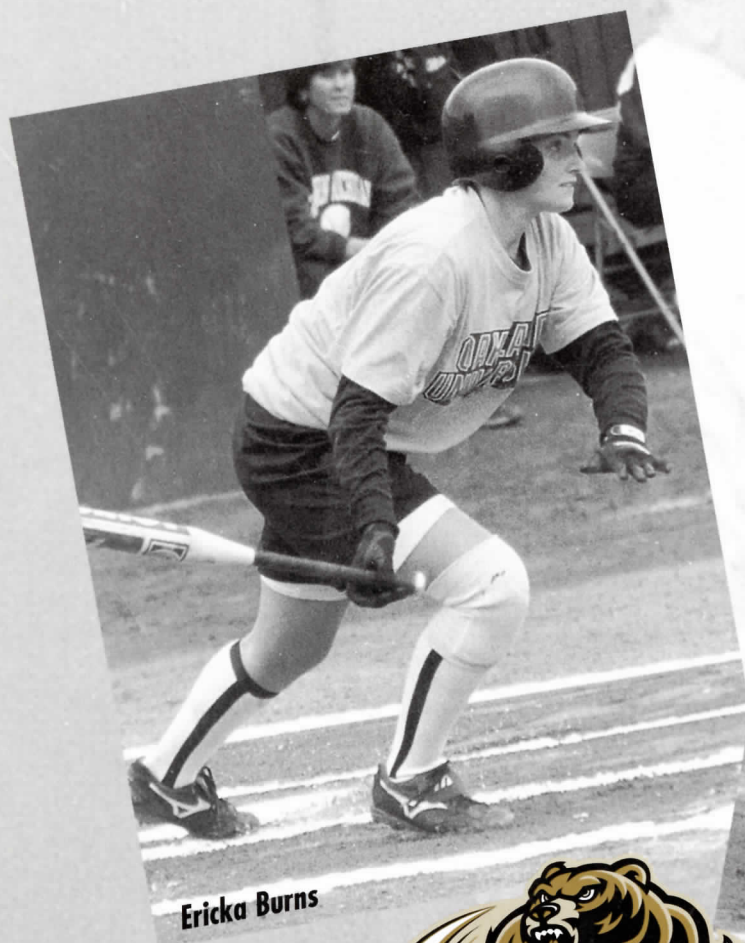


OAKLAND UNIVERSITY



Ericka Burns



Keri Sedgley

2000 SOFTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

2000 Softball Schedule

Month	Date	Contest	Time
February	24	at Stetson \$	5 p.m.
	26	at Florida Tech \$	10 a.m. (DH)
	28	at Daytona beach CC \$	5 p.m.
March	1	vs. Thomas College #	11 a.m. (DH)
	2	vs. Wartburg College #	11 a.m. (DH)
	3	vs. Briar Cliff College #	10 a.m. (DH)
		vs. Florida C.C. at Jacksonville #	4 p.m.
	4	vs. Trinity College &	10 a.m.
		(winner) vs. Lake City C.C. &	12 p.m.
		Championship game &	4 p.m.
April	22	at Eastern Michigan	2 p.m. (DH)
	24	at UMKC*	2 p.m. (DH)
	25	at UMKC*	12 p.m. (DH)
	27	GRAND VALLEY STATE	2 p.m. (DH)
	28	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2 p.m. (DH)
	31	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	2 p.m. (DH)
	1	WESTERN ILLINOIS*	12 p.m. (DH)
	2	BOWLING GREEN	4 p.m.
	3	DETROIT	3:30 p.m.
	7	at Youngstown State*	1 p.m. (DH)
	8	at Youngstown State*	12 p.m. (DH)
	12	at Western Michigan	3 p.m. (DH)
	14	IUPUI*	2 p.m. (DH)
	15	IUPUI*	12 p.m. (DH)
	20	at Notre Dame	4 p.m.
May	21	at Valparaiso*	3 p.m. (DH)
	22	at Valparaiso*	12 p.m. (DH)
	24	at Dayton	3 p.m. (DH)
	26	at Michigan State	3:30 p.m. (DH)
	29	ILLINOIS	1 p.m. (DH)
	1	at Detroit	2 p.m. (DH)
	2	at Ohio State	3 p.m. (DH)
	8	SOUTHERN UTAH*	2 p.m. (DH)
	9	SOUTHERN UTAH*	12 p.m. (DH)
	11-13	Mid-Continent Conference Tournament	tba
	16-20	NCAA National Tournament (Regional)	tba

\$ denotes Spring Trip

held at Lake City Community College

& denotes Lake City Tournament

*Mid-Continent Conference games

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Oakland University Quick Facts

Location: Rochester, Michigan 48309
 Founded: 1957
 Enrollment: 14,379
 President: Gary Russi
 Faculty Representative: Bill Macauley
 Conference: Mid-Continent Conference
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I-AAA
 Nickname: Golden Grizzlies
 Colors: Gold, Black, White
 Home Field: Oakland Softball Field (500)

OU Softball Information

Head Coach: Steve Ogg (Spring Arbor College, '92)
 Ogg's Record at Oakland: First year
 Ogg's Career Record: First year
 Assistant Coach: Donna McDaniel (Fresno State, '93)
 1999 Record: N/A
 1999 Mid-Con Record: N/A
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: N/A
 Starters Returning/Lost: N/A
 Recruiting Class Size: 17

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The Golden Grizzlies Head Into Unfamiliar Territory

Oakland University begins the new millennium with a new varsity program in Division I athletics. OU has added softball and the Golden Grizzlies begin competition 2000.

The addition of softball brings OU's grand total to 14 varsity sports and the 2000 season marks OU's first as a Division I program. The Golden Grizzlies are a member of the Mid-Continent conference, a league that is comprised of seven teams. The seven teams will battle for four spots in the Mid-Con tourney and a chance to win the conference tournament and receive an automatic bid to regionals.

The Golden Grizzlies replace the reigning Mid-Continent Conference champion DePaul. The Blue Demons went 22-0 in the Mid-Con last season and lost to UCLA in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament.



Mary Kate McGowan

Oakland has big shoes to fill in replacing the national powerhouse and looks to make an immediate impact in the league.

"DePaul made it to the semifinals last season as the Mid-Con champion and with them leaving, the conference is up in the air," head coach Steve Ogg said "I expect us to be competitive against all the teams we face in the 2000 season. We have devised a schedule that pins us against a lot of tough teams such as Notre Dame, Central Michigan and Michigan State which all ranked in the top 10 in the Mideast region last year."

The competitive non-conference schedule should provide experience for the younger players on the Golden Grizzly squad. Oakland's roster is devised of 10 freshmen, two sophomores and five juniors.

"We have a lot of young players, so I expect us to make a lot of mental mistakes early in the season," Ogg said. "These girls have not played together before so we are not very fluid right now."

Oakland will look to the seven transfers to provide leadership for this year's squad. Sophomores Mary Kate McGowan (St. Andrews Presbyterian College) and Corinne Spanke (Central Michigan) and juniors Crystal Ruddock (Victor Valley CC, California), Keri Sedgley (Solano JC, California), Jennifer Morgan (Oakland Community College), Sarah Watters (Oakland CC) and Danielle TerHaar (Oakland CC) will fill leadership roles.

