glimpse of this almost-happy Prince in the scenes with the players. "Speak the speech, I pray you . . ." Here is a student, a poet, an artist.

Goddard says, "The highest duty of any man is to be true to the divinity within him, to remain faithful to his creative gift. But how can he tell when he is doing that?"

To answer this profound question, Goddard quotes a passage from Dostoevsky's great novel *The Brothers Karamazov*. "Men are made for happiness, and anyone who is completely happy has a right to say to himself, 'I

am doing God's will on earth.'"

Well, all I can report is that in my work at Oakland University, since 1969, I have found a profound happiness. As a youth I had discovered in myself a modest talent for reading and writing and, together with the famed Irish "gift of gab," I was lucky enough to be able to develop that skill and feel it flower into a deep love. Does a love of your art help make love flower in your life generally? Does it help you do your part to achieve a better neighborhood, a more just society, a happier world?

Not long ago, I sought answers to those questions in an Honors College Senior Colloquium in "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness," which I team-taught with biologist Phil Clampitt and philosopher Dave Bricker: together, we explored that triune quintessence of the Enlightenment. Answer: yes. Love, like energy, leads on to more.

I loved that course, the students, the colleagues, even Meadow Brook Hall (where the class met). I am grateful for the career I have been fortunate to have that has stretched out so long behind that course . . . and for the whole life that has stretched out so long behind last April's Last Lecture. I have loved lots of people (Toni! Lauren! John! Our whole family rock band and its fans!) and I have loved literature, music, history, science, the life of the mind, the fun of it all. And so at long last: oh yes, "All you need is love." ♦

—Brian Murphy

Brian Murphy retired this summer after 35 years teaching English at OU and delivered his "last" lecture on April 19, 2004.

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Lights, *Camera*, VISION

English professor's passion for film inspires students and scholars. By Tim Moran

"Nothing original here," says Robert Eberwein. He says it often about his work. He's wrong.

There's a lot that's original about Bob Eberwein, his work and his thoughts on film — and while Oakland University named him a Distinguished Professor this April, his body of work had already set him apart.

During 35 years at Oakland University, nine of them as chair of the English Department, Eberwein has helped elevate film studies from an intriguing course to a demanding concentration, authored numerous articles and reviews and four books on film and film criticism (with a fifth in the works), and established a national scholarly reputation in film studies. He also profoundly influenced the development of OU's academic environment during the university's formative years.

Scholarship goes to the movies

Today, from his book-enfolded office where most flat surfaces are crowded with piles of active projects, it's easy for Eberwein to laugh about the challenges of making recognition of film a legitimate study area. Back in the early 1970s, when Eberwein and professor of English Brian Murphy proposed a serious class in film criticism, their team-teaching concept faced some skepticism from a dubious faculty.

Film, after all, was entertainment, not material for serious study.

"We had one colleague ... who said 'you might as well propose a course about comic books.' Little did he know!" says Eberwein, his eyes creasing with amusement. Students, apparently, didn't feel the same. The two professors were astounded to find that more than 150 students signed up for the first film classes. Some of the students made an equally astounding discovery; studying film could be tough and challenging work.

"I don't remember thinking 'Oh, this is the start of a film major,'" says Eberwein. "The idea at the time was to get worthwhile works that would draw in kids." But Scott Higgins CAS '90, now assistant professor of film studies at Wesleyan University, says that one of Eberwein's gifts was the ability to show students that intellectual struggle can be gratifying.

"Bob has cultivated a terrific environment for learning. Only now, when I face the daunting prospect of balancing advising, committee work, teaching and scholarship, can I truly appreciate the heroic effort and energy that he brought to his work with students," he says. "He has built a first-rate program and has cultivated a terrific environment for learning."

Bruce Mann, associate professor and former English Department chair, says Eberwein's work was part of a national shift in English scholarship in the 1970s to begin treating film as a matter for serious attention.

"Bob was one of the pioneers," Mann says. "No university in the 21st century should be without a strong film studies program. That's part of learning about our field today, and Bob has worked to make us multidisciplinary at Oakland University."

Mann began working with Eberwein in 1985, and quickly realized that the professor was a remarkably generous and focused person. Eberwein would often go out of his way, for instance, to consult with other faculty about film or video versions of subjects they were likely to teach.

"I really can't say enough about his generosity to his colleagues and students," Mann adds. "He really does 'model' the ideal scholar."

The concentration in film studies is far from an isolated bubble deep within the English Department. Other co-sponsoring departments are Art and Art History; the Center for International Programs; Modern Languages and Literatures; Music, Theatre and Dance; Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism; and Sociology/Anthropology. Some of the courses satisfy undergraduate requirements for ethnic diversity and for general education.

Larger than life learning

Eberwein is well known for setting high standards and his courses teach skills that go far beyond understanding montage and a director's intentions.

"We aren't positioning this as 'take our courses and get a job,'" warns Eberwein of the film concentration. Instead, it's a case of learning to handle the tools needed for a



Bob Eberwein began working toward establishing a film concentration at Oakland in the early 1970s, when most academic institutions saw film as entertainment, not material for serious study.

lifelong intelligence. Among them is the ability to do quality research.

Intellectual rigor in the program is supported by a remarkable collection obtained by Eberwein and Murphy, including more than 500 books on film, directors, actors, individual films and the history of the industry from the late Robert Malcomson, well-known film enthusiast and book collector.

"We have a remarkable collection, not just for an institution of our size, but for any institution. For a school our size, it's amazing. Those at Classroom Support and Instructional Technical Services are very patient with me. I should be a better person about reserving things — but I haven't been," Eberwein says ruefully.

It's unlikely that Eberwein's last-minute requests for a particular film or book cause much ire on campus. The

distinguished professor has cultivated not just a program of study, but a community that reaches far throughout the university — one that knows and values him. ■

This story is the fifth in the OU Magazine series on Distinguished Professors. Past stories highlighted Paul Tombouljian, Sheldon Appleton, Ron Cramer and Jane Eberwein (Bob's wife). For links to their stories, visit OU Magazine online at www.oakland.edu.

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Voices of hope, PROMISE AND OPPORTUNITY

**Oakland University welcomes Mexican President
Vicente Fox** By Lillian Lorenzi

A cheering crowd of visitors, staff, faculty, alumni and students greeted Mexican President Vicente Fox and First Lady Martha Sahagún de Fox on Friday, June 18, at Oakland's Athletics Center.

The Mariachi Especial Alma De Mexico band kicked off the event with traditional Mexican music and Parvati Del Razo, an Oakland University student from Mexico pursuing a PhD in educational leadership, introduced the honored guests.

"It is a special honor for me to receive at my university the president of my country and Mrs. Fox," she said. "Not only because they represent my home, but also because they have proven to be a really positive force for Mexico."

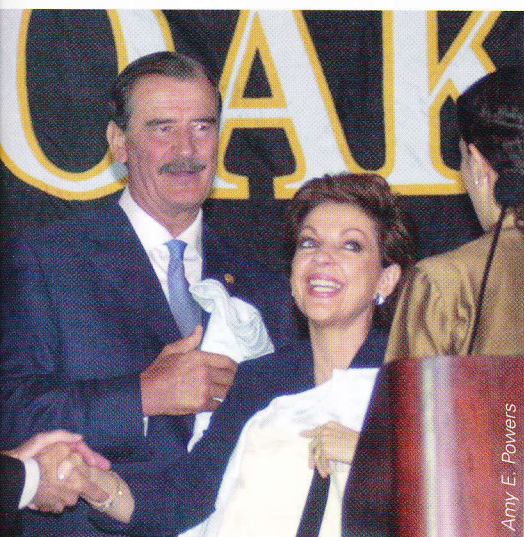
OU President Gary Russi welcomed President Fox with a message of hope and educational opportunity, announcing the establishment of a new scholarship.

"We are honored to welcome President Fox and the First Lady to Oakland University and today we have forged what I know will be a long-standing friendship with the good citizens of Mexico," he said. "The Vicente Fox Quesada Scholarship reaffirms Oakland University's continuing commitment to diversity, and has been established to honor President Fox and Mexico's rich culture and history."

President Fox spoke of Mexico's commitment to higher education for its citizens and the educational opportunities available to Mexican students in the United States. He also touched on human rights for Mexicans living and working in the United States and his optimism for continued positive relations between his country and the United States in the global economy.

"In the name of Mexico, I want to recognize that Oakland University has prepared Mexicans for democracy and the effective implementation of human rights, and also because they respect the Mexican community in the United States," said President Fox. "I also want to express my gratitude for the considerable support to this subject by the





OU President Gary Russi and student Parvati Del Razo presented President Fox and the First Lady with Oakland University Golden Grizzly signature sweatshirts as a memento of their visit to the campus.

universities in the state of Michigan because that means that young Mexican people can have access to higher education."

President Fox's visit marks the third time a sitting president has visited the campus and the sixth visit from a world leader. President George W. Bush and Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski were guests of OU in July 2002. ■

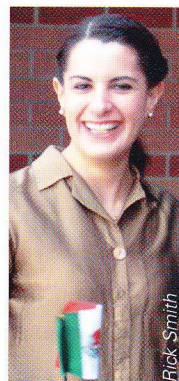


OU President Gary Russi (left) and then Chairman of the OU Board of Trustees Henry Baskin. "Each year at Oakland University, we welcome hundreds of students from throughout the world," said Baskin. "We're proud that we focus on providing undergraduate students a distinctive and unique opportunity, and we are gratified that students from other countries seek opportunities right here at our campus."

For more information on the scholarships, visit the financial aid page at www.oakland.edu.



Aida de la Cruz, an OU music major, sang the Mexican and American national anthems.



"Oakland's faculty is visionary and they encourage students to venture into new and crucial areas of their fields."

— Parvati Del Razo, Oakland student

Scholarship honors President Fox, Mexico

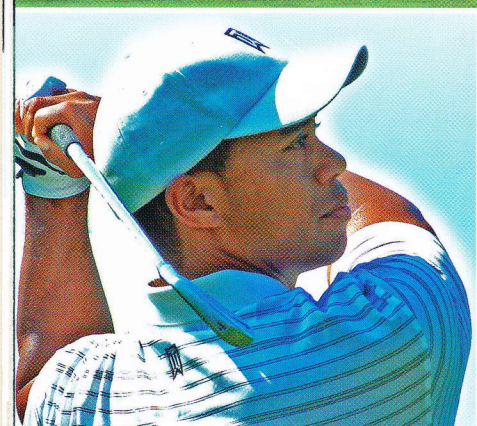
In honor of the presidential visit, Oakland University established the Vicente Fox Quesada Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarship provides annual cash awards to OU students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees, continuing education opportunities, international study or cross-cultural opportunities in Mexico or the United States.

"Oakland University is proactive in making sure students receive opportunities that allow them to become better world citizens," said OU President Gary Russi. "The benefits of international study are incredible. Students gain a different perspective on the world when it's seen from another country."

Students may use the scholarship awards for undergraduate or graduate course fees; tuition, books, airfare or other costs associated with study abroad opportunities; and for fees associated with continuing education classes.

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Russi also announced that a tuition differential scholarship has been established to allow students with Mexican citizenship to enroll at OU and have the difference between out-of-state tuition and residential tuition rates covered, effective with the fall 2004 semester. ■



Tiger Woods arrived on campus by helicopter, landing in front of the 17th green behind Meadow Brook Hall. He delighted the 1,700 fans in attendance with golf tips and some of his favorite golf tricks.

Ryder Cup Week at Oakland University

Talk about a link to the links! This year's Ryder Cup week put Oakland University and the Golf and Learning Center right in the internationally charged swing of things.

Chosen by sponsor Buick, the campus started off the week on Monday September 13 in the national spotlight when golf super legend Tiger Woods held an hour-long golf clinic for more than 1,700 fans at the university's driving range. Woods shared fundamentals of his golf swing and his basic approach to play: "I try and keep this game as simple as possible," he said.

As the week unfolded, other stars including Samuel L. Jackson, Ahmad Rashad and Michael Jordan played the OU courses and on Thursday, September 16, OU held the official PGA Ryder Cup Champions Invitational. The outing drew a host of celebrity golfers including Detroit Red Wings Brendan Shanahan and Darren McCarty, Detroit Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline and former Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman. The day raised more than \$250,000 benefiting local charities including First Tee of Michigan,

Covenant House of Michigan, Good Sports Foundation and the Literacy Partnership of Southeast Michigan.

"This was a tremendous feather in our cap for Buick and the PGA of America to select our learning center and this university to host these events," says



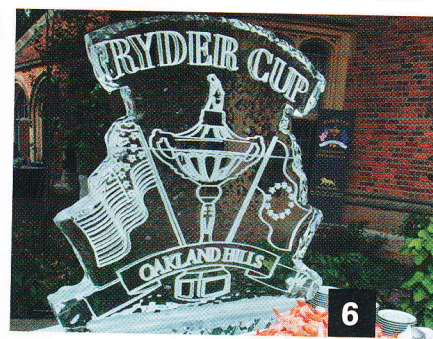


Bill Rogers, managing director of the OU Golf and Learning Center. "The golf courses were received tremendously by visiting dignitaries as well as people from across the community who visited for the first time."