"We have some junior college transfers and two four-year college transfers that will provide the experience our team needs to start the season," Ogg said.

Keri Sedgley and Ericka Burns will serve as captains in the 2000 season. Burns is a freshman who participated on Canada's Junior Olympic team in 1999 and Sedgley, a transfer from Solano JC in California, brings maturity and a powerful bat to the Golden Grizzly squad.

Oakland will not be entering the new millennium completely blindfolded as the Golden Grizzlies played in two tournaments in the fall of 1999.



Crystal Ruddock

OU traveled to Mount Pleasant to participate in CMU's tourney (10/3) and to Ann Arbor to play in Michigan's Fall Classic (10/9-10).

Oakland defeated Northwood University 6-4 in the first game of the CMU tourney and was scheduled to play the Chippewas in the championship game when mother nature cancelled the match-up between the two teams.

At the Michigan tournament, Oakland opened up play with a victory over Eastern Michigan 1-0. The Golden Grizzlies then faced the Rockets from Toledo and escaped with another one run victory 3-2. OU then suffered its first loss of the fall at the hands of the host Michigan 8-0.

The Golden Grizzlies finished the fall tournaments 3-1 and with an attitude that they can compete at any level of competition.

"The kids played hard but timid" Ogg said. "We were a little intimidated against Michigan and instead of playing up to our abilities, we were standing in awe of Michigan."

Oakland is looking forward to getting its feet wet at the Division I level. The Golden Grizzlies do not know what determines a successful inau-

gural season and what reasonable goals should be set, but Coach Ogg puts things in perspective for the 2000 season.

"Our goal is to compete against every team we face this season. We want to build a foundation, evaluate it, and then look at the areas we need to improve on. After some conference games we will get an idea of what we are up against and where we need to be at the end of the season. If we finish in the top four in the conference and have a shot at qualifying for the nationals by winning the conference tournament, I would call that a successful season," Ogg said.

Pitching

Crystal Ruddock (Jr., RHP, Apple Valley, CA), Julie Anderson (Fr., RHP, Lane Portland), Linnea Utecht (Fr., RHP, Oshkosh, WI) and Tiffany Evans (Fr., RHP, Larue, OH) will handle the bulk of pitching in the 2000 season.

Ruddock pitched in 11 of the 36 innings in the 1999 fall tournaments. She compiled a 0.64 ERA in the fall with five strikeouts, five walks and a 2-0 record.

Anderson handled most of the closing duties for the Golden Grizzlies. She had three appearances in the fall and recorded two saves. She pitched in 7.33 innings, struck out four, walked two and gave up seven hits.

Utecht should be the go to pitcher for the Golden Grizzlies in 2000. She went 17-1 in her senior season at Oshkosh West High School with 179 strikeouts in 117 innings pitched and posted a 0.36 ERA. Utecht pitched in 11.66 innings this fall and struck out seven, walked five, had a record of 1-1 and an ERA of 4.18.

Evans pitched sparingly in the fall throwing six innings for the Golden Grizzlies. She gave up four earned runs, had one strikeout, six walks and recorded a 3.5 ERA.

"We have a very young pitching staff," Ogg said. "They are young, but talented. They throw hard and have a good mix of pitches in their arsenal."

Catching

Corinne Spanke (So., Ortonville) will be the starting catcher for OU in the 2000 season. Spanke comes to Oakland from Central Michigan where she played one season for the Chippewas. She batted .395 her senior season at Brandon High School and recorded 47 RBI.

Megan Piar (Fr., Lancaster, OH) will also see time behind the dish this year. Piar led Bloom Carroll High School in Lancaster, Ohio to a district championship and a Sweet 16 finish.

First Base

Evans, Jennifer Granger (Fr., Troy) and Utecht will share duties at first base when they are not pitching for the Golden Grizzlies. Granger, a transfer from Michigan, led Troy High School to the quarterfinals in 1999. Utecht hit .396 her senior year at Oshkosh West High School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to lead the Indians to a 17-1 record.

Second Base

Ruddock, Jennifer Morgan (Jr., Rochester), Laura Plunkitt (Fr., Imlay City) and Bozena Johnson (Fr., Louisville, OH) will all battle it out in spring training for the starting job at second base. Ruddock is a junior college transfer from

Victor Valley Community College in Apple Valley, California. Morgan is a junior college transfer from Oakland Community College who hit .362 and knocked in 19 runners in 1997. Plunkitt attended Imlay City High School in 1999 and led the Spartans to a 26-7 record.

Third Base

Sedgley (Jr., Napa, CA) is a junior college transfer from Solano JC in California, and is one of the captains for OU. Sedgley hit .440 on her way to lead the team in singles, doubles and homers.

Short Stop

Burns (Fr., Clinton, Ontario) is the other captain for Oakland and will head up the position at short stop. Burns played on the Canadian Junior Olympic Team in the summer of 1999. Danielle TerHaar (Jr., Macomb Twp) will see some time at short along with the outfield.

Outfield

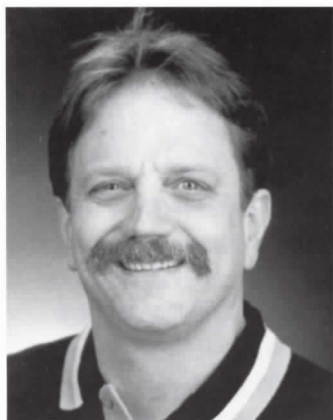
TerHaar, Sarah Watters (Jr., Marine City), Mary Kate McGowan (So., Fredericksburg), Lauren Seffens (Fr., Ortonville) and Katie Snyder (Fr., Troy) will vvy for the three spots open in the outfield. TerHaar played for Macomb CC and Oakland CC before coming to Oakland. Watters took the same route as TerHaar before Oakland and helped Macomb CC place seventh in the nation in the NJCAA Division III.

McGowan, a transfer from St. Andrews Presbyterian College, hit .296 and swiped 20 bases for the Knights. Seffens attended Brandon High School in 1999 where she hit .333 and led the Blackhawks to the state playoffs. Snyder will bring her .327 Troy High School batting average to the playing field in 2000.

"We have a lot of speed in the outfield and some really good arms" Ogg said. "This will be our deepest part of the bench and it will be fun to watch all these outfielders compete."



Golden Grizzly Dugout



Steve Ogg

Softball Coach

First Season

Spring Arbor '92

Oakland University softball coach Steve Ogg enters the 2000 season in charge of running the first ever Golden Grizzly Division I softball team.

Prior to heading the program at Oakland, Ogg was head coach at Oakland Community College for 12 years from 1978-1990. During Ogg's tenure at OCC, his teams compiled a record of 317-156, won eight league titles and Ogg was named coach of the year in 1990.

In addition to working as head softball coach at Oakland, Ogg holds a full-time position at Oakland Community College where he is the Health and Physical Education Facility Manager for the Auburn Hills Campus and has been at OCC since January 1980.

Following his coaching stint at OCC, Ogg served as the Associate Athletics Director/Interim Athletics Director at OCC from 1990-1995.

Ogg earned his associate's degree from OCC in general education in 1988 and his bachelor's degree in management of human resources in 1992 from Spring Arbor College.



Oakland University Softball Camp

Directed by the Oakland University coaching staff, the summer of 2000 will offer an opportunity to receive quality instruction with a positive approach covering all areas of the game of softball.

The fundamentals and instructional programs will be developed by head coach and camp director Steve Ogg.

The 2000 softball camps will be held on the OU Softball Field on Oakland's campus.

For more information and a brochure, please call (248) 370-4949 or write: Oakland University Summer Camps, Rochester, MI 48309-4401.





Donna McDaniel

Assistant Coach

First Season

Fresno State '93

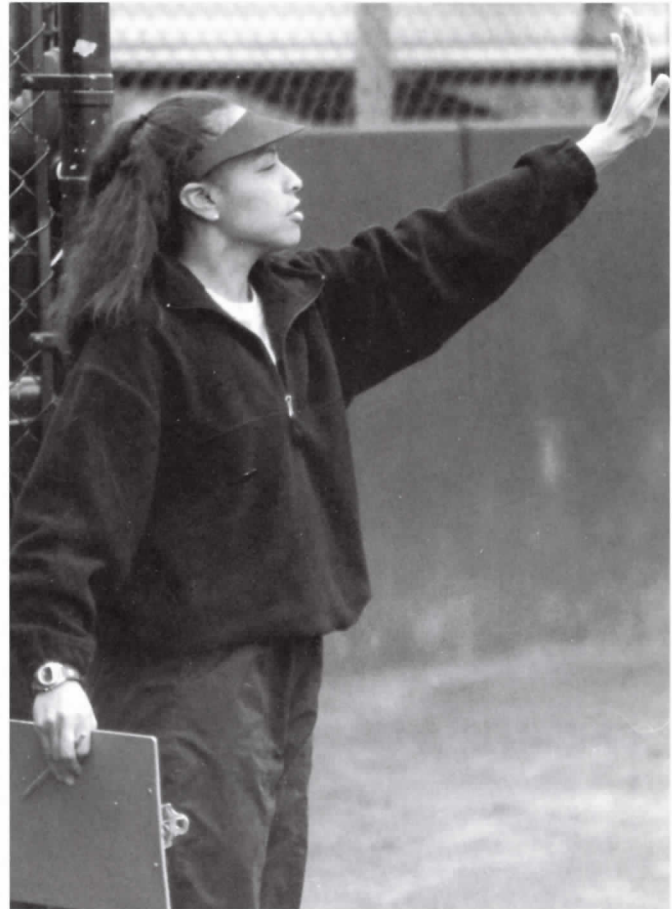
Donna McDaniel enters her first season as Oakland University's assistant softball coach in the 2000 season. McDaniel is in charge of the Golden Grizzly hitting and the outfielders. Along with her duties for hitting and the outfielders, McDaniel will help with the day to day operations in the OU softball program.

Prior to coming to Oakland, McDaniel was an assistant high school coach at Bullard High

School in Fresno, California where she coached them to two top five finishes in the country in 1994 and 1995.

McDaniel played college softball at Fresno State University in California from 1989-1993. During her time at Fresno, her team won three Big West Championships, three Regional Championships and made three Softball World Series appearances in 1990, 1991, and 1992 including a runner-up finish in 1990. McDaniel was named all-WAC and all-West Region in 1993.

She received her bachelor's degree in Recreation Administration from Fresno State in 1993 and her master's degree in social work from Michigan in 1997.



Don Dreher

Assistant Coach

First Season

Eastern Michigan '86

Don Dreher enters his first season of coaching at the collegiate level in 2000. Dreher will help out with day to day operations of Golden Grizzly softball.

In addition to coaching at Oakland, Dreher coaches summer softball for Finesse. He enters his eighth season as assistant coach for Finesse in the summer of 2000 and looks to improve on the program's 17 Michigan State

Championships. Dreher helped coach Finesse to two World Championships (1995 and 1996). In 1999, Finesse converted to fast pitch and won the NSA "Class A" 18 and under state championship. Dreher served as an assistant coach for Plymouth Salem High School in 1992 and 1993.

Dreher played college baseball at Saginaw Valley State from 1979-80. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan in 1986.

Dreher currently works as a financial advisor for Northwestern Mutual Life/Baird Securities, Inc., in Auburn Hills.



2000 Softball Roster

NO.	NAME	HT.	POS.	B/T	YR.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/PREV. SCHOOL)
1	Crystal Ruddock	5-7	P/IF	R/R	Jr.	Apple Valley, CA (Victor Valley CC)
2	Sarah Watters	5-4	OF	R/R	Jr.	Marine City (Oakland CC)
4	Danielle TerHaar	5-6	OF	R/R	Jr.	Macomb Twp (Oakland CC)
5	Julie Anderson	5-8	P/CF	L/R	Fr.	Lane Portland (Portland HS)
6	Ericka Burns	5-5	SS/3B	L/R	Fr.	Clinton Ontario, Canada (Central Huron HS)
7	Corinne Spanke	5-6	C/3B	R/R	So.	Ortonville (Central Michigan)
10	Laura Plunkitt	5-6	IF/OF/P	R/R	Fr.	Imlay City (Imlay City HS)
12	Jennifer Granger	5-8	IF	R/R	Fr.	Troy (Troy HS)
13	Bozena Johnson	5-4	2B	R/R	Fr.	Louisville, OH (Louisville HS)
14	Linnea Utecht	5-8	P/1B	L/R	Fr.	Oshkosh, WI (Oshkosh West HS)
15	Katie Snyder	5-6	OF/SS	R/R	Fr.	Troy (Troy Athens HS)
17	Lauren Seffens	5-7	CF	R/R	Fr.	Ortonville (Brandon HS)
20	Mary Kate McGowan	5-9	OF	R/R	So.	Fredericksburg, VA (St. Andrews College, NC)
23	Jennifer Morgan	5-5	P/IF	R/R	Jr.	Rochester (Oakland CC)
24	Keri Sedgley	5-7	3B/1B	R/R	Jr.	Napa, CA (Solano JC)
29	Megan Piar	5-5	C/OF	R/R	Fr.	Lancaster, OH (Bloom Carroll HS)
44	Tiffany Evans	5-4	P/IF	R/R	Fr.	Larue, OH (Elgin HS)

Head Coach: Steve Ogg (1st year)