Media from across the country covering Ryder week events at OU included the *New York Times*, *Associated Press* and Prime Time Sports Network. ■

Ryder Cup Champions Invitational, from top:

1. Football Hall of Famer Lem Barney. 2. Former Tiger and Baseball Hall of Famer Al Kaline driving for the green. 3. Baseball anyone? Baseball Hall of Famer Ernie Banks strikes a familiar pose before heading out to the tee. 4. Emmet Denba of Bloomfield Hills (left) and Detroit Red Wings scoring star Brendan Shanahan at the reception after the scramble. 5. Golfers head out to tee off at Katke-Cousins Golf Course, passing stately Meadow Brook Hall. 6. Ryder Cup ice sculpture adorns hors d'oeuvres. 7. Hugh Elliott, Rochester resident, President's Club member and long time supporter of Oakland University. 8. Judie Pratt (left) and Nancy Elliott (Hugh's wife) start off the scramble with Football Hall of Famer Paul Warfield.

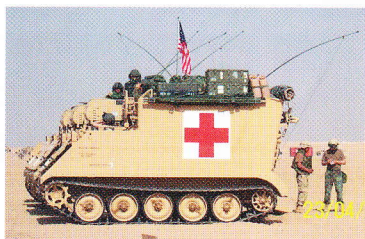


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War's Saving Graces



Lisa Flynn, an OU alumnus and local vascular surgeon, spent several months in Iraq last year treating soldiers, civilians and prisoners of war.

Flynn decided to join the army reserves after completing her surgical residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital. "...it struck me that I needed to use my skills for the greater good."

Duty calls skilled surgeon to the sandstorms of Iraq By Mary Gunderson-Switzer

Dr. Lisa Flynn has recently come back from the end of the world — her words for being as far away as it gets from Leonard, Mich., the one-mile square town where she grew up. Her words too, for describing her hyper-charged, sometimes arduous, often make-do and always dangerous tour as a trauma surgeon trying to save lives in a bombed-out hospital in Iraq.

Not that Flynn, a 1989 OU biochemistry alumnus and the first person in her family to go to college, wasn't prepared to go to the edge. After completing her degree on scholarship at OU, she went on to medical school, general surgery residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital and a vascular fellowship at Wayne State University.

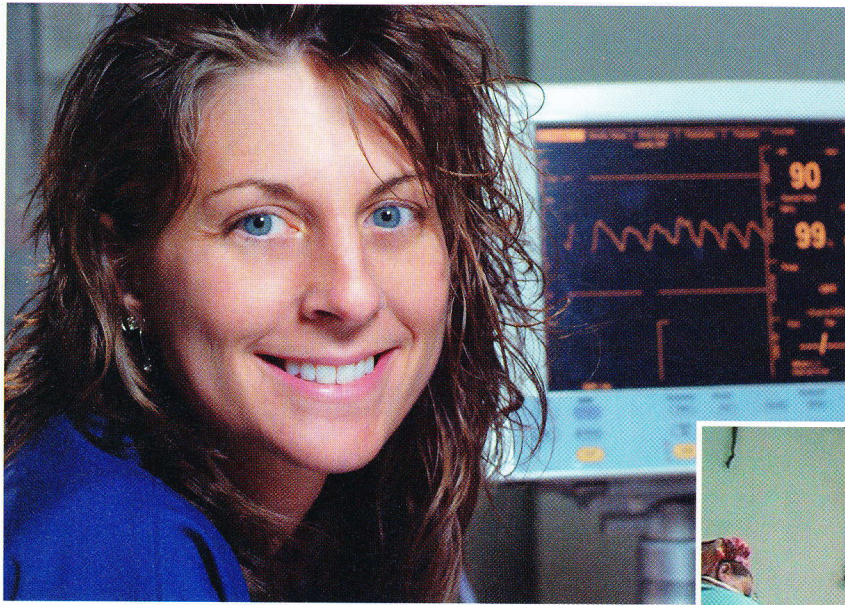
Flynn credits OU with getting the ball rolling. "It was at Oakland that I realized I could do anything," she says. "When I asked OU staff about medical school, they said it was totally possible. I decided that's what I wanted to do."

While completing her residency, she decided there were yet more ways in which she could stretch — in 1996 she joined the Army Reserve Medical Corps.

"I was treating a lot of gunshot wounds, and it struck me that I needed to use my skills for the greater good," she says.

Over there

Seven years later, while in private practice, she got the call. It was spring 2003 and things were heating up in Iraq.



Before she knew it, Flynn was on an Air Force C-17 plane headed for the Middle East. The first stop was Kuwait. Following the hurry up, it was sit tight.

"In 130-degree heat, about 100 of us were crammed into tents meant for 80 people and told to wait," Flynn says.

Two weeks later, Flynn was on a 30-hour Humvee drive into Baghdad.

"It was surreal," she says. "I was equipped with a 9 millimeter weapon at the front of the Humvee and told to scan for attackers. When a convoy ahead of us was ambushed, we had to wait eight days before continuing on."

Once arriving safely in Baghdad, the 20-member mobile medical unit moved into a war-torn hospital on an Iraqi Air Force base. It had recently been taken over by coalition forces. "There was no electricity or running water," Flynn says. "Everyone had left in a hurry — there were socks still hung up to dry and a log of patients to be admitted. Mice were everywhere. It looked like the end of civilization."

Ever-shifting sands

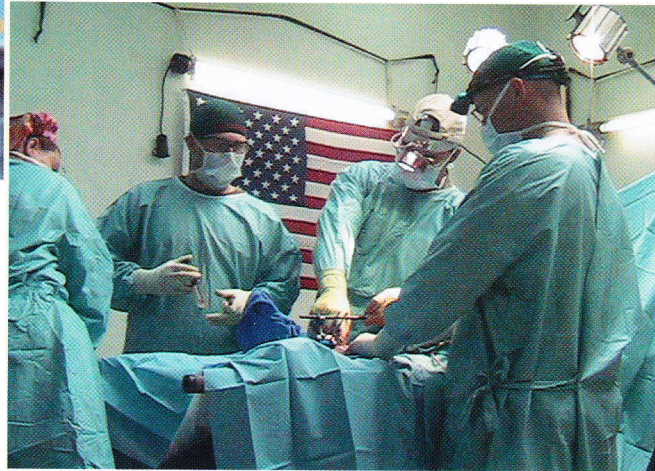
Once generators were up and running, Flynn and her team performed surgeries on coalition forces, enemy fighters, Iraqi prisoners of war and civilians. "My job is to save lives, and that's what I did," Flynn humbly says. "I wanted to be there for our 19-year-old soldiers who needed me."

Flynn says that her five-month stay in Iraq made her more keenly aware of the slogan on her Army Reserves T-shirt: "**Freedom is not free.**" She recalls an Army officer leaving the hospital to check on his team — he was killed when his convoy was ambushed just outside the grounds. She also remembers an Iraqi civilian who drove through the coalition checkpoint and was subsequently shot. "His leg had to be amputated," Flynn says. "We treated him with dignity. Our civil engineers buried his leg before sundown, which is the Muslim custom."

There were lighter sides to her experience. Iraqi civilians set up booths outside the hospital. "They were such capital-

ists, selling us Coke for \$12 a case, and we were buying it," she laughs.

She also remembers the playfulness of the Iraqi children. Weekly, Flynn and her team traveled to a town to treat Iraqi women, who can only be treated by females. The town's only Iraqi female physician had left when war broke out. Flynn saw many children there. "They would smile, wave and give the 'thumbs up' symbol," Flynn says.



The surgical suite in Iraq. Flynn is shooting the picture.

Coming home

When her time was up, Flynn was ready to return home. "We're so fortunate in the United States with our freedoms and for the basics...it's hard to fully appreciate until you've been where I've been," she reflects.

She's also grateful for simpler things. "We stopped in Germany on the way home...I was excited just to flush a toilet," she chuckles. "Also, because I'm vegetarian, I had only four MRE (Meal Ready to Eat) choices there. A bean and rice burrito is something I'd like to never see again for breakfast."

Flynn starts to say more, but her pager beeps, calling her back to St. John Hospital and Medical Center. She never knows these days how local the next call may be. She is ever mindful that the reserves may again press her into service. She remains, therefore, ready for just about anything.

"My sisters laugh that once I started my education, I just never stopped," she says. It's a context that allows someone from a Leonard farm with "chickens, ducks, geese and cats running all over the place" to extend her horizons across oceans, deserts and ideas. ■

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*Oakland's Formula SAE racing team at the Pontiac Silverdome.
The driver is OU engineering student and team captain Kevin Kolath.*

All Revved Up! All Revved Up! All Revved Up!

Engineering students design and build racecar from bumper to bumper for Society of Automotive Engineers competition.

By Marcus Popiolek

A love of engineering and cars is the driving force behind a group of Oakland University students participating in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Formula competition, a contest as challenging as a 200-mile tire burner at Daytona.

The annual event, the glamour contest for SAE members, brings more than 140 college teams from around the world to the Pontiac Silverdome for four days of presentations, design discussions and ultimately — racing. Students strut their car's stuff in five dynamic racing events: acceleration, skid-pad, autocross, fuel economy and endurance.

For 15 to 20 OU engineering and business students, this means balancing their academic and personal lives with their desire to design, fund and construct a car that will not only finish the race, no small feat, but finish in the top 10.

A driving passion

"This isn't something you do for glory. Sure it would be great to win, but it's more than that. We do this because we love it," says Carly Goward, a recent graduate of OU's engineering program and team leader for the 2005 competition. "We never know what the outcome will be, but it doesn't matter. The camaraderie among the other teams more than makes up for where we finish."

Blown engines, overheated cars and electrical glitches are only a few of the common problems that plague competitors. This year, fewer than 50 percent of the entrants finished the race.

"No matter how much you prepare, there is no way of telling what will happen," says Kevin Kolath, a master's student in mechanical engineering and this year's team leader.



Brian Sangeorzan (left), faculty adviser for the program, and engineering student Paul Falcon check out their Formula SAE car.



Taking the car through its paces are students (from left to right) David Kieke, Greg Stevenson, Kevin Kolath (in driver's seat) and Carly Goward.

Hairpin learning curves

Kolath has participated in the event since OU joined the competition three years ago. In its first competition, the team finished low in the standings, but by year two the students understood what needed to happen and finished a respectable 13th out of 145 competitors.

"In its first year, students didn't fully appreciate what needed to be done and had no experience in the competition itself. Those students stayed with the program and taught the new students, who now form the nucleus of the current team," says Brian Sangeorzan, associate professor of engineering and faculty adviser for the program. "That learning process, the idea of working as a team, building on past experience and having good chemistry is at the heart of the team's success."

This year, the team set their sights for a top 10 finish, but luck wasn't on their side.

"We were doing very well, then during our first mandatory pit and driver exchange, the car stalled and wouldn't restart," Kolath says. "Other teams had the same problem, but losing those points hurt us." (That event was 40 percent of the overall score.)

While the race is at the heart of the competition, the true learning experience comes from the preparation involved in putting the car together. Team leaders begin preparing the summer before the race, which is held in the spring each year. Designs are discussed and funding issues ironed out. When classes resume in the fall, the team tries to secure new talent.

"We take people from all backgrounds. Some of the volunteers aren't in engineering, but they love cars, so they come out. We will take anyone who's interested," Goward says. "There is a lot of work that goes into this, so the more hands the better."

Racing hearts and knowing parts

While sponsors donate some of the key parts, Goward estimates that 75 percent of the car is hand-built right on campus by the students. The 2004 car weighed in at 520 pounds with 73 horsepower and acceleration from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 3.5 seconds. The student cars are smaller, less powerful and much less expensive versions of the Formula One cars, coming in at \$25,000 or less.

"What the students put into this project every year is amazing," says Sangeorzan. "They have a fire in their bellies that drives them to do their best. They don't receive (college) credit or pay, they just get some tremendous experience. Not even a chief engineer at a major car manufacturer has this type of intimate knowledge of building a car."

Students must find their own funding sources, seek donations, and design and construct the car on their own. It's the overall experience that keeps students like Goward involved.

"I'll never get this type of experience again in my life. I know that there is no job out there that will allow me to be this hands-on, that's why I love doing it," she says.

Nobody can predict where the team will finish next year, but Goward and Sangeorzan are optimistic about its chances. With designs completed, an engine secured and sponsors lined up, the team now turns its attention to recruiting future competitors with the goal of someday being the world's top Formula SAE team — a finish line almost in view. ■

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The Formula SAE team is made possible through donations and sponsorship. Steve Sharf, OU Foundation Board of Directors member (left), and David Fischer, OU Board of Trustees member, are long time supporters of the university and generous donors to the SAE team. The program also receives support from the Ford Motor Company. ●



“We are stewards of Meadow Brook Hall, its collections and its grounds, and it is our responsibility to the founder of the hall and to our community to protect these treasures and make sure they are here for years to come.”

— Geoff Upward, interim director of Meadow Brook Hall

Timeless Meadow Brook Hall at 75 Treasure

**An American dream captured in brick, stone,
time and memory** By Lillian Lorenzi

On a cold, wet November evening 75 years ago more than 850 friends, family members, socialites, dignitaries and auto industry movers and shakers made the long drive out from the city to what was then a place in the deep countryside — Matilda and Alfred Wilson's spectacular new home. That gala housewarming party, just days after the terrible economic crash of 1929, was the first of many celebrations held at Meadow Brook Hall.

The 110-room, 88,000-square-foot Tudor-revival style home was a dream that began almost five years before. Matilda and Alfred, newly wed in 1925, set out to build a home for their family. Matilda had become a young widow with three small children in 1920 when her husband, Detroit's auto giant John F. Dodge, became one of the thousands claimed by the great influenza epidemic that year.

Alfred and Matilda toured the great homes of England on their honeymoon and began planning Meadow Brook Hall. They chose to build at Meadow Brook Farms, the acres of rolling hills and forest Dodge had purchased.

The home and grounds cost the couple \$4 million and took nearly four years to build. Matilda insisted on using primarily American materials and on employing many local artisans and trades people.

Meadow Brook Hall, which today is the fourth largest historic house museum in the country, is Matilda's legacy and so much more. Since 1957, when she gave the home

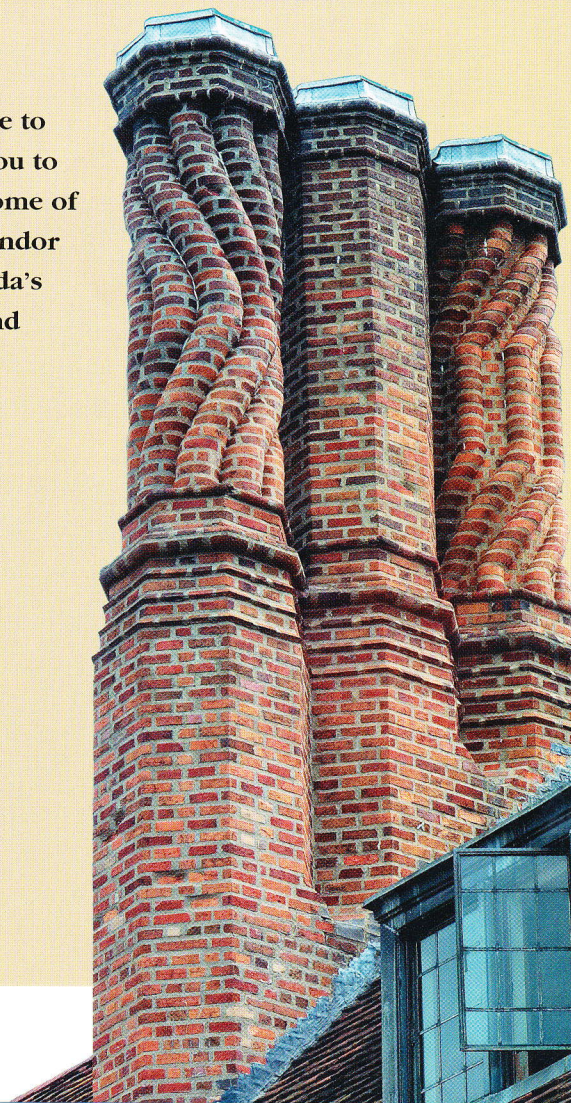
and grounds to the university (in the largest planned gift in the university's history), her gift has meant so much to so many members of this community.

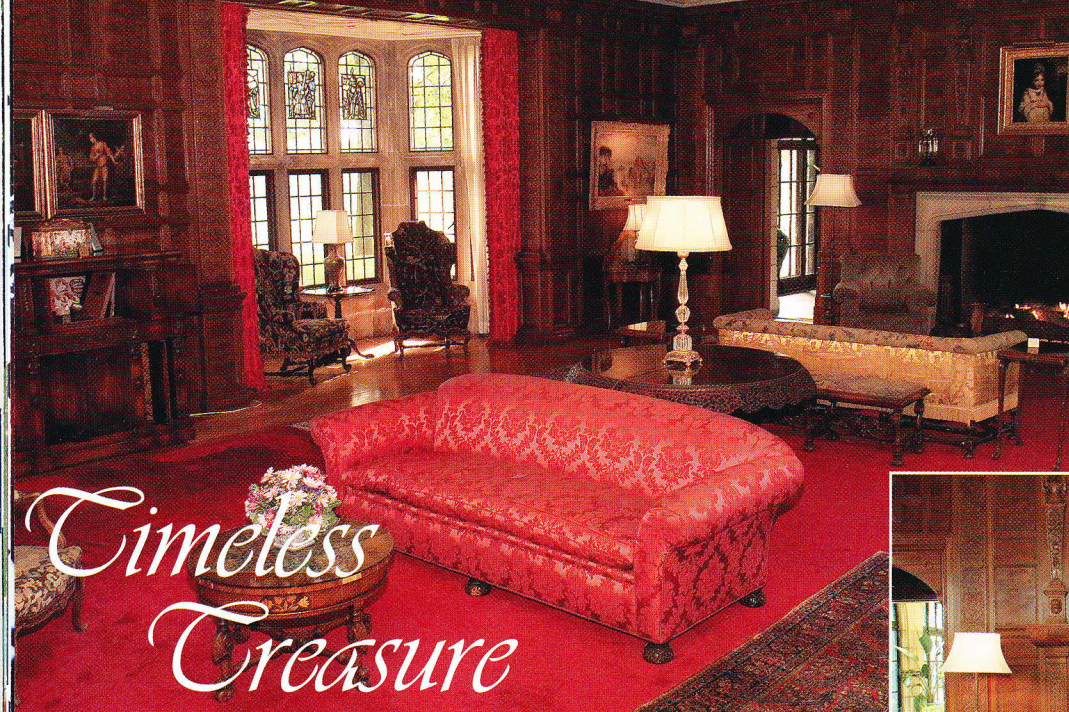
This year, on the hall's 75th anniversary, the generous and unprecedented gift of \$7 million from the Matilda R. Wilson Fund to complete critical repairs and restorations in the house will ensure that Matilda and Alfred's home and this great national treasure will be preserved for generations to come.

**We'd like to
invite you to
enjoy some of
the splendor
of Matilda's
pride and
joy...**

◀ *The Wilsons made it a point to use local designers, artisans and materials in building the hall. That idea is reflected here in stone carvings of native Michigan animals above the front door.*

▶ *The hall has 39 unique chimneys serving 24 fireplaces. The roof, gutters and windows throughout the house will be repaired during renovations. A \$10,000 grant from the MotorCities National Heritage Area will help fund repairs of the ornately carved gutter system.*





◀ The spacious living room is adorned with hand-carved oak and custom designed Tiffany stained glass windows.

Damage to the interior of the house has occurred due to roof leaks, and steam and water damage from the heating system. Interior repairs will be made to those areas, including a damaged living room wall, the wall coverings in Matilda's bedroom, and plaster damage to the Spanish Room in the lower level.

Timeless Treasure

Matilda's timeless gift

"The Matilda R. Wilson Fund gift gives us the opportunity to move ahead with this museum for the next 75 years," says Geoff Upward, interim director of Meadow Brook Hall. "This renovation was an absolute must for the preservation of the hall and we're very thankful to the Wilson Fund for recognizing this and stepping forward."

The work began this summer and is expected to be completed in 2006. Much of the architectural infrastructure will be refurbished, including extensive repairs to the roof, replacement and repairs of the gutter system, parapets, windows, doors and stone floors, and electrical and heating and cooling systems.

Once this first phase of renovations is complete, a second phase will be necessary to return the house to its original splendor. Those repairs, restoration projects and updates are estimated at \$10 million. Future goals also include setting aside in excess of \$300,000 annually for ongoing maintenance of the hall. To achieve these reserves, the hall will depend upon donor and community support to build an operational endowment fund.

A new business plan to enhance the operational strength of the museum also is in the works. The plan includes a partnership with a major caterer to increase the size and frequency of corporate and social events to supplement revenue from museum activity.



Photos at right

The two green, overstuffed chairs sitting in front of the fireplace were brought by Matilda from her first house with John Dodge. "Those chairs were occupied just about every lunch hour by John and Horace Dodge."
— Matilda Dodge Wilson

The massive Aeolian organ, which still works, was originally ordered in 1919 for the Dodge mansion (which was never completed) in Grosse Pointe. Organ pipes in four rooms allow music to reverberate throughout the house. The lamp above the organ is a signed Tiffany and the sculpture is a Vannucci.

"I believe every woman who possibly can should devote some time to civic affairs."

— Matilda Dodge Wilson



▲ A gift from Margaret and Gary Valade made it possible to restore this hand-carved mirror and repair the Waterford chandelier in Matilda's study. She sat for many hours at the desk attending to her many civic, business and community projects.

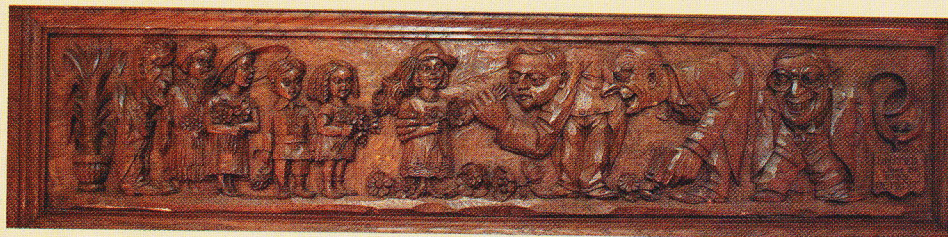
Matilda — a leader in business, politics and the community

Here is a quick look at some of Matilda Dodge Wilson's many accomplishments and honors:

- appointed the first female Lieutenant Governor of the State of Michigan in 1940
- named in *Time* magazine's "most prominent women in U.S. banking" when she is appointed chairman of the board at Fidelity Bank & Trust Company in 1931
- one of 10 women in the Michigan delegation of the Salvation Army to attend the 1928 Republican National Convention
- holds offices in numerous charitable and service organizations including the Historic Memorials Society and the Salvation Army
- serves as treasurer of the National Council of Women, an organization working for women's rights
- receives an honorary law degree from Michigan State University in 1957
- receives the Salvation Army's Distinguished Service Cross in 1957

"My mother liked putting on parties."

— Richard Wilson, Matilda and Alfred's son



A place for celebrations

Parties to remember include Frances Dodge's 25th birthday party (the entertainment included the Tommy Dorsey band and singer Frank Sinatra) in 1939, Barbara Wilson's coming out party in 1950, Christmas and New Year's Eve parties, and the largest gathering of Oakland University students, faculty and alumni in 1963 for Matilda's 80th birthday. The wood relief above, which adorns Alfred Wilson's study, depicts Alfred (who was very tall) and Matilda's wedding.

► In planning her home, Matilda spoke of how she wanted the great winding staircase built: "I know just how I want it. I can see Frances coming down the steps as a bride." That's exactly what happened in 1938 when Frances married James Johnson. Here, Matilda congratulates the bride; Alfred is to the left.

Today, stately and majestic Meadow Brook Hall has become popular as a perfect setting for corporate and social gatherings, weddings and community and civic meetings.





Matilda's Rose Garden

At home in the garden

"Great homes need great gardens."

That simple, but ultimately grand statement has led Roberta Bresette through 10 years of planning, planting and fundraising with the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. She and 104 other volunteers can take credit for designing, watering, planting, mulching, fertilizing and taking tender loving care of the 16 glorious beds of gardens and 42 urns that surround the hall.

"We do it because we love it," says Bresette, current garden club president. "It's a beautiful historic house and we feel privileged to work here."

Volunteers logged more than 2,700 hours of labor last year. Goals for this year included replanting the beds and repairing the walkway at Knole Cottage and designing and planting Tilly's trial garden with annuals.

The club raises its own funds and sponsors monthly garden programs January through May, September and October. Anyone may attend. The club is always looking for new volunteers — no gardening experience required!

For information on programs or how to join or support the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club, call (248) 370-3140.

HOLIDAY SHOP Stop by and get your artificial arrangements for this year's holiday season. November 18, 19, 20 at the hall's coach house.



Exterior renovation plans call for installing arbors in Matilda's Rose Garden (which were part of the original garden seen here), a new roof at Knole Cottage (Frances Dodge's fully functional playhouse), and repairs of exterior walkways on the hall grounds.

A labor of love: Volunteering at the hall



Barbara and Doug Thorpe, long-time volunteers at the hall. Barbara was born on the Meadow Brook Farm, where her father worked.

It takes a lot of day-to-day work to maintain and operate Meadow Brook Hall. But as Barbara Thorpe, who was born on Matilda's farm and has been a volunteer at the hall for going on 33 years, will tell you, "I miss it when I'm away too long. It feels like my second home."

Technically, the Meadow Brook Farm was her first home. Her father was in charge of the dairy operation and she grew up on the grounds. In 1971, when the house was opened to the public, Barbara and her husband, Doug, became volunteers. She gave tours for years and was in charge of archives. Doug, as a founding member of the volunteer

group the Squires, uses his carpentry skills to help with projects like painting, repairs and putting up Christmas trees for Holiday Walk. The Squires, a men's group of about 20, handle small maintenance projects inside and outside the hall.

"This was a wonderful place to grow up and it's a beautiful place to work," Barbara says with a smile.

Barbara is one of 325 volunteers that work at the hall. It took more than 13,000 volunteer hours last year to successfully run Meadow Brook Hall. For information on volunteering, call Irene Connors at (248) 370-3140.



▲ Matilda's bedroom is 736 square feet. It was one of only two carpeted rooms in the house. Matilda ordered custom silk wall coverings for the room, which were recently damaged due to a roof leak. They will be replaced with similar material during the restoration.



Richard and Barbara Wilson, circa 1935, with their Pekingese. (Frances Dodge raised the prize-winning canines, selling one to Clark Gable and one to Shirley Temple.)

Growing up in an American castle



Richard Wilson, Matilda and Alfred's son, was adopted in 1930 at 18 months old and grew up at Meadow Brook Hall. A retired businessman now living in Florida, he returns to his childhood home just about every August for the Concours d'Elegance.

Being a kid

It was a wonderful place to grow up. We rode horses, hunted pheasants and deer, swam and did just about anything we wanted to do. I really liked the hidden staircase (leading from Mr. Wilson's room to the

lower level) as a kid. I would get my friends in there and turn out the lights. It was pitch dark. I'd scare the heck out of them. I thought that was great fun.