Assistant Coaches: Donna McDaniel and Don Dreher

Bat Girl: Katie Ogg

NO.	NAME	HT.	POS.	B/T	YR.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/PREV. SCHOOL)
5	Julie Anderson	5-8	CF/P	L/R	Fr.	Lane Portland (Portland HS)
6	Ericka Burns	5-5	SS/3B	L/R	Fr.	Clinton Ontario, Canada (Central Huron HS)
44	Tiffany Evans	5-1	IF/P	R/R	Fr.	Larue, OH (Elgin HS)
12	Jennifer Granger	5-8	IF	R/R	Fr.	Troy (Troy HS)
13	Bozena Johnson	5-4	IF	R/R	Fr.	Louisville, OH (Louisville HS)
20	Mary Kate McGowan	5-9	OF	R/R	So.	Fredericksburg, VA (St. Andrews College, NC)
23	Jennifer Morgan	5-5	P/IF	R/R	Jr.	Rochester (Rochester HS)
29	Megan Piar	5-5	C/OF	R/R	Fr.	Lancaster, OH (Bloom Carroll HS)
10	Laura Plunkitt	5-6	IF/OF/P	R/R	Fr.	Imlay City (Imlay City HS)
1	Crystal Ruddock	5-7	P/IF	R/R	Jr.	Apple Valley, CA (Victor Valley HS)
24	Keri Sedgley	5-7	3B/1B	R/R	Jr.	Napa, CA (Solano JC)
17	Lauren Seffens	5-7	CF	R/R	Fr.	Ortonville (Brandon HS)
15	Katie Snyder	5-6	OF/SS	R/R	Fr.	Troy (Troy Athens HS)
7	Corinne Spanke	5-6	C/3B	R/R	So.	Ortonville (Central Michigan)
4	Danielle TerHaar	5-6	OF	R/R	Jr.	Macomb Twp (Oakland CC)
14	Linnea Utecht	5-7	P/1B	L/R	Fr.	Oshkosh, WI (Oshkosh West HS)
2	Sarah Watters	5-4	OF	R/R	Jr.	Marine City (Oakland CC)



Julie Anderson

Center Field/Pitcher

5-8, L/R, Fr./HS

Lane Portland, Michigan (Portland HS)

Coach Ogg on Anderson

"Julie is our hardest thrower from the mound and can play outfield. She might be the best all-around player on the team and is a great slap hitter."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Portland High School in Lane Portland, Michigan ... earned four varsity letters in softball under head coach Jack Anderson ... was named all league and all district three years and all-state for her junior and senior years ... earned two varsity letters in Basketball where she was named co-captain and earned three varsity letters in volleyball where she was named captain for two years ... participated on student council where she was named senior class secretary in 1999 ... Varsity DARE role model.

Personal ... Born Julie Anderson on October 25, 1980 in Lansing, Michigan ... parents are Jack and Cheryl Anderson ... father played tennis at Northern Michigan University ... undecided on major.



Ericka Burns

Short Stop/Third Base

5-5, L/R, Fr./HS

Clinton Ontario, Canada
(Central Huron HS)

Captain

Coach Ogg on Burns

"Ericka is one of our captains this year and stongest hitter. Probably one of the best hitters I have seen at the college level in the last 10 years."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Central Huron High School in Clinton Ontario, Canada ... played on Team Canada in 1999 in the Junior World Softball Championships in Taipei, Taiwan ... one of 17 girls selected to team and faced Argentina, New Zealand, Australia, USA, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Venezuela and Italy.

Personal ... Born Ericka Burns on July 9, 1980 in Clinton Ontario, Canada ... parents are Greg and Sandra Burns ... business major.

**Tiffany Evans**

Infield/Pitcher

5-1, R/R, Fr./HS

Larue, Ohio (Elgin HS)

Coach Ogg on Evans

"Tiffany is the jack of all trades for this team. Can play every position and is one of our top pitchers."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Elgin High School in LaRue, Ohio ... earned four varsity letters under head coach Michelle Kaffenbarger ... in 1997 earned all-conference, district and all-state honors ... all-district and all-conference for her junior and senior years ... second team all-state her senior year ... also earned one varsity letter in Golf ... Salutatorian ... National Honor Society ... National Forensics League ... Conference Scholar Athlete ... Elgin Scholar Athlete ... OHSAA Scholar Athlete ... All-district and All-conference Scholar Athlete.

Personal ... Born Tiffany Jean Evans on January 24, 1981 in Marion, Ohio ... parents are Dick and Donna Evans ... Secondary Education-English.

**Jennifer Granger**

First Base/Second Base

5-8, R/R, Fr./HS

Troy, Michigan (Troy HS)

Coach Ogg on Granger

"Jenn is a transfer from Michigan and has potential to be a power hitter."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Troy High School in Troy, Michigan ... earned three varsity letters under head coach Tom Calnen ... selected captain for the 1998 and 1999 seasons ... earned all-state, all-region, all-district, all-county and all-league honors in 1999 ... voted most valuable defensive player in 1999 ... made all-area and all-league in 1998 ... earned two varsity letters in basketball ... elected captain in 1998 and earned all-area honors in 1997 and 1998.

Personal ... Born Jennifer Marie Granger on January 2, 1981 in Warren, Michigan ... parents are Charles and Barbara Granger ... father played basketball at Aquinas College and mother earned varsity letters in tennis at Hillsdale College ... cousin Matt Granger attends Judson College where he plays soccer ... pre-med major.

**Bozenna Johnson**

Infield

5-4, R/R, Fr./HS

Louisville, Ohio (Louisville HS)

Coach Ogg on Johnson

"Bo is the smoothest infielder on the team with above average speed."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Louisville High School in Louisville, Ohio ... earned four varsity letters under head coach Jeff Couto ... earned all-league honors sophomore, junior, and senior year ... lettered four years in Tennis ... National Honor Society ... Secretary of Teen Institute ... Historian of German Club.

Personal ... Born Bozenna Lin Johnson in Canton, Ohio ... parents are Merle and Linda Johnson ... marketing major.

**Mary Kate McGowan**

Outfield

5-9, R/R, So./TR

Fredericksburg, Virginia
(Herndon HS/St. Andrews
Presbyterian College)

Coach Ogg on McGowan

"Mary Kate is the hardest worker on the team and can play both outfield and infield. She is a power hitter and has one of the strongest arms on the team."

Before Oakland ... Attended St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina ... batted .298 and swiped 20 stolen bases while earning one varsity letter ... earned varsity letter in Basketball ... Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference freshman player of the year.

High school ... A 1997 graduate of Herndon High School in Herndon, Virginia ... earned four letters under head coaches Laura Beaver and Bonnie O'Hearn ... selected as captain in 1996 and 1997 ... all-district for three years ... earned three varsity letters in basketball ... elected captain for the 1997 season ... all-district from 1995-1997 ... earned one varsity letter in tennis ... nominated as the female athlete of the year in 1997.

Personal ... Born Mary Katherine McGowan June 27, 1979 in Fairfax, Virginia ... parents are Paul and Anna McGowan ... major in communications.



Jennifer Morgan

Pitcher/Infield

5-5, R/R, Jr./TR

Rochester, Michigan

(Rochester HS/Oakland CC)

Coach Ogg on Morgan

"Jennifer has been hurt through most of the fall season but should be one of our relief pitchers."

Before Oakland ... Attended Oakland Community College ... earned two varsity letters under head coach Paul Grinnell ... batted .362 with 19 RBI ... earned all-Conference Honorable Mention in sophomore year.