When I got a little older, I worked with the Hereford cattle that we had. I'd go with my dad on cattle buying trips.

When I was 16, my mother asked me if I would like to move into Danny's (Matilda's son with John Dodge) bedroom. It had been closed for seven years since his death. She was the only one that went in there. I said 'Yes. That would be great!' I loved that room.

A favorite time of year

My mother always liked Christmas. She was always very interested in the Salvation Army and the Denby Home, which was a home for orphan girls. She'd have a present for each one of them – 30 or 40 girls. We'd always go down there on Christmas Eve. We'd get home around 10 p.m. and decorate the tree. She'd stay up until 3 or 4 in the morning and wrap presents.

My mother and father were both involved in community and charity work. They always felt they owed it to the community.

The hall today

It's nice to see how the university has maintained the house. A lot of people have put a lot of tender loving care into it. It was wonderful for the foundation to give the \$7-million gift. I know my mother would have been pleased.



▲ Danny Dodge's bedroom became Richard's room when he was 16. Danny, Matilda's son from her first marriage, was killed in a boating accident at age 21 while on his honeymoon. This room, like all the bedrooms, features details in the hardware and fixtures of things the family member enjoyed. In Danny's case, it's planes and cars.

Timeless Treasure



The hand-carved ornate plaster ceiling in the Christopher Wren Dining Room contains details of cherubs and the Dodge coat of arms. It is in need of cleaning and some repairs, which may be included in the current restoration project. The dining room table was built to seat 40 guests.



Remembering Matilda

Matilda's builder "My father started me out cleaning the gutters at the hall. It was one of the worst jobs imaginable," laughs Roy Rewold. "Twice a year, I cleaned them all."

Rewold, president of the local construction company, Frank Rewold and Son Inc, is the third generation in his family to work at the hall. His grandfather built the original fences around the property and his father, Frank, was Matilda's right-hand man for maintenance and repairs.

"Just about every morning my father would have coffee with Matilda," says Roy. "Then they'd get in his pick-up and drive around the property. She'd point out all the things that needed doing and he'd take care of it."

He remembers Matilda as a woman who knew what she wanted.

"My first project out of high school was to build Sunset Terrace (the Wilson's modern retirement home on the property)," Rewold says. "Matilda was very knowledgeable about building and we worked closely together to design and plan the house. You couldn't find a more down-to-earth person than her."

Rewold's company is the construction manager for the current renovation project.

"We're really pleased that we got the job. It's going to be like going back home."

OU's first employee George Karas got to know Matilda when he was hired as the first official employee of Oakland University in 1958. Karas, a civil engineer, worked with OU's first chancellor, Durward "Woody" Varner, to plan the campus. Karas was just out of engineering school when Varner referred him for the job. During his early years at OU, he met with Matilda regularly.

"She was a very strong woman, but also very gracious," he recalls. "One time, we were talking about where to locate the Meadow Brook Music Festival. Woody was concerned that the location was too close to Sunset Terrace, where Mrs. Wilson was living at the time. He brought it up to her and she looked right at him and said, 'Woody, I like music.' That was it."

Karas, who still comes back to the hall for special events, says he was very fortunate to get that first call from Varner. "It was an



This August 16, 1958 meeting was one of four seminars held at the hall to discuss academic direction for the new university. Matilda is in the first seat on the right.

opportunity of a lifetime. I have great memories."

Attorney to the estate "She was kind and gentle, but she made her wishes clear. She was a very energetic and dynamic woman who knew what she wanted."

That's how George Miller, a local attorney, recalls Matilda. Miller has been involved with the Matilda R. Wilson Fund as a trustee and the Wilson's estate for more than 40 years through his law firm, Bodman, Longley and Dahling.

His experience with Meadow Brook Hall, however, started long before his law career.

"I was a farmhand there when I was 14," he says. "I mowed grass, fed livestock and did just about anything else you do on a farm. I still go back for events and it brings back a lot of memories."



"The Board of Trustees, the university leadership, volunteers, key friends in the community and the Matilda R. Wilson Fund have all come together to preserve this house. We now must move forward to build an operational endowment to ensure the future of the hall in all its splendor for the next 75 years."

— Geoff Upward, interim director of Meadow Brook Hall

If you would like to help support the preservation and restoration of Meadow Brook Hall, see the envelope in this issue of OU Magazine.

South Beach Diet Doctor

By Lillian Lorenzi

Pre-Symptom MEDICINE

This past June, Oakland University's first national Congress on Pre-Symptom Medicine brought leading experts together to discuss advances in diagnosing and treating disease long before symptoms occur — a topic at the very frontier of medical thought.

Bill Bryan



Dr. Arthur Agatston, author of the South Beach Diet.

Mention the South Beach Diet and people inevitably start talking about counting carbs, but Dr. Arthur Agatston, the famous diet's creator, will be the first one to tell you that it's not just about counting carbs, it's about chemistry, metabolism and what humans were doing 2 million years ago (HINT: hunting and gathering food, instead of U-scanning frozen pizza and soda pop).

Agatston's message — good health is about acting, not reacting — was the central theme to the unprecedented meeting on Pre-Symptom Medicine (PSM) a still pioneering discipline devoted to preventing, diagnosing and treating root causes before the symptoms for heart disease, colon cancer and other life-threatening diseases become apparent.

In addition to Agatston, others on point included Dr. H. Robert Superko, director of the Cholesterol, Genetics and Heart Disease Institute at Berkeley HeartLab and

author of *Before the Heart Attacks*; Dr. Mary Elizabeth Roth, a leading woman's heart disease expert and vice president of Medical Affairs at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, Penn.; and Mitsue Miyazaki, PhD, international clinical scientist, Toshiba Medical Systems in Nasu, Japan.

Roger S. Newton, PhD, president and CEO of Esperion Therapeutics Inc. in Ann Arbor, kicked off the event with a discussion of "Evolution of New Medicines for the Rapid Reversal of Heart Disease." The congress also devoted a day to colon cancer, and the screening and diagnostic tools now in place.

The event, sponsored by the university in conjunction with Early Warning Healthcare Institute in Auburn Hills, and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and Cardiology and Vascular Associates, drew physicians and other medical practitioners as well as community members and leaders in business, labor and government to the campus to better understand how medical advances and the principles of PSM could both save lives and help control burgeoning health care costs.

"The overwhelming interest shown in the PSM congress by physicians and the public confirms in my mind that there is wide spread support for a shift in health care, from treating disease when it is symptomatic to screening as a way to avoid disease," said Dr. Donald Bronn, program chair for the event and head of Early Warning Healthcare Institute.

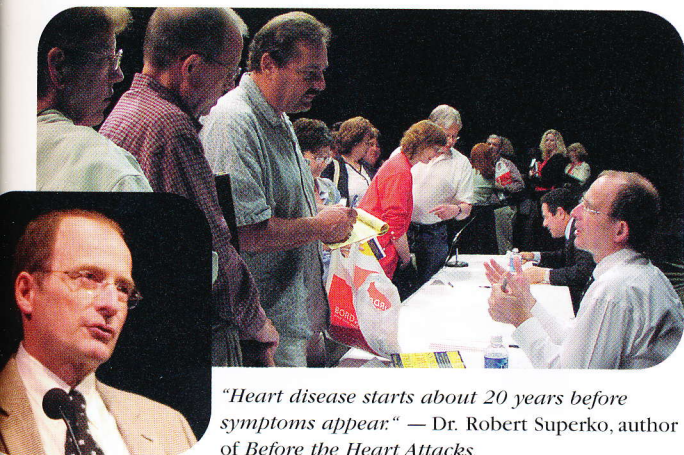
Eating for the heart

Agatston's appearance made the fare for the three-day event all the fuller — and healthier. A cardiologist and pioneer in cardiac imaging, Agatston discussed new findings

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— Dr. Donald Bronn, program chair of the three-day Pre-Symptom Medicine Congress

Headlines at OU



"Heart disease starts about 20 years before symptoms appear." — Dr. Robert Superko, author of Before the Heart Attacks.

on early detection of heart disease and early intervention through lifestyle changes, primarily dietary changes that reflect the latest findings on fats and carbohydrates.

"In the 80s, I was watching my patients, the nation and myself getting bellies on all these low-fat, high-carb diets," he pointed out, adding that many low fat foods are very high in sugar.

Agatston looked to new research to determine what type of diet would work best for his patients. The result was the South Beach Diet and a better understanding of fats, carbohydrates and the metabolic response they create in the body. It turns out, Agatston said, that all fats aren't bad for you and the very, very low fat-high carb diets can actually decrease levels of HDL (the "good" cholesterol) and increase triglycerides (fat in the blood).

Agatston explained that unlike the low-fat diets typically recommended for diabetes and heart patients, the South Beach Diet takes things a few steps further, identifying the "good" fats that you really need and rating carbohydrates according to their glycemic value — how quickly a food raises blood sugar.

Designing genes

While knowing food group rights and wrongs is essential to eating for good health, Superko pointed out that, from a hereditary standpoint, the dieting game is hardly taking place on a level playing field. Some people possess a gene that causes them to pack on dangerous weight while those without the gene have a much easier time keeping weight under control.

"The most common cause of heart attack is a gene," he said. "This genetic link is more significant than smoking."

This so called "thrifty" gene helped mankind make it through times of famine, but today, puts people at much

higher risk for cardiovascular disease. If you have the gene, Superko said, a diet high in sugar can trigger it.

Out in front of cancer

In addition to diet and the prevention of heart disease, pre-symptom medical experts set their sights — make that scopes — on colon cancer. Attendees of day three of the congress heard from Dr. James Ehrlich; Dr. Mark Wax; Dr. John Bond, and others discussing the application and effectiveness of virtual colonoscopy, the newest tool in early detection of colon cancer and other imaging and treatment advances.

The three-day congress did all that it was supposed to and then some.

"We had so many physicians attend and remark on how important and remarkable the information presented was," says Bronn. "And, as a result of the conference, a movement has formed to formalize the first professional medical association for pre-symptom medicine." ■

For more information on the congress, click on www3.oakland.edu/oakland/psm; for more information on Early Warning Healthcare Institute, visit www.earlywarninghealth.net.

Honoring the work of Robert Atkins

The late Dr. Robert Atkins, famous author of the Atkins Diet and a pioneer in understanding the role of carbohydrates in weight gain and obesity, was honored at the event with the National Pre-Symptom Medicine Impact Award. His wife, Veronica, accepted the award on his behalf.

"We recognize Dr. Atkins for his tremendous efforts in improving the health of others and paving the way for a healthy America," said OU President Gary Russi in presenting the award. "Today the Atkins Nutritional Approach is widely used by physicians around the country for controlling obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other medical conditions."

The award, a crystal swan, was engraved with this quote: "A new medical idea that challenges conventional wisdom is routinely greeted as an ugly duckling and its significance is never fully realized until it matures into a beautiful swan." ●



OU President Gary Russi (right) presented Veronica Atkins (widow of Dr. Robert Atkins) with the first Pre-Symptom Medicine Impact Award, a crystal swan. Dr. Donald Bronn (left) was program chair for the three-day congress.



HOPS abroad



While graduating Oakland players haven't yet netted NBA or WNBA contracts, many are posting up with professional teams in other countries. By David Driver

Budapest, Hungary — It is a cloudy, chilly spring morning in central Europe and former Oakland basketball star Brad Buddenborg is loading up on cappuccino at a coffee house near his apartment. He's jump-starting after a late-night practice. And he is sitting right where he wants to be.

"Even if I don't get paid a huge amount of money, I am seeing other countries and other cultures. I wouldn't mind playing in other European countries if I get the chance," he says.

Shooting pro hoops

Buddenborg wasn't sure he would ever play again after an ankle injury forced him to the sidelines in 2003. But this past season, the 6-foot-5-inch shooting guard has not only played, he is one of several former Oakland standouts who play basketball for pro teams outside the United States.

And, as they may or may not say in Hungary, he's got game. Buddenborg averaged 14.1 points per game last season, leading the team and matching up against some real talent: He played against other Americans from such top-notch college programs as Duke, Wake Forest, Illinois, Colorado State and Arkansas.

Above from left to right: Brad Buddenborg in Budapest, Hungary, where he played pro ball last season; Eric Taylor, who's been playing professional basketball on European courts since 1995; and Katie Wolfe who saw her dream of continuing to play ball after graduation come true in Denmark and Iceland last year.

Not a surprise to Greg Kampe, OU men's basketball head coach. "He came up big in many important games for us," he says of Buddenborg's OU play, in which he averaged at least 12.9 points per game all four years.

In fact, Buddenborg helped lead OU to one of its best wins ever, when the Grizzlies beat Michigan 97-90 on their home court in November 2000, the year that the team transitioned from Division II to Division I contender. Since that time, Oakland University has established itself as one of the best men's basketball programs in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Does today's Buddenborg, who completed his degree in education this past spring, see parallels to his Grizzlies days?

"The camaraderie of the guys. I have always liked to play with unselfish players. In that respect (b-ball in Hungary) has been nice. Our offense is focused toward the team and that's refreshing," he says.

A European career

Eric Taylor, who scored big for Oakland during the 1988-92 seasons, has also gone pro on European courts. And with slam-dunk results. He was the most valuable player and the top guard in Sweden in 2003. Earlier this year he signed a contract with Plannja Basket Lulea, which will keep him in Sweden for the next two seasons. The 5-foot-10-inch guard has been a pro since 1995, playing in Germany, Sweden, England and Finland. Although he never envisioned such a long European career, it suits him well.

"The biggest thing for me has been the personal experience, to travel to so many different places and to learn another language (German)," he says. "I never thought I would have the opportunity ... to do something that I love to do so much."

Taylor, who graduated in 1993 with a degree in human resource development, credits his former coach with getting his European career started.

"Coach Kampe knew an American coach in Germany and he came to see me," says Taylor. "He signed me the next year and I've been playing in Europe ever since. That first call went a long way. The coach (Kampe) really helped me a lot, not only as a player, but as a person. Pretty much everyone who walks through his doors gets a degree, and that speaks a lot about him."

Wolfe's star rises

On the women's side, Katie Wolfe got an offer to play in Copenhagen, Denmark, and was on court for about 12 games there last August until the team was dissolved due to financial problems.

But the 5-foot-10-inch shooting guard didn't stay on the sidelines for long. Wolfe sent tapes to an Iceland team and landed on her feet there in December, playing the last four months of the season. She was the only American on both teams.

Wolfe, who earned her degree in 2003 majoring in sociology, says her OU career —

and her coaches, Beckie Francis and Eileen Hilliard — prepared her well for pro basketball.

Wolfe says that Hilliard helped get her European career started.

"She had played in Denmark and called her contacts," she says. "That led to the team in Copenhagen. When you graduate it's hard because you don't know anyone, and at that point, it's all about contacts. I knew I wanted to keep playing basketball and Europe gave me the opportunity to do that — and travel all over!"

As for Hilliard, she says she'd be happy to coach another 10 girls like Wolfe.

"She was a great player with a great work ethic," she says. "Katie was someone who really wanted to do better and she set a great example for the team."

This season, Wolfe is playing again in Iceland.

In all, OU has had 15 of its former starters play international hoops. But, lest traveling from capital to capital sounds too much like endless vacation, Buddenborg points out that in Europe at least, teams practice twice a day — not once a week like they do stateside. Make that cappuccino a grandé. ■

For more information on OU basketball, click on www.ougrizzlies.com.

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Outside the perimeter: Brad Buddenborg and Katee Hermansen, a dance major at OU and member of OU's dance team "Images," were married this summer in Michigan.

At the next level

Here is a look at former OU basketball players who have played pro overseas and across the border:

Women — 2004 season

Katie Wolfe (Denmark, Iceland)

Women — Past season

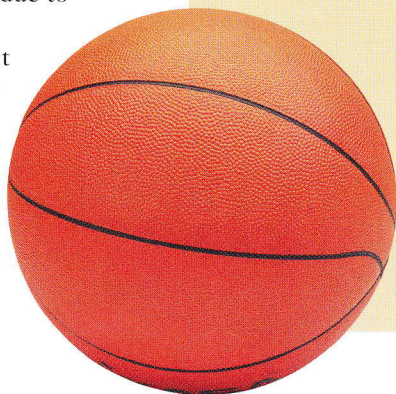
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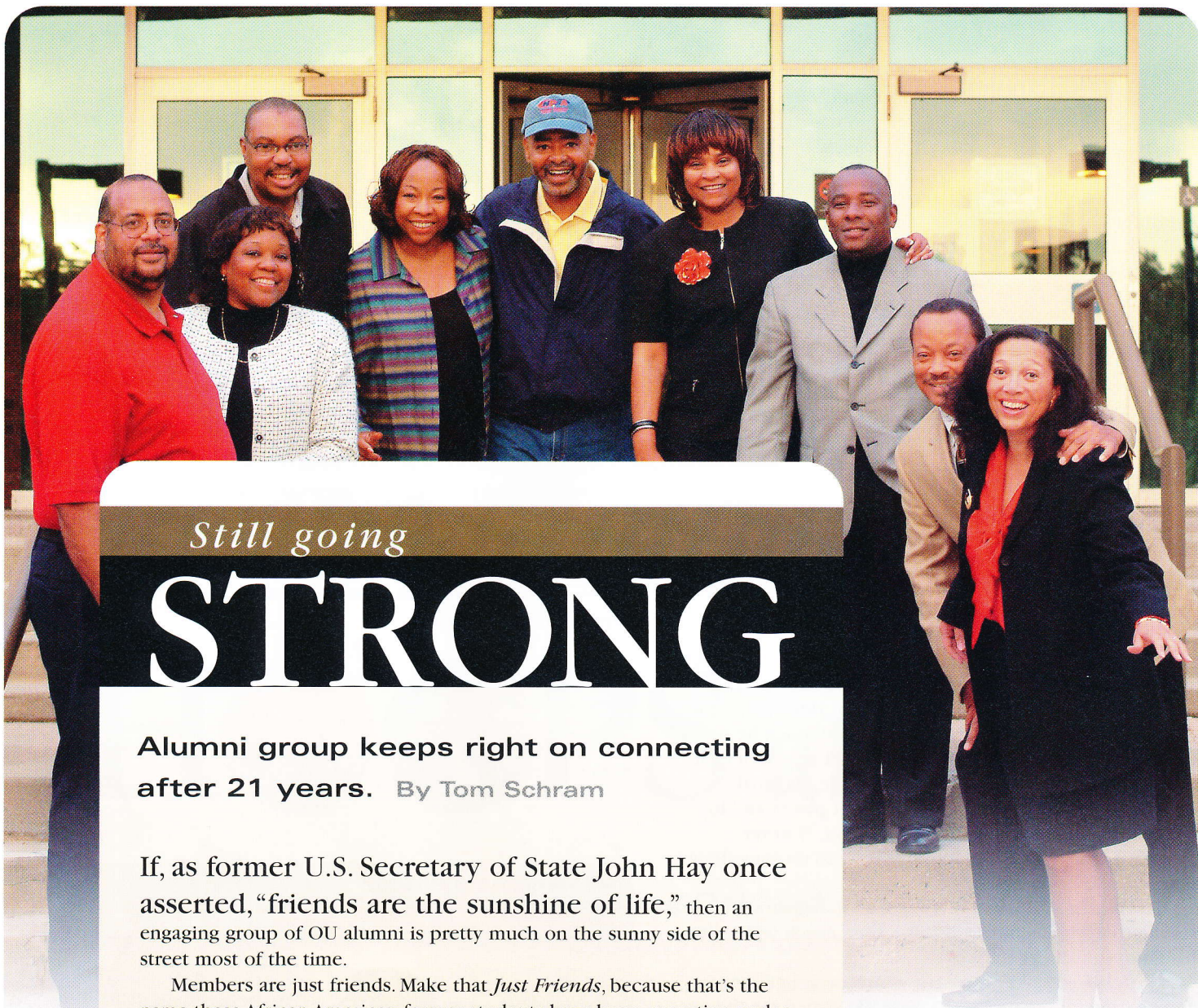
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Brad Buddenborg (Hungary)
Mike Covington (Mexico)
Adrian Martin (Mexico)
Eric Taylor (Sweden)

Men — Past seasons

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Lee Fitzpatrick (Germany)
John Henderson (Germany)
Dennis Kann (Austria)
Kevin Kovach (Germany)
Tom Marowell (Belgium)
Ty McGregor (Denmark)
Matt Stuck (Germany) ●





Still going

STRONG

Alumni group keeps right on connecting after 21 years. By Tom Schram

If, as former U.S. Secretary of State John Hay once asserted, “friends are the sunshine of life,” then an engaging group of OU alumni is pretty much on the sunny side of the street most of the time.

Members are just friends. Make that *Just Friends*, because that’s the name these African American former students have been operating under for two decades. After becoming close at OU as undergraduates in the late 1970s, there was a sense of something missing when they began their professional lives, says Janice Green CAS ’74, who is now the assistant dean of the College Education at Wayne State University.

“We just felt we needed to come together in a social situation,” she explains. “We just felt a void.”

Nature abhors a vacuum and from a small gathering of about a dozen alumni who formed the core group, *Just Friends* came to life. Kevin Williams CAS ’76 was the first chairperson.

“We had a common goal in that we were all there to complete our undergraduate degrees,” he says. “We met in small study groups and we became close friends, academically, socially and culturally. That bond just continued to grow.”

Connected at the heart

No one can quite remember how the idea for a holiday party came about, but the celebration became the focus of *Just Friends*.

“We wanted to have a party that was free for people who had attended Oakland University,” says Nikki Moss CAS ’76. “And it was primarily African-

Just Friends back at Kresge Library; left to right: Kevin Williams and Andrea Kendrick-Williams, Harvey Farmer, Cheryl Dove, Louis Mitchell, Janice Green, Robert Thorton, Gary and Nikki Moss.

Several members of the group worked at OU after graduation. Green worked in Student Affairs; Gary Moss worked in Student Services and the Academic Skills Center; and Williams worked in Student Services and with Project Upward Bound.



American students. So a group of us chipped in about \$25 each to rent a facility and have food."

Moss was a prime-time player in that first 1983 event, held at the Linkage Club, a Detroit Edison building. She says they were expecting a couple of dozen people. More than 100 showed up.

And that's been reflective of the history of the event as it outgrew the Linkage Club and then the Northwest Activities Center. It now is held — usually on the Saturday before Christmas — at the Belle Isle Casino.

No one expected such success.

"We never looked at it as a vision," says Green. "An annual party was not even our intention. We've had storms, blizzards and we still get a full house. It pretty much runs itself now."

The Just Friends party runs itself primarily because of Louis Mitchell CAS '79, who puts the skills he uses as coordinator for Specialized Services for the City of Detroit Recreation Department to work on the annual event. "It's a labor of love," admits Mitchell, who is now the group's informal chair. "We made such great connections in college. With my experience doing special events, it's just a matter of connecting the dots and making sure everybody does what they need to do."

And it works. Up to 500 people are expected to show up for this year's party when Just Friends reaches the legal age of 21. As usual, there will be plenty of great food, drink and music ranging from classic jazz to blues to hip-hop. The event is no longer free, but typically the charge is a nominal fee of \$10.

Party plans

One of the collateral goals of the party is to work up enthusiasm for the Black Alumni Chapter at OU. After being inactive for more than a decade, the chapter was reinvigorated last year by Anthony Thornton CAS '76.

"Oakland University is made up of a bunch of different



Nikki and Gary Moss, who have been married for 30 years, met while they were students at Oakland.



Below: Kevin and Andrea also met at Oakland. They were married in 1978.

Above: Robert Thornton, who has known Janice Green (behind him) since they went to Highland Park High School together, is easy to laugh when he and his Friends get together.

backgrounds and cultures and ethnic groups," Thornton says. "The black alumni are an important part of that because it's only by telling that story and other stories that you get a complete story. And it helps in terms of recruiting minority students to come to Oakland University when they actually get a chance to talk to somebody who has had that experience."

Anthony's brother Robert Thornton CAS '77 was among the Just Friends core group.

"One of our primary goals is to serve as a resource for African-American students and as a resource for the university," says Robert. "We believe that there needs to be a connection across those generations."

And for generations to come. Although the original group is starting to go gray and knows the torch will someday be passed, no one is ready to quit just yet. December in Michigan may turn cold and cloudy, but for these OU alumni, the sunshine of friendship has never beamed brighter. ■

If you'd like information about this year's party scheduled for December 18, e-mail lmitchel@rec.ci.detroit.mi.us.

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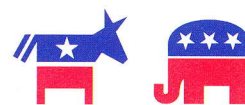
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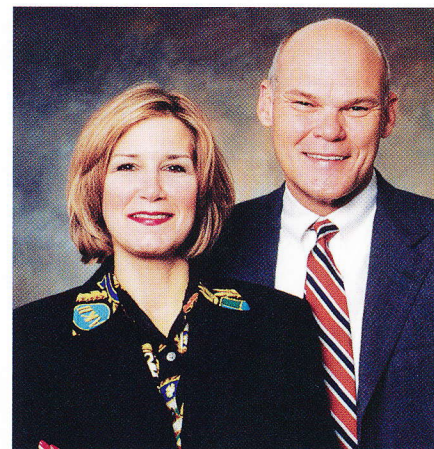
An "arty" opening night

Immerse yourself in Art at Meadow Brook Theatre. The popular stage play runs October 16 through November 7. See the thought-provoking Broadway hit by Yasmina Reza and find out what happens between three friends when one buys a provocative piece of art. The Tony-Award-winning play is staged by the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble, now celebrating its second season. While at the theatre, don't miss Meadow Brook Art Gallery's new exhibition, *Passage, Inference and Surface: Paintings by Wendy Roberts and Nolan Simon*. OUAA members and friends will receive a special discount on their tickets, which include admission to Meadow Brook Art Gallery. For information or to make a reservation, please call (248) 370-3300. ●

Carville and Matalin on campus



Two of Washington's best-known voices, James Carville and Mary Matalin, spoke at OU on the American political scene September 29. With their long-standing rivalry, this husband and wife team brought humor and decades of high-level experience to the stage with their lecture, *All's Fair Love, War and Politics*. Carville, known as a top Democratic Party strategist, and Matalin, one of the Republican Party's most successful campaign advisers, based their talk on their best-selling book *All's Fair in Love, War and Running for President*. The event was co-sponsored by the OU Alumni Association, the Student Life Lecture Board and Starr Commonwealth. ●



2004 Alumni Awards Banquet

Alumni Awards Banquet celebrates excellence

With so many alumni accomplishing so much, it is difficult to choose just a few to represent the diverse talents of Oakland University's graduates. The Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) will recognize eight individuals who have exemplified excellence at this year's Alumni Awards Banquet on November 6, 2004. Recipients include **Marianne Fey Miller** CAS '80, executive vice president of McCann Erickson. Miller earned the Distinguished Alumni Service Award, OU's highest alumni honor, which recognizes peerless volunteer leadership in service to Oakland University or its alumni association.