High School ... A 1995 graduate of Rochester High School in Rochester, Michigan ... earned two varsity letters under head coach Ed Wright ... elected co-captain in 1995 ... all-Area in 1995 ... named all-district and all-Conference in senior season.

Personal ... Born Jennifer Morgan on August 8, 1977 in Austin, Texas ... nickname is Jenny ... father is Dale Morgan ... secondary education.



Megan Piar

Catcher/Outfield

5-5, R/R, Fr./HS

Lancaster, Ohio (Bloom Carroll HS)

Coach Ogg on Piar

"Megan has a very strong arm and should develop into a very good catcher."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Bloom Carroll High School in Bloom Carroll, Ohio ... earned four varsity letters under Bill Adkins and Choe Woods ... nominated to the all-league and all-district teams in her junior and senior seasons ... named all-state honorable mention in senior season ... helped team win two district championships in 1997 and 1998 ... team ranked #16 in state in 1997 and 1998 ... lettered in basketball in 1999.

Personal ... Born Megan Piar on January 3, 1981 in Mt. Vernon, Ohio ... parents are Bill and Linda Piar and Timothy and Jennifer Kazimer ... undecided major ... uncle Paul Morse plays baseball for Anaheim Angels AAA team.



Laura Plunkitt

Infield/Outfield/Pitcher

R/R, Fr./HS

Imlay City, Michigan (Imlay City HS)

"Coach Ogg on Plunkitt

"Laura is an outfielder with speed, can play infield and is a good pitcher."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Imlay City High School in Imlay City, Michigan ... earned four varsity letters under head coach Steve Plunkitt ... elected captain for the 1999 season ... selected to the all-league, area and district teams in 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999 ... all-state for her junior and senior seasons ... the Spartans were ranked #2 in the state in 1997 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the state championship ... in 1998 she led the Spartans to a No. 1 ranking in the state and a No. 6 ranking in the nation ... earned three varsity letters in volleyball ... selected to all-league second team in 1998 ... earned two varsity letters in basketball in 1998 and 1999 ... earned all-league honors in 1999.

Personal ... Born Laura Plunkitt on November 23, 1980 in Lapeer, Michigan ... nickname Plunky ... parents are Steve and Cindy Plunkitt ... elementary education major.



Crystal Ruddock

Pitcher/Infield

5-7, R/R, Jr./TR

Apple Valley, California

(Victor Valley HS/Victor Valley College)

Coach Ogg on Ruddock

"Ruddock is the veteran pitcher on this young staff and can teach the others how to get college hitters out. Best change-up I've seen in the last five years."

Before Oakland ... Earned two varsity letters at Victor Valley College ... elected most valuable pitcher in 1998-1999 season ... selected to first team all-Conference (2nd base) ... elected captain for the 1998-1999 season.

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, California ... earned four varsity letters ... voted on all-league squad all four years under coach Room.

Personal ... Born Crystal Lyne Ruddock on March 8, 1980 in Harbor City, California ... parents are Freeman and Betty Ruddock ... marketing major.



Keri Sedgley

Infield

5-7, R/R, Jr./TR

Napa, California

(Vintage HS/Solano Community College)

Coach Ogg on Sedgley

"Keri is a power hitter and probably will lead the team in home runs. She is a captain and will play third base."

Before Oakland ... Played two years at Solano Community College where she earned two varsity letters under head coach Jennae Lambow ... in 1998 she led the team with a .440 batting average ... also led the team in singles, home runs, doubles, and RBI's.

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Vintage High School in Napa Valley, California ... earned four varsity letters under coach Robert Cameron ... elected captain in her junior and senior seasons ... selected to the all-County team from 1993-1997 ... earned all-League honors from 1995-1997 ... earned one varsity letter in basketball in 1996.

Personal ... Born Keri Lynn Sedgley on April 25, 1979 in Napa Valley, California ... nickname carebear ... parents are Scott and Linda Sedgley.

**Lauren Seffens**

Centerfield

5-7, R/R, Fr./HS

Ortonville, Michigan (Brandon HS)

Coach Ogg on Seffens

"Lauren is the best outfielder on the team and is a strong hitter."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Brandon High School in Ortonville, Michigan ... earned four varsity letters under head coach Don Peters ... earned all-League honors in 1998 and 1999 ... selected to the Academic all-state team in 1999 ... earned all-state honors in 1999 ... captain of the softball and basketball team in 1999 ... earned two varsity letters in basketball in 1998 and 1999.

Personal ... Born Lauren Autumn Seffens on November 3, 1980 in Ortonville, Michigan ... parents are Michael and Cathy Seffens ... undecided on a major.

**Katie Snyder**

Outfield/Shortstop

5-6, R/R, Fr./HS

Troy, Michigan (Troy Athens HS)

Coach Ogg on Snyder

"Katie is our fastest runner and should lead the team in stolen bases this year. She is our center fielder and is still adjusting to college hitting."

High School ... A Cum Laude graduate (3.395 GPA) of Troy Athens High School in Troy, Michigan ... earned three varsity letters under head coach Dave Marr ... all District, Region, and Area in 1998 and 1999 ... elected captain in the 1999 season ... helped the Hawks win a district title in 1997 ... voted as Hawk of the Year in 1999 (coaches award) ... hit .390 in senior season with 30 runs scored, 41 hits, seven doubles, and 24 stolen bases.

Personal ... Born Katie Scarlett Snyder on September 10, 1981 in Warren, Michigan ... parents are Richard and Lorraine Snyder ... chemistry major.

**Corrine Spanke**

Catcher/Third Base

5-6, R/R, So./TR

Ortonville, Michigan
(Brandon HS/Central Michigan)**Coach Ogg on Spanke**

"Corinne is our starting catcher and is a leader on and off the field."

Before Oakland ... Earned one varsity letter at Central Michigan University under head coach Margo Jonker.

High School ... A 1997 graduate of Brandon High School in Ortonville, Michigan ... earned four varsity letters under head coach Don Peters ... all-League and district in freshman year ... selected to all-League, district, and area teams in 1995, 1996, and 1997 ... team won state championship in 1994 and finished second in 1995 ... help team to a 146-17 record in four years with the Blackhawks ... Detroit Free Press selected her to the top 10 softball players in the state of Michigan in 1997 ... batted .395 in senior season and had 47 RBI's ... ranks sixth in the nation in doubles in a single season ... selected as team captain for softball and volleyball in 1996 and 1997 ... earned two varsity letters in volleyball ... all-League and district in 1996 and 1997 ... served on Student Council board in 1997 ... received presidents award in physical fitness.

Personal ... Born Corinne Renee Spanke on October 12, 1979 in Madison Heights, Michigan ... parents are Michael and Fran Spanke ... journalism and communications major.

**Danielle TerHaar**

Outfield

5-6, R/R, Jr./TR

Macomb Twp, Michigan
(Henry Ford II HS/Oakland CC)**Coach Ogg on TerHaar**

"Danielle is another outfielder who is quick on the base paths. She is a solid defensive player and has occasional power at the plate."