Fellow College of Arts and Sciences 1980 graduate **Jeffrey Hansen**, a professor at Colorado State University, will take home the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for outstanding professional achievement or contribution to the community.

Two of OU's more recent graduates, **Christy Hicks** CAS '97, a youth and community development agent with the Michigan State University Extension

Youth Workforce Preparation Project, and **Staci Ross Carr** CAS '96, director of off-site services and program director of The Faison School for Autism, will receive the Odyssey Award, which honors alumni whose lives exemplify Oakland's motto to "seek virtue and knowledge."

Gary Brancalone SBA '82 of Charter One Bank and **Beth Benson** SBA '81, manager of quality and administration at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, will be recognized with the Spirit Award for their exemplary volunteer service to the university.

Two well-known OU faces will be made honorary alumni at this fall's ceremony. **Carl F. Barnes Jr.**, OU professor emeritus of art history, and **George Preisinger**, assistant vice president of classroom support and technical services, both will be invited to join the prestigious ranks of OU's honorary alumni for their outstanding service to the university.

For more information on this year's Alumni Awards Banquet, please call (248) 370-3700, ext. 1390, or e-mail oualumni@oakland.edu. ●

New faces for OUAA board

Three new members joined the Oakland University Alumni Association board of directors recently. **Joseph Gardella Jr.** CAS '77, a professor of chemistry and associate dean for external affairs of the University of Buffalo, SUNY, possesses extensive experience with federal science agencies, curriculum development groups and other aspects of academic leadership. In addition to a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Oakland, Gardella earned his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh and has been honored as a Lawrence M. Gelb Foundation Fellow and an Exxon Education Foundation Fellow.

Garry Gilbert CAS '95, '02 serves as executive editor of *The Daily Oakland Press*. Prior to joining the OUAA board, Gilbert had already contributed to the university in myriad ways, including as an adjunct professor of journalism, an adviser for *The Oakland Post* and *OU Magazine*, as a member of the Alumni

Awards Selection Committee and a volunteer in the development of The Oakland Press Endowed Scholarship for Journalism at OU. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Oakland.

A supporter of OU's Golden Grizzlies men's and women's basketball teams, **Johnna Goodwin** SBA '85 is president and CEO of Changing Places Moving Company, a family-owned full-service moving and storage company serving Michigan since 1979. Goodwin has long-standing affiliations with the Waterford, Rochester Regional and Birmingham-Bloomfield chambers of commerce. She earned her bachelor of science degree in accounting from OU.

The OUAA Board is a 24-member advisory board that guides the Alumni Association and provides counsel and advice to the Alumni Relations Office, president of Oakland University, University Relations Division and OU Board of Trustees. ●



Vienna



China

Travel in style with OUAA

Pack your bags and join the OUAA for a wealth of fabulous travel options next year.

From April 8 - 16, revel in the splendor of Imperial Vienna and enjoy first-class accommodations, historical tours, elegant dining and sophisticated entertainment in one of the world's most luxurious cities. Choose from optional tours of Budapest, Prague, the Danube Valley, Schonbrunn Palace and more during a trip truly fit for a king (or queen)!

When you've unpacked your bags from Vienna, start planning your trip to China from June 9 - 21. The trip includes seven nights of first-class accommodations in Shanghai, Xi-an and Beijing as well as four nights and three full days aboard a Victoria Cruise ship for a once-in-a-lifetime journey down the Yangtze River.

Savor the rich food, drink and scenery of Tuscany, Italy, from Oct. 1 - 9. Spend afternoons on the sandy beaches of the Italian Riviera, sheltered in the shadows of the Ligurian Alps. Visit the Montecatini Terme, best known of all Italian spas, or choose from a variety of optional trips, including excursions to Monte Carlo, Florence, Nice or Turin.

All trips are offered at a specially discounted price for OUAA members and friends. For details and reservations, call (248) 370-3700 or e-mail oualumni@oakland.edu. ●



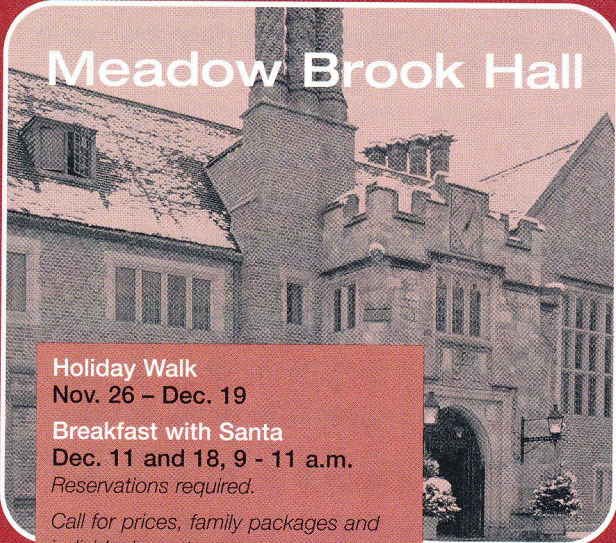
A dream of adventure fulfilled

Leo Bowman CAS '76 and OUAA Board of Directors chairman took a lifelong dream and turned it into reality this past July by running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. He joined thousands of other daredevils from around the world as they ran through the centuries-old streets of Pamplona, keeping steps ahead of the charging animals. "I've wanted to run with the bulls for more than 20 years," says Bowman, chief judge for the Oakland County 50th district court. "And I decided this would be the year."

Bowman was first inspired to make the run after reading Ernest Hemingway's depiction of the Spanish tradition in *The Sun Also Rises*. His deepest motivation, however, came from his desire to reaffirm the positive advice his mother gave him growing up. "I'm just a poor kid who grew up in Pontiac, who listened to his mother tell him that if he studied hard and worked hard, he would make something of himself," Bowman says. ●

Arts at Oakland

Meadow Brook Hall



Holiday Walk
Nov. 26 – Dec. 19

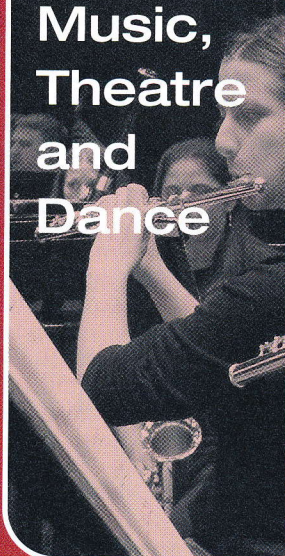
Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 11 and 18, 9 - 11 a.m.
Reservations required.

Call for prices, family packages and individual events.

Special Events and Tours

Meadow Brook Hall
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meadowbrookhall.org

Department of Music, Theatre and Dance



MTD Box Office
Varner Hall
(248) 370-3013
oakland.edu/rmtd

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble
Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m.
Symphonic Band
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 8 p.m.
OU Jazz Singers and Jazz Improv
Tuesday, Nov. 9, 8 p.m.
She Stoops to Conquer
Nov. 11 - Nov. 21
African and Steel Drum Ensembles
Friday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m.
Oakland Symphony at Clarkston High School
Sunday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m.
OU Brass/Piano/Chamber Ensembles
Sunday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
OU Jazz Band/Jazz Singers
Tuesday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company
Friday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m., 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m., 8 p.m.

Arts at Oakland brings the performing and visual arts to life through its member organizations, offering exhibitions, performances and events throughout the year. *Arts at Oakland* serves Oakland University, its neighboring communities and beyond.

Join us often this season.

Fall 2004

Art
By Yasmina Reza
Oct. 13 – Nov. 7
See the accompanying exhibit at Meadow Brook Art Gallery

A Christmas Carol
By Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte
Nov. 26 – Dec. 26



Meadow Brook Theatre

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208 Wilson Hall
(248) 370-3005
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Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Passage, Inference and Surface Paintings by Wendy Roberts and Nolan Simon
Held in conjunction with the Meadow Brook Theatre Ensemble production of Art

Oct. 16 – Nov. 14

Super Sized
Curated by Doug Bulka, Collections Care Specialist: Paper, DIA
Nov. 20 – Dec. 19

Opening reception
Saturday, Nov. 20, 6 - 8 p.m.

Plus other special events and lectures.

Wendy Roberts

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Composed of latex and acrylic paint, glitter, and polycrylic on wood panels, "Au marché," by OU Studio Art graduate Veronica Woloshen, was on display at MBAG.

CAS

Studio art graduates exhibit work at MBAG

As the capstone event for the first graduating class of OU's new Studio Art program, students displayed their work at Meadow Brook Art Gallery (MBAG) for "Debut," a first-ever undergraduate thesis exhibition. The display, held April 16 - May 16, featured an opening reception and artists' talk.

Student artists Lynn Quetell, James Haddrill, Veronica Woloshen and David Shock exhibited their painting and installation pieces. The new Studio Art program, which began in fall 2003, is geared toward students who are considering careers as professional artists, or in one of many art-related fields such as art history, critical writing, art education, and positions in the corporate world that require creative thinking.



OU celebrates the power of the presidency

Amid a backdrop of this year's heated election campaigns, OU students examined how presidential leadership affects society and democracy through the "Celebrating Liberal Arts: Presidential Leadership" initiative.

Students enrolled in a number of presidential-themed courses and first-year rhetoric classes delved into the 2004-05 community book, *The Press Effect*, which explores how the media portrays issues and candidates to the public. The book's co-author, Kathleen Hall Jamieson, will speak on campus

November 29. Students, faculty, staff and the community also enjoyed guest speakers and performers, including political comedian and satirist Darrell Hammond, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, and famous political strategists James Carville and Mary Matalin.

Supported by the CAS, offices of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, Center for Student Activities, and Student Program and Student Life Lecture boards, the initiative also featured a voter registration, 9/11 remembrance events, a trip to Washington, D.C., a political film series, an Abraham Lincoln memorabilia display at Kresge Library, and an exhibit at Meadow Brook Hall featuring items related to the political activism of OU co-founder Matilda Dodge Wilson. Visit the Presidential Leadership Web site at www2.oakland.edu/oakland/presidential.



SBA

New interim dean appointed

John Tower has been appointed interim dean of the School of Business Administration. Professor emeritus and previous SBA associate dean, Tower began his career at OU in 1968 as assistant professor of Economics. His administrative duties began when he was named assistant dean in 1974, and then acting dean in 1978. From 1981 through 1995, he served as associate dean of SBA and as interim dean in 1995. He returned to teaching Management Information Systems and retired in 1999. Since retirement, he has worked for SBA part-time, helping complete Elliott Hall, advising undergraduates, running the graduate programs and drafting AACSB accreditation materials.

"John Tower's long-standing commitment to SBA and his strong administrative and academic credentials made him a perfect candidate for this position," says Virinder Moudgil, vice president for academic affairs and provost. Tower received his PhD in economics from the University of Buffalo and his bachelor of science degree in engineering and MBA at the University of Michigan.

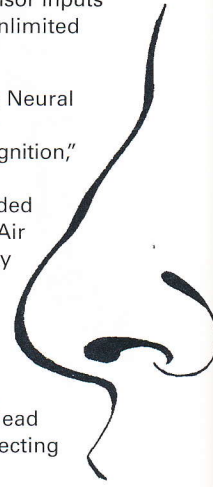
Tower replaced John Gardner, former SBA dean, who accepted a position as dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of New Orleans.

SECS

Faculty and student invent system for 'bionic nose'

A research project that emerged from an OU electrical engineering class may have a major impact on future environmental safety and protection measures. Master's student Jacob Allen and Professor of Engineering Hoda Abdel-Aty-Zohdy teamed with Robert Ewing of the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio to develop a prototype computer for an "electronic nose," which has the capacity to read 1,024 sensor inputs and can detect a nearly unlimited number of odors.

Research on the "Spiking Neural Network Architecture for Biochemical Pattern Recognition," as the research project is formally known, was funded by a grant from the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory and has been filed as an Air Force invention with a patent pending. If the patent is approved, the Air Force can license the technology, which could lead to devices capable of detecting environmental toxins or explosives. Such a system should lead to portable electronic nose devices that could eventually rival a bloodhound's nose, which can detect more odors than a human nose.



SEHS

Recognizing visionary leadership

On October 27, the School of Education and Human Services brought faculty, staff, alumni, friends and students together to recognize and honor professor emeritus Harry Hahn, his family and other distinguished leaders of SEHS for their visionary gifts, talents and accomplishments.

During his 40-year career at OU, Hahn played a pivotal role in defining the direction of the SEHS and founded the department of Reading and Language Arts and the Reading Clinic, which has assisted more than 10,000 school-age children since 1964. Hahn's widow, Linda, has carried on his tradition of leadership through a generous gift to the Reading Clinic. The gift will provide scholarships for OU graduate students. Top SEHS students, scholarship winners, alumni and faculty were also recognized during the program. For the first time within the school, students had the opportunity to meet the donors who provided the scholarships.

SHS

New advisory board created

Health Sciences has established a new Advisory Board that will provide input on programming, special events, fundraising and the overall long term strategic direction for the school. The new board is comprised of health care professionals and local business leaders.

One member, Dr. Moon J. Pak, will have a chance to get reacquainted with the program he helped build. Pak, today a practicing physician in Rochester, served as a faculty member and director of the Center for Health Sciences in the late 1970s and is credited with many of the center's early achievements. The Center of Health Sciences evolved into the present-day school in 1985 under the direction of then interim director Joel Russell. Today, SHS offers degree programs in Exercise Science, Occupational Safety and Health, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Physical Therapy and Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention.

Other members of the board include alumna Vanett Vereeke, president of

M. Rose Construction in Commerce Township; John Labriola, senior vice president and hospital director of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak; John Hoffman, president of Safety Engineering Labs, Inc. and past board member; Henry Boutrous, PT, MEd, director of the Center for Integrated Therapy, and adviser and instructor in the Complementary and Alternative Medicine program; Christine Leaman, executive director of the American Red Cross Detroit National Testing Lab.

"Our new board will provide a perspective on what the School of Health Sciences needs to be doing to prepare students to enter the workplace and meet the dynamic challenges of today's health care environment," says Kenneth Hightower, dean of SHS.

The Advisory Board held their first meeting in October.

Boost your spirits on Healthy Spirit Day

OU's School of Health Sciences, together with Campus Recreation and University Human Resources, will host a Healthy Spirit Day November 10 at the Campus Recreation Center. Designed to expose the campus, local community, alumni and friends to current health-related educational information, Healthy Spirit Day will feature a keynote address by Dr. Donald Bronn, an expert in pre-symptom medicine, exhibitor displays, student and faculty presentations, product sampling and door prizes. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. For information, call (248) 370- 3700, ext. 1262. See ad on next page.

SON

SON expands program choices

To meet the demand for highly sought-after nursing professionals, OU's School of Nursing introduced three new programs: RN/MSN Degree Completion (also offered at Macomb University Center), Master of Science in Nursing Adult Acute Care Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and Accelerated Second Degree BSN.

Offered in fall 2004, the RN/MSN Degree Completion is designed for diploma or ADN-prepared registered nurses who wish to follow an accelerated plan of

study for the Master of Science in Nursing degree. The CNS program, also available in fall 2004, prepares the advanced practice nurse for the role of clinical nurse specialist in the acute care setting. Available spring 2005, the Accelerated Second Degree BSN program is designed for students who already have earned a baccalaureate degree in another discipline. For more information about the programs, visit www2.oakland.edu/nursing.

HC

Director honored as 'diversity champion'

The Race Relations and Diversity Task Force of the Birmingham/Bloomfield area honored Jude Nixon, professor of English and director of The Honors College, as a "Diversity Champion." The task force, sponsored by the Community House in Birmingham, promotes respect and inclusion for all people, and works to build and maintain an open community that overcomes racism, prejudice and discrimination.

As co-chair of the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force, Nixon spearheads programs to educate others about diversity. He uses his position to remind

people of the importance of diversity while reaching out to a larger area. For his outstanding civic involvement, Nixon was also named "First Citizen of Birmingham" this year by the *Birmingham Eccentric* newspaper and the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.

Mark Simon, associate professor of management and director of the Entrepreneurship Institute, was also honored as a "Diversity Champion."



Honors College Director and Professor of English Jude Nixon

— Compiled by Kelly Smith CAS '00

HEALTHY SPIRIT DAY



CELEBRATE STAYING ALIVE AND HEALTHY AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S INAUGURAL HEALTHY SPIRIT DAY

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.

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♥ Physical therapy doctoral student presentations

♥ Alternative medicine information and demonstrations

♥ Sample products

♥ Health screenings

♥ High school health student activities

♥ And more ...



Presented by Oakland University's School of Health Sciences, Department of Campus Recreation and University Human Resources.

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CAREER / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1960s

A. Michael Deller SEHS '63 retired on September 30, 2004, after working in the library profession for 38 years. All of his positions have been at libraries in Michigan. He has worked at the Detroit Public Library, the Bloomfield Township Public Library, the Madison Heights Public Library, the Livonia Public Library, and is currently director of The Library Network serving southeastern Michigan. He has served as Michigan Chapter Councilor for the American Library Association and is a past president of the Michigan Library Association.

Darlene (Murawski) Kosakowski MAT '74, SEHS '69 retired in June 2003 from South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores after 34 years of service. She is spending her time traveling, redecorating her home, and doing things she never seemed to have the time to do while working.

1970s

Edward S. Brouhard MAT '77 retired in 2003 from Bloomfield Hills School District where he taught social studies and was department head at Andover High School. He received a liver transplant in July 2003.

Pamela (Harrison) Collins MA '77, CAS '71 is employed as a manager at Michigan Rehabilitation Services, a state agency that provides job placement services for persons with disabilities. She lives in Southfield with her 7-year-old daughter, Maia.

Michael Everett SHS '78 has been promoted to Industrial Health & Safety Manager for the Western Hemisphere at Pall Corporation. He has been with the company for 11 years. His father, Michael Everett Sr. is an adjunct faculty member in Industrial Health and Safety.

Jacqueline E. Fox MA '77, CAS '76 went on to earn her doctorate in Teaching, Curriculum and Psychological Studies from the University of Michigan in 1987 and worked with severely ill patients. She is now in her seventh year as director of the dance program at Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

Really lost and found -

Treasure hunter returns class ring to alumni 2,400 miles away

Brian McBurney SECS '79 figured he'd never see his Oakland University class ring again, after losing it 15 years ago in a park near his home in Pennsylvania.

Now living in Mesa, Ariz., McBurney says he was "shocked" to receive an e-mail from the OU Alumni Association, telling him someone found his ring.

"I was really disappointed when I realized I lost it," recalls Burney. "Not that it held a lot of monetary value, but it was important to me sentimentally, and I wore it."

Frank Burkhead, a Pennsylvania resident who metal detects as a hobby at least once a week, found the ring in the park. After placing ads on Web sites that specialize in reuniting lost class rings with their owners, he contacted the OU Alumni Association.

"Finding a ring while detecting is exciting, as it doesn't happen every time out. To then manage to reunite a found ring with its owner, well, that raised the bar to incredibly special," says Burkhead.

Jean Mersman, office assistant, Alumni Relations, traced the ring to McBurney because of the three clues it



offered: the owner's initials, graduation year and school.

In yet another odd twist to the story, McBurney already had vacation plans to visit Pennsylvania in the spring, so he and his family met Burkhead at his home to claim the ring.

"It was in remarkably good shape for as long as it had been in the ground. It was found on the sidelines of a soccer field, and surprisingly, it was not buried very deep," says McBurney.

Thanks to a treasure hunter and a little detective work, McBurney is once again wearing his OU ring. ■

By Dawn Pauli CAS '88, a freelance writer from Macomb Township.

Paul Graupmann CAS '74 has worked for more than 20 years in the FBI, currently as a supervisory special agent with the Cleveland division, managing the public corruption unit. He married Ann (Sylvester) whom he met as a student at Oakland University. The couple has three grown children.

Diane Hartt, MA '75, SEHS '72 has been re-elected for a third term as president of Southeast Michigan Mensa. Mensa is the International High IQ Society boasting over 100,000 members in 100 countries throughout the world.

Rose Marie (Kendrick) Harrell CAS '77, MA '99 works for the Department of Labor and Economic Growth Rehabilitation Services. She has been employed as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and a business service representative for the past three years serving persons with disabilities. She and her husband recently built a new home in Canton where her son also resides.

1970s *continued*

Myra Jacobs MA '74 is executive director and founder of the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link, a non-profit organization based in Southfield that provides essential information and support for bone marrow and stem cell transplant patients, their families and caregivers. She recently received the 2004 Public Service Award from the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation in recognition for her efforts in bringing information, understanding, support and comfort to blood and marrow transplant patients.

Arturo Limon SEHS '74 is district technology specialist with the Laredo Independent School District. He received his doctorate in educational leadership.



Bill Edwards

If you want to find "need-for-speed" engineer **Bill Edwards SECS '90**, you'll have to pick up the pace. Returning from promoting a new Daimler-Chrysler car model in Toronto, he's eager to zip back to work at the world's largest office building, DaimlerChrysler Technology Center in Auburn Hills.

With his high level of motivation, it's easy to understand how Edwards recently won a prestigious engine design award. As team leader, Edwards developed the long block for the supercharged engine for the BMW Mini Cooper. *Ward's Auto World* proclaimed the design among the "Top Ten Engine Designs for 2003." It's one of only five engines in the world that



Laurie J. (Parker) McMullan SON '79 is a nurse anesthetist and was recently deployed to Iraq with the United States Air Force. She is married to Hugh and the couple has two children, Kelsey and David.

John F. Mills CAS '72 has been elected a Certified Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. The academy is a national professional



organization with more than 1,500 of the nation's top matrimonial attorneys from 50 states. John is a shareholder in the law firm of Williams, Williams, Ruby & Plunkett, P.C. in Birmingham practicing in the area of matrimonial and family law. He is a certified adoption attorney and an authority on adoption law in Michigan. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Oakland County Bar Association. He is currently chair-elect of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and will lead the section as the chair in 2004-05.

SuperCharged

SECS alumnus is driven toward award-winning engine design

delivers more than 100 horsepower per liter.

Edward's passion for cars was sparked at an early age. Although his father died before much of Edward's professional successes were realized, he had a big influence. "As a boy, I spent a lot of time with a wrench in my hand, helping Dad tinker with old cars," Edwards says. "My dad conveyed a philosophy of hard work and enjoying what you do in life."

Edwards, who holds an OU master's degree in mechanical engineering, also credits his alma mater for his prosperous career. "My OU education is critical to my success," Edwards says. "Course projects gave me real-life experience working within a group, while teaching me how to question the paths we take that lead to research and design. I've brought that creative process and teamwork approach to my jobs."

No dream is too big for Edwards, and he's pursued them one small goal at a

time. He feels that professional engineering groups, such as OU's Tau Beta Pi, Theta Tau and Society of Automotive Engineers, have also been extremely helpful in keeping him up-to-date on career opportunities.

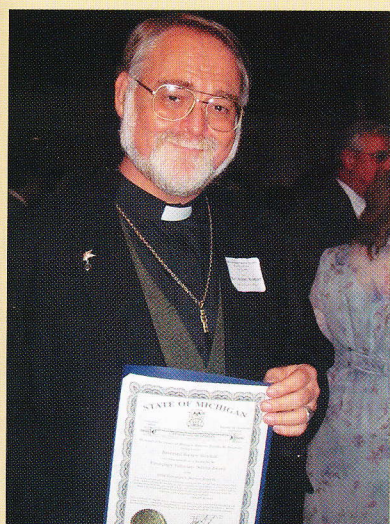
Edwards looks forward to more challenges in his car-driven career. He currently visits automotive plants as a manufacturing consultant and plans to apply this experience to future design projects. "I'd also love to move into a bigger role of leadership in the future, so I can serve as a mentor," says Edwards.

It's pretty clear that any road Edwards travels will lead to more accomplishments. He'll just have to buckle up and enjoy the ride. ■

By Mary Gunderson-Switzer, a freelance writer from Warner Robins, Ga.

Gary Oyster CAS '75 was named 2004 Regional Athletic Director of the Year by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for the area including greater Flint and the Thumb of Michigan. Gary has recently retired after 28 years in education. The past 17 years he has served as assistant principal and athletic director at Lapeer East High School.

Daniel Reilly SBA '78 moved to Atlanta, Ga. after graduation, where he got married and had three children. He received a master's degree in computer information systems in 1987 from Georgia State. In 1994 he formed Reilly & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in implementing large Oracle applications for food, chemical and other process industries. In 1999 he moved back to Michigan.



Rodney Reinhart SEHS '72 received the Michigan Governor's Certificate honoring his work as an exemplary community leader.

Linda (Chess) Rosenberg SEHS '70 relocated to Texas in 1971 to be a bilingual teacher. She married Joel Chess in 1975. The couple has two children, Mark and Carrie. She retired in 2001 after 22 years in the classroom and 6 years as a counselor. She now gives tours at the Holocaust Museum, volunteers in other areas and helps her husband with their business.

Robert Ross SEHS '71 works as publication manager, alumni magazine editor, and media relations specialist at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Rayma Sanders MA '77 retired in June 2003 after 30 years with Troy Schools. She now resides in Solana Beach, Calif.

Carol A. Syperski CAS '73 received her PhD in human development counseling from Vanderbilt University and most recently operated a successful private practice in Nashville, Tenn. She also worked as an off-ice official for the National Hockey League and the Nashville Predators. She has recently relocated back to Michigan and maintains a private counseling practice.

Harry G. Turner MBA '79 has been elected to the board of the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is employed at General Motors as an executive engineering manager in the Road Racing Program.



1980s

Matthew Basham CAS '89 is finishing his PhD at the University of Florida in IT policy development in higher education. He has been lecturing all over the country in support of his textbooks and journal publications, including Harvard Law School's Berkman Center for Internet and Society. His dissertation revolves around acceptable use policies in higher education, both from a legal perspective and administrative perspective. He is a member of the Education Law Association and a contributor to discussions through Cornell and Educause on IT policy development. After completing his PhD, he plans to earn a JD from Stetson in Tampa, Fla.

Kelly Dickens CAS '89 received her master's degree in social work from Wayne State University in 1991. She now operates two private practices in east Tennessee with primary focus on women's issues and their effects on mental health.

Edward A. Eickhoff SBA '85 has been appointed to state of Michigan director of the International Council of Shopping Centers. His term will run from May 2004 through April 2005.

Jeffrey A. Fournier SBA '81 is practicing law and has formed his own general practice in Bristol, Penn. under Fournier Law Offices.

Katherine Gelement CAS '87 was promoted from vice president to first vice president, senior marketing manager at Standard Federal Wealth Management in Troy.

Sheila Gregory CAS '84 was named University Scholar/Teacher of the Year by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. She is an associate professor in Educational Leadership and Higher Education at Clark Atlanta University.