Before Oakland ... Earned one varsity letter at Macomb Community College under head coach Paul Grinnell ... transferred to Oakland Community College in 1998 and played one year under coach Greg Kolb ... earned all-Conference and Regional honors in 1998.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Henry Ford II High School in Utica, Michigan ... earned three varsity letters under head coach James Barker ... captain of the

softball and basketball team in 1996 ... earned two varsity letters in basketball in 1995 and 1996 ... selected to the All-State second team in 1996.

Personal ... Born Danielle Marie TerHaar on October 20, 1978 in Detroit, Michigan ... nickname Danny ... parents are James and Elaine TerHaar ... undecided on major.



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Linnea Utecht

Pitcher/First Base
5-7, L/R, Fr./HS
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
(Oshkosh West HS)

Coach Ogg on Utecht

"Utecht was the player of the year out of Wisconsin last year and I expect a lot of good things from her. She is a great pitcher and is learning how to play first base."

High School ... A 1999 graduate of Oshkosh West High School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin ... earned four letters under head coach Dave Christman ... awarded all-league honors in sophomore, junior, and senior years ... all-state second team in 1998 and first team in 1999 ... all-district in 1998 and 1999 ... helped team finish third place in states in 1998 and 1999 while leading them to a record of 42-6 in two seasons ... in 1999 she went 17-1 with an ERA of 0.36 and had 179 K's in 112.0 innings pitched ... elected captain in softball (97-99) and swimming in 1999 ... earned four varsity letters for the Indians in swimming.

Personal ... Born Linnea Keely Utecht on October 26, 1980 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin ... parents are Denis and Sharon Utecht ... sister Nicole Utecht was a member of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's swimming team in 1996.



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Sarah Watters

Outfield
5-4, R/R, Jr./TR
Marine City, Michigan
(Henry Ford II HS/Oakland CC)

Coach Ogg on Watters

"Sarah has good quickness and is a great bunter. We expect her to be one of our best defensive players."

Before Oakland ... Played one year for Macomb Community College under head coach Paul Grinnell ... finished seventh place in Nationals for NJCAA Division III ... transferred to Oakland Community College in 1998 and played for head coach Greg Kolb ... selected to the Great Lakes Region team in 1997.

High School ... A 1996 graduate of Henry Ford II High School in Utica, Michigan ... earned three varsity letters under head coach Jim Barker ... selected to the all-county team ... hit .463 with 30 runs, 39 hits, 22 RBI's and swiped 19 bases in senior season ... member of the varsity cheerleading squad from 1994-1996 ... elected captain of the squad in 1996 ... receive All-American award for cheerleading in 1995 and 1996.

Personal ... Born Sarah Elizabeth Watters on June 8, 1978 in Detroit, Michigan ... parents are Patrick and Claudia Watters ... marketing major.





Mid-Continent Conference 1999 Final Standings

	Mid-Continent					Overall				
	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	W	L	T	Pct	Stk
DePaul*^S	22	0	0	1.000	W22	52	12	0	.813	W8
Western Illinois^	15	7	0	.682	W4	30	26	0	.536	L1
UMKC^	13	9	0	.591	L4	22	29	0	.431	L6
IUPUI^	12	11	0	.522	W2	27	25	0	.519	L2
Valparaiso	5	16	0	.238	L4	8	30	0	.211	W2
Southern Utah	5	18	0	.217	L4	10	48	0	.172	L1
Youngstown State	4	15	0	.211	L2	11	41	0	.212	L5

*-Conference Champion

^Mid-Continent Tournament Participant

S-Tournament Champion

Mid-Continent Conference All-Tournament Team

Pos.	Name	Class	School
2B	Michelle Ackley	Sr.	UMKC
P	Emily Montesano	Jr.	UMKC
P	Megan Fultz	So.	IUPUI
C	Adrienne Hedrick	Fr.	IUPUI
OF	Christy Adamson	Jr.	IUPUI
C	Kendra DeRosa	Sr.	Western Illinois
P	Holly Killion	Sr.	Western Illinois
1B	Bridgett Maxwell	So.	Western Illinois
OF	Wendi Krejca	Sr.	Western Illinois
C	Katy Carter	Sr.	DePaul
UT	Liza Brown	Sr.	DePaul
SS	Karen Stewart	Sr.	DePaul
2B	Yvette Healy	Sr.	DePaul

MVP

P, Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul



1999 Mid-Continent All-Conference Teams

First Team

Pos.	Name	Yr.	School
1B	Bridget Mazwell	So.	Western Illinois
2B	Yvette Healy	Sr.	DePaul
SS	Karen Stewart	Sr.	DePaul
3B	Julie Luna	Jr.	DePaul
C	Amanda Rice	Fr.	UMKC
OF	Christy Adamson	Jr.	IUPUI
OF	Toni Campbell	Jr.	DePaul
OF	Wendi Krejca	Sr.	Western Illinois
P	Nicole Terpstra	Sr.	DePaul
P	Holly Killion	Jr.	DePaul
DH	Shavaughne Desecki	Fr.	DePaul
UT	Liza Brown	Sr.	DePaul

Second Team

Pos.	Name	Yr.	School
1B	Dana Jakusz	So.	DePaul
2B	Adrienne Hedrick	Fr.	IUPUI
SS	Becky Burger	Fr.	UMKC
3B	Jessica Carter	Fr.	UMKC
C	Jennifer Heavener	Jr.	UMKC
OF	Marci Wedel	So.	UMKC
OF	Sarah Adams	Sr.	Southern Utah
OF	Kari Wiseman	Sr.	Valparaiso
P	Chrissie Beebe	So.	Western Illinois
P	Melanie Dobson	Fr.	Western Illinois
DH	Dani Hoffman	So.	Western Illinois
UT	Dani Brown	Jr.	Youngstown State



1999 Mid-Continent Conference Statistics

BATTING AVERAGE (2.0 AB/G)

	G	A/B	R	H	RBI	AVG
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	161	27	64	27	.398
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	189	49	72	37	.381
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	169	33	61	41	.361
Becky Burger, Fr., UMKC	51	153	25	55	22	.359
Wendy Krejca, Sr., WIU	56	183	34	65	10	.355
Shavaughne Desecki, Fr., DePaul	66	144	21	50	29	.347
Yvette Healy, Sr., DePaul	68	184	36	63	12	.342
Marci Wedel, So., UMKC	50	151	27	51	12	.338
Sarah Adams, Sr., Southern Utah	58	161	7	53	20	.329
Kari Wiseman, Sr., Valparaiso	38	110	19	36	17	.327
Amanda Rice, Fr., UMKC	50	146	13	47	23	.322
Jennifer Heavener, Jr., UMKC	48	121	17	39	26	.322
Karen Stewart, Sr., DePaul	68	190	33	59	43	.311
Julie Luna, Jr., DePaul	68	181	16	56	32	.309
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	178	44	54	26	.303

BASE HITS

	G	NO.
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	72
Wendy Krejca, Sr., WIU	56	65
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	64
Yvette Healy, Sr., DePaul	68	63
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	61