Lisa L. Jesswein CAS '89 is co-host and news director on 96.3 WDDV's morning show weekdays from 5:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Steve Lehto CAS '89 is an attorney and adjunct faculty member at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He recently wrote a biography of 1970 NASCAR Grand National Champion Bobby Isaac which will be published by Tarheel Press in the fall of 2004.

Eric A. Lilley SECS '82 is a project manager with Connexion by Boeing (CbB) Installations & Deployment organization. The CbB service will provide broadband in-flight access for surfing the internet, sending e-mails and watching TV over your laptop computer. He has been with Boeing for 18 years in various airplane fleet support positions. He recently backpacked the Wonderland Trail around Mt. Rainier with his brother.

Diane Michele PhD, CSW, LPC, MA '83 is the founding minister of Heartlight Metaphysical Ministry.

Gary Pilibosian SEHS '86 has been named CEO of Microheat, Inc., a Farmington Hills-based automotive hot washer fluid and deicing systems company.

Randy Pilkenton SBA '83 was recently promoted to senior vice president, Product Management for CheckFree Corporation. CheckFree is the leading provider of online consumer bill payment and bill presentment services, serving over 1,000 financial institutions and 10 million consumers. He and his wife **Kathy SBA '86** live in Atlanta, Ga. and have three children, 6-year-old Amanda, 4-year-old Jasper and 2-year old Abigail.

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1980s *continue*

Tom Stanton CAS '82 is author of *Hank Aaron And The Home Run That Changed America* published by William Morrow. Tom is also author of *The Final Season*, which was named best baseball book of 2001. A journalist for 25 years, he was editor, founder and owner of a group of suburban Detroit newspapers. He also served as a professor at the University of Detroit Mercy and has won more than 20 state and national journalism awards, including a prestigious Michigan Journalism Fellowship.

1990s

John Bailey CAS '91 recently published his first novel titled *Boyne Falls Baroque* in electronic format by DiskUs Publishing. He has been a Detroit area radio personality for more than 25 years, currently as morning drive traffic reporter for CBS-owned WWJ Newsradio 950.

James Bedenis MS '90 is project manager at Durr AIS.

Melissa (Zetouna) Bogos CAS '98 married Paul M. Bogos on December 19, 2003. She is completing her physician assisting degree at the University of Detroit Mercy. He is an attorney in Mt. Clemens. The couple resides in Macomb Township.

Terri Charison SEHS '97 is director of Ross Medical Education Center – Warren Campus.

Captain James Christman SBA '92 recently deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, as commander of an Army tactical signal company. Located on Camp New York, Kuwait, the company is responsible for providing telephone, video teleconference and data services to the base camp.

Wendy Drum CAS '97 recently passed the Michigan Bar Exam.

Kirstine (Taylor) Evans MA '92 is moving back to Michigan after living in Texas for nearly 11 years. She has accepted an educational counselor position at Oakland Community College.

Brian Hardy CAS '95 is a Captain in the United States Marine Corp.

Carlson A. Jackson PhD '96, MA '92 has received his third Fulbright Scholarship in the last six years. He was selected from a national search of 700 applicants and will be studying the Japanese education system as well as the implementation of after school programs. He is a life member of the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha, a board member of ProLiteracy Detroit,

and a member of National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Ke Ma PhD '02 is working in China for China First Heavy Industries (CFHI) as the vice president in charge of the company's strategic development planning, R&D, tech center development, IT development (CAE/CAPP/PDM/ERP), and quality control.

Charting her own course

Journalism graduate makes 'Sailor of the Year'

As a kid, Lucy Quinn wanted to be in the U.S. Navy. "They had it all — planes, ships, submariners, the Marines," says the St. Clair Shores resident.

But the youngest of five and daughter of an FBI agent put away that childhood dream, went to college, graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1981, and got married.

As Quinn charted a career in technical writing, her desire for military service returned. Already in her 30s, she knew she wasn't the typical recruit. And though her husband, John Klink, an OU alumnus (CAS '88) with a Navy background, was supportive, he wasn't exactly eager for his wife to join up.

Quinn pursued her dream, however, and found that the Navy Reserves seeks recruits with desirable civilian skills. On September 11, 1993, Quinn enlisted. Eight years later to the day, she was called to active duty for a year of Homeland Security protection at the Naval base near Chicago.

"I've had fantastic experiences and met incredible people," says Quinn, whose ports-of-call have included Sicily, Germany, Guam and many cities throughout the United States. "It's just like the recruitment pamphlet says."

As a Journalist First Class, Quinn writes for several Navy publications including "Navy NewsStand," "All Hands" and the "Naval Reservist." She also covered the Military World Games as a sports reporter and won gold and silver medals as a third-



Lucy Quinn took her journalism skills to the U.S. Navy.

degree black belt at the Tae Kwon Do U.S. Open.

The honor she is most proud of, however, is being named "Sailor of the Year" for 2003, not once, but twice. The first award was Reserve Sailor of the Year for the Naval Reserve Center in Detroit. The second was Sailor of the Year for Program 35.

"The first one was an honor to be selected, but to be honored for Program 35, which includes my peers — other journalists and photographers — is very humbling," says Quinn.

She credits the OU journalism program atmosphere for teaching her the skills that led to her successes. "It ran more like a newsroom than a classroom," she says. "It was great preparation for what I do now." ■

By Alice Rhein, a freelance writer from Huntington Woods, Mich.

Educator presents life-saving lessons



Christy Hicks founded the Lao Teacher Development Project to help rural Laotian teachers educate children about the unexploded bombs in their country.

When **Christy Hicks** puts her teaching skills to work she does more than build lives — she saves them.

Hicks, CAS '97, is the founder of the Lao Teacher Development Project. The program helps rural Laotian teachers educate children about the unexploded bombs in their country. Hicks spends a month in Laos annually presenting project workshops and meeting with teachers.

The bombs the project addresses date back to the Vietnam War, when American planes dropped more than two million tons of explosives on Laos. About 30 percent of them remain unexploded. The small yellow bomblets are very attractive to children, the most frequent victims of "unexploded ordinance" (UXO) accidents.

Because of her efforts, Hicks was named a finalist for the 2004 Volvo for Life award. The program recognizes those who take extraordinary measures to improve the safety of others.

"It was pretty exciting," says Hicks, a youth and county development agent for Michigan State University in Oakland County. "I didn't even know I was nominated."

Hicks finds it even more exciting to see the difference her efforts in Laos appear to be making. During a recent visit, she met two groups of young UXO accident survivors, starting with a group that was injured five years ago.

"The big question I asked the kids was, 'When you saw the bomblet, did you know what it was?'" Hicks says.

Most didn't. Others thought they would be safe if they kept their distance. Survivors of more recent explosions, however, said they had understood the bomblets' danger and ran when they saw them. They survived when others didn't.

"Those kinds of things let me know the program is making an impact," Hicks says. "I find that very satisfying."

Hicks has also created a model curriculum for the Lao Ministry of Education and a workshop to train rural teachers to implement it. The lesson activities — games, songs and puppet shows — bring concepts to life.

Hicks, who plans to continue visiting Laos, frequently tries new challenges. Most recently, she debated the prohibition of same-sex marriages during the Great American Think-Off. Though another debater won, her anti-prohibition stance prevailed. "It was a really neat experience. There are so few opportunities for the average person to get involved in policy debate."

Hicks and her husband, Greg, live in Ferndale, Mich. ■

By Flori Meeks CAS '88, a freelance writer from Tomball, Texas.



Hicks handing out teaching supplies at the end of one of her workshops this year.

1990s *continue*

Neil Maguire MBA '97 and his family relocated to Silicon Valley after his company was acquired by Agile Software. He is using his Oakland University MBA skills to plan another startup in the wireless space.

Madeline (Simpson) Modrak BGS '93 earned her MA in School and Community Psychology from Wayne State University in 1996. She is founder of Insightful Choices, an educational consulting group.

Patricia Morrison Malone MBA '92, CAS '80 has been appointed vice president of marketing and public relations at St. John Health. She has more than twenty years of experience in brand development and direct marketing across a wide range of industries.

Marv Maynard SBA '90 has been promoted to senior vice president — Information Technology and chief technology officer responsible for IT infrastructure and systems at Jefferson Pilot Financial. He joined the company in 1995 and has held several positions including vice president — Enterprise Systems and Technology.



Nicole T. (Jones) Perry SEHS '94 is a happy disabled homemaker. She has been very happily married for the past six years to Wayne whom she has known since fifth grade. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Leadership and Guidance Counseling in 1997.

David Schafer SBA '96 is currently working as production manager at VH1. He moved on to work as broadcast manager for NBC at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Keri Schlottman CAS '98 was named Volunteer of the Week in July 2004 by *The Detroit Free Press* for her work with the Detroit Artists Market. She is a massage therapist in Bloomfield Hills and attends Wayne State University.

John Shay MPA '97 and his wife Carla have three children, 5-year old Bethany, 2-year old Evan and 9-month old Molly. The family lives in Ludington where John is employed as city manager.

Sherri (Boryczka) Steele SEHS '90 was recently named principal of Courtland Elementary School in Spotsylvania County, Va. She and her husband, Dale, have three daughters ages 2, 4 and 6.

Stephen Strunk SBA '92 is employed with TSM Corporation as a purchasing manager of machined castings and forgings for the power train division. He is currently attending University of Phoenix and expects to earn his MBA in Business-Accounting in July 2005.

Diane M. Walsh MM '01, CAS '91 is now teaching music theory at Rochester College in Rochester Hills.

2000s

Matthew Kern SBA '02 began his MBA program in fall 2003 at Oakland University.

Andrea Miller SEHS '01 is a second grade teacher at Fillmore Elementary in the Warren Consolidated School District.

Sommer Starck CAS '03 will begin the MPA program at Oakland University in fall 2004.

Steve Toth SBA '03 is thrilled to announce that he recently joined Century 21 Town & Country in Rochester. He has been a Rochester area resident since 1987 and is looking forward to working with familiar faces.

Dawn M. Webb SHS '00 has been certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists as a cytotechnologist and most recently a technologist in molecular pathology. She is currently working as a cytotechnologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Robert Wooley CAS '01 has left the Brookings Institution to serve as the Manager of the Public Policy Program at the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to improve the well-being of children, youth and families by reducing teen pregnancy.

Aleksander Zafirovski SHS '00 has been promoted to program director of the School of Radiation Therapy at Northwestern Medical Center in Chicago.

ENGAGEMENTS / WEDDINGS

Diana (Pletz) Hatcher CAS '98 married Christopher Hatcher in April 2004. She is working for UPS as national media relations supervisor.

Holly Hosinski SON '01 is engaged to Robert Schachermeyer II. An October 2004 wedding is planned.



Sarah Lehman CAS '01 is engaged to Paul Freeman. A September 2004 wedding is planned.

Kristy Sabat SBA '02 married Daniel Clark II in August 2004.

Megan Schmidt CAS '03 married Nik Maguire on August 7, 2004.

DEATHS

Patrick J. Brennan SBA '71 died February 9, 2004.

George Herman Casenhiser SEHS '85 died May 24, 2004.

Eva Collier SEHS '72 died July 27, 2004.

LuVerne M. Geizer SEHS/CAS '72 died May 8, 2004.

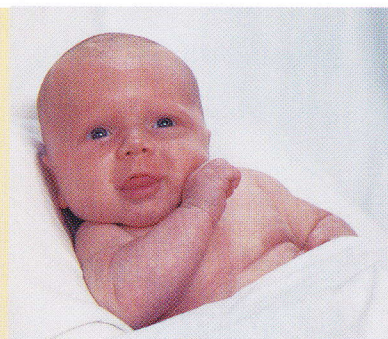
Karen A. (Geletka) Hancock SECS '78 died January 15, 2004.

Kathryn A. Johnston SBA '92 died May 7, 2004.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathleen (White) Brown SEHS '00 and her husband, **Timothy Brown SEHS '00**, announce the birth of their son Ryan Jackson on January 15, 2004.

Aaron M. Carpenter SBA '97 and his wife, **Carol (Brown) Carpenter CAS '00**, are proud to announce the birth of their son Brady Michael on May 10, 2004. He joins 2-year old big brother Drew.



Heather (Kohler) Case SBA '93 and her husband, Darton Case, announce the birth of their daughter Delaney Rae on October 20, 2003. She joins big sister Taryn.

Derik B. Darling SBA '97 and his wife Cathy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Samantha Rose on July 2, 2004. She joins big sister Cassandra.



Christine (Brunner) Grimm SEHS '96 and her husband, **Paul Grimm SEHS '96**, are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Paul, on September 4, 2003.

Lisa (Dudaryk) Jenson CAS '88 and her husband Mark welcomed the birth of their son Luke Daryk on January 30, 2004. He joins big brother Nathaniel.

Richard Rush SECS '99 and his wife, **Sarah Rush CAS '98**, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Richard Frederick Rush IV, on March 2, 2004.

Cheryl M. Sparks CAS '92 and her husband, Michael Stuehler, announce the birth of their son Noah Lloyd on July 27, 2003. The family resides in Baltimore, Md.



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PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP



Darrell Hammond brought his bitingly funny political satire to the Oakland Center on September 10, giving his now famous dead-on impressions of President Bush and cabinet members to a crowded house. The well-known *Saturday Night Live* comedian appeared at Oakland as part of the College of Arts and Sciences Presidential Leadership initiative. His appearance was sponsored by the Student Program Board, which held several events in support of the presidential leadership theme. Other speakers on campus this fall included Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin and political strategists James Carville and Mary Matalin. ♦

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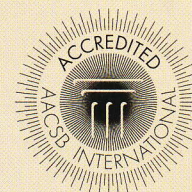
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