BASE HITS PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	64	1.25
Wendy Krejca, Sr., WIU	56	65	1.16
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	72	1.14
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	61	1.09
Becky Burger, Fr., UMKC	51	55	1.08

DOUBLES

	G	NO.
Adrienne Hedrick, Fr., IUPUI	50	17
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	15
Chrissie Beebe, So., WIU	56	15
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	15
Julie Luna, Jr., DePaul	68	15

DOUBLES PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Adrienne Hedrick, Fr., IUPUI	50	17	0.34
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	15	0.27
Chrissie Beebe, So., WIU	56	15	0.27
Alicia Kelly, So., WIU	56	14	0.25
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	15	0.22
Julie Luna, Jr., DePaul	68	15	0.22

TRIPLES

	G	NO.
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	6
Shavaughne Desecki, Fr., DePaul	66	6
Crystal Lambert, So., IUPUI	52	5
Sarah Poloni, Jr., SUU	58	4
Becky Burger, Fr., UMKC	51	3
Kendra DeRosa, Jr., WIU	56	3
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	3
Yvette Healy, Sr., DePaul	68	3

TRIPLES PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	6	0.11
Shavaughne Desecki, Fr., DePaul	66	6	0.09
Crystal Lambert, So., IUPUI	52	5	0.10
Sarah Poloni, Jr., SUU	58	4	0.07
Becky Burger, Fr., UMKC	51	3	0.06

HOME RUNS

	G	NO.
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	11
Karen Stewart, Sr., DePaul	68	8
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	7
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	7
Kari Wiseman, Sr., Valparaiso	38	6

HOME RUNS PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	11	0.20
Kari Wiseman, Sr., VU	38	6	0.16
Karen Stewart, Sr., DePaul	68	8	0.12
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	7	0.10
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	7	0.10

RBI

	G	NO.
Karen Stewart, Sr., DePaul	64	43
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	41
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	37
Julie Luna, Jr., DePaul	68	32
Shavaughne Desecki, Fr., DePaul	66	29

RBI PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	41	0.73
Karen Stewart, Sr., DePaul	64	43	0.67
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	37	0.55
Jennifer Heavener, Jr., UMKC	48	26	0.54
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	27	0.53

RUNS

	G	NO.
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	49
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	44
Yvette Healy, Sr., DePaul	68	36
Wendy Krejca, Sr., WIU	56	34
Chrissie Beebe, So., WIU	56	34

RUNS SCORED PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	67	49	0.73
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	44	0.65
Wendy Krejca, Sr., WIU	56	34	0.61
Chrissie Beebe, So., WIU	56	34	0.61
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	56	33	0.59

BASE ON BALLS

	G	NO.
Jennifer Heavener, Jr., UMKC	48	24
Holly Royal, Sr., YSU	47	20
Marci Wedel, So., UMKC	50	18
Kendra DeRosa, Jr., WIU	56	17
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	17
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	17

BASE ON BALLS PER GAME

	G	NO.	P/G
Jennifer Heavener, Jr., UMKC	48	24	0.50
Holly Royal, Sr., YSU	47	20	0.43
Marci Wedel, So., UMKC	50	18	0.36
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	17	0.33
Kendra DeRosa, Jr., WIU	56	17	0.31

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

	PCT.
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	.464
Jennifer Heavener, Jr., UMKC	.434
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	.433
Marci Wedel, So., UMKC	.422
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	.417



STOLEN BASES	G	SB/SBA	P/G
Christy Adamson, Jr., IUPUI	51	27-38	0.53
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	51	19-25	0.37
Wendy Krejca, Sr., WIU	56	19-20	0.34
Yvette Healy, Sr., DePaul	68	19-26	0.28
Dana Jakusz, So., DePaul	68	18-27	0.26

SLUGGING PCT.	PCT.
Bridget Maxwell, So., WIU	.657
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	.603
Kari Wiseman, Sr., VU	.591
Shavaughne Desecki, Fr., DePaul	.563
Karen Stewart, Sr., DePaul	.532

EARNED RUN AVERAGE (1.0 IP/team G)	G	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W-L	ERA
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36	209.0	122	27	21	34	195	27-4	0.70
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32	189.0	108	38	25	35	192	22-8	0.93
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	31	196.0	138	51	37	52	234	17-13	1.32
Melanie Dobson, Fr., WIU	25	125.1	105	49	26	52	83	10-9	1.45
Campbell, So., Valparaiso	12	46.1	54	39	18	20	28	2-6	2.72
Danni Barrall, Fr., Valparaiso	14	46.0	46	28	18	14	10	1-2	2.74
Erin Brown, Jr., UMKC	35	164.2	209	95	66	25	66	11-17	2.81
Emily Montesano, Jr., UMKC	34	165.1	217	121	88	35	75	11-12	3.73
Katie Marsh, Fr., Youngstown State	18	68.0	97	58	37	12	19	1-9	3.81
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	32	170.2	183	97	73	61	94	16-13	3.85

WINS	G	W
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36	27
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32	22
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	31	17
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	32	16
Emily Montesano, Jr., UMKC	34	11
Erin Brown, Jr., UMKC	35	11

STRIKEOUTS	G	NO.
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	31	234
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36	195
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32	192
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	32	94
Melanie Dobson, Fr., WIU	25	83

INNINGS PITCHED	G	NO.
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36	209.0
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	31	196.0
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32	189.0
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	32	170.2
Emily Montesano, Jr., UMKC	34	165.1

COMPLETE GAMES	G	No.
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	31	28
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32	26
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36	26
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	32	21
Be Cicero, Fr., YSU	27	18

SAVES	G	NO.
Melanie Dobson, Fr., WIU	25	2
Susan Hansen, Sr., SUU	1	1
Christine Lansdown, Fr., IUPUI	20	1
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	31	1
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32	1
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	29	1
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36	1
Danni Barrall, Fr., VU	14	1

APPEARANCES	NO.
Jennie Kerr, Sr., SUU	38
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	36
Erin Brown, Jr., UMKC	35
Emily Montesano, Jr., UMKC	34
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	32
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	32

SO PER 7 INNINGS	IP	SO	AVG.
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	196.0	234	8.3
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	189.0	192	7.1
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	209.0	195	6.5
Melanie Dobson, Fr., WIU	125.1	83	4.6
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	170.2	94	3.9

HITS PER 7 INNINGS	IP	H	AVG.
Liza Brown, Sr., DePaul	189.0	108	4.0
Nicole Terpstra, Sr., DePaul	209.0	122	4.1
Holly Killian, Jr., WIU	196.0	138	4.9
Melanie Dobson, Fr., WIU	125.1	105	5.9
Megan Fultz, Fr., IUPUI	170.0	183	7.5

TEAM BATTING	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-A	SLG	OBP	AVG
DePaul	68	1733	310	512	110	19	36	273	71-106	.446	.343	.297
UMKC	51	1277	176	359	64	6	5	153	36-53	.352	.340	.281
WIU	56	1459	203	400	67	8	23	176	56-70	.378	.327	.274
IUPUI	52	1277	183	322	55	17	3	143	76-115	.329	.322	.252
YSU	52	1337	127	331	38	4	2	102	29-41	.286	.298	.248
Southern Utah	58	1430	129	317	33	20	1	101	46-73	.275	.277	.222
Valparaiso	38	929	88	204	32	6	8	79	20-36	.293	.287	.220

TEAM PITCHING	GP	CG	SV	Sho	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB	HR	ERA
DePaul	68	54	2	22	450.0	108	77	301	419	90	14	1.20
WIU	56	41	3	7	373.1	138	88	298	352	136	12	1.65
UMKC	51	32	0	5	332.0	216	154	427	141	61	16	3.25
Valparaiso	38	13	1	3	244.1	219	144	338	98	119	8	4.13
YSU	52	34	0	2	326.2	306	201	476	121	92	30	4.31
IUPUI	52	34	2	6	338.0	223	165	369	223	147	6	4.39
Southern Utah	58	23	1	1	372.1	315	238	500	129	195	21	4.47

TEAM FIELDING	PO	AST	ER	DP	PCT
DePaul	1353	429	59	3	.968
UMKC	996	489	66	14	.957
WIU	1116	434	73	9	.955
IUPUI	1013	398	82	2	.945
Southern Utah	1117	592	102	15	.944
YSU	980	520	104	14	.935
Valparaiso	733	415	87	17	.930

2000 OPPONENTS

LAKE CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

March 4 in Lake City Tournament

Location Lake City, Florida
 Enrollment 1,000
 Nickname Timberwolves
 Colors Green and White
 Conference Mid-Florida
 Facility Gene Williams Field (400)
 Athletic Director Jim Webb
 Head Coach Jim Webb (Carthage '74)
 Phone (904) 752-1822
 Record at LCCC 281-37 (5 years)
 Career Record 375-98 (7 years)
 Assistants Micael Dean (Elon College '87)
 Softball SID N/A
 Overall Record 69-6
 Starters Returning/Lost 4/5
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 8/7

Top Returnees

Monique Marier So. .492 BA 27 HR 104 RBI
 Ketur Boykin So. .529 BA 10 HR 66 RBI
 Michelle Rowe So. 28-2 W-L 0.95 ERA 176 IP 139 K's

EASTERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY

March 22 in Ypsilanti

Location Ypsilanti, Michigan
 Enrollment 23,000
 Nickname Eagles
 Colors Dark Green and White
 Conference Mid-American (MAC)
 Facility Varsity Field (350)
 Athletic Director Dr. David L. Diles
 Head Coach Nancy Oestrike (EMU '84)
 Phone (734) 487-1031
 Best Time to Reach Mornings
 Record at EMU 54-110 (4 years)
 Career Record 120-159-2 (6 years)
 Assistants Ann Pierson (CMU '87), Val Canfield (EMU '96)
 Softball SID Karen Simpson
 Simpson's Work Phone (734) 487-0318
 Simpson's e-mail address ksimpson@online.emich.edu
 SID Fax Number (734) 485-3840
 Overall Record 31-26
 Conference Record 16-11
 Starters Returning/Lost 13/6
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 10/5

Top Returnees

Paula Singerland Sr. 2B .368 BA 15 RBI
 Randi Wolf Jr. SS .351 BA 23 RBI
 Staci Wolf Jr. P 13-8 W-L 1.93 ERA

UMKC

March 24-25 in Kansas City

Location Kansas City, Missouri
 Enrollment 13,000
 Nickname Kangaroos
 Colors Blue and Gold
 Conference Mid-Continent
 Facility Adair Park (1,000)
 Athletic Director Robert Thomas
 Head Coach Galen Struve (Omaha Art Institute '67)
 Phone (816) 235-5837
 Best Time to Reach Weekday Mornings
 Record at UMKC 37-90 (3 years)
 Career Record 77-111 (5 years)
 Assistants David Priddy, Amy Temples (UMKC '97)
 Softball SID Michelle Copeland
 Copeland's Work Phone (816) 235-5838
 Copeland's Home Phone (816) 561-5961
 Copeland's Email Address copelandm@umkc.edu
 SID Fax Number (816) 235-1035
 Overall Record 22-29
 Conference Record 13-9 (T-4th place)
 Postseason 0-2 in Mid-Con Tournament
 Starters Returning/Lost 9/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/3

Top Returnees

Jennifer Heavener Sr. 1B .322 BA 11 2B 24 BB 26 RBI
 Becky Burger So. SS .359 BA 55 1B 10 2B 22 RBI
 Erin Brown Sr. P 11-17 2.81 ERA 66 K 164.2 IP

GRAND VALLEY STATE

March 27 in Rochester

Location Allendale, Michigan
 Enrollment 17,100
 Nickname Lakers
 Colors Blue, Black and White
 Conference Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic
 Home Arena GVSU Softball Field
 Athletic Director Tim Selgo
 Head Coach Doug Woods (Toledo '67)
 Phone (616) 895-3135
 Record at GVSU 377-187-2 (10 years)
 Career Record Same
 Assistants Liz Henk (GVSU '99)
 Softball SID Tim Nott
 Nott's Work Phone (616) 895-3275
 Nott's Home Phone (616) 735-2346
 Nott's Email Address nottt@GVSU.edu
 SID Fax Number (616) 895-3838
 Overall Record 58-8-1
 Conference Record 16-2-1 (3rd place)
 Starters Returning/Lost 7/3
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 16/6

Top Returnees

Kimberly Biskup Sr. 1B .442 BA 10 2B 21 HR 78 RBI
 Emily Edlund Sr. P 24-2 W-L 1.78 ERA 114 K 169 IP
 Erin Burgess Jr. 2B .376 BA 19 2B 5 HR 59 RBI
 Brienne Rosenberg Jr. OF .416 BA 54 Runs 21 SB

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

March 28 in Rochester

Location Mount Pleasant, Michigan
 Enrollment 26,321
 Nickname Chippewas
 Colors Maroon and Gold
 Conference Mid-American
 Home Arena CMU Softball Complex (1,000)
 Athletic Director Herb Deromedi
 Head Coach Margo Jonker (Grand Valley '76)
 Phone (517) 774-6688
 Record at CMU 697-380-5 (21 years)
 Career Record Same
 Assistants Jodi Swagel (Wisconsin-Whitewater '94),
 Angela Jones (Minnesota-Deluth '94)
 Volunteer assistants Monica Folske and Jenny Bouck
 Softball SID Don Helinski
 Helinski's Work Phone (517) 774-3277
 Helinski's Home Phone (517) 779-2115
 Helinski's Email Address donald.helinski@cmich.edu
 SID Fax Number (517) 774-7324
 Overall Record 41-18
 Conference Record 20-8 (2nd place/West)
 Starters Returning/Lost 7/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 10/4

Top Returnees

Tina Kinney Sr. 1B .351 BA 15 2B 5 HR 26 RBI
 Nicole Weston Sr. OF .300 BA 4 2B 4 HR 17 RBI
 Becky Hanson So. SS .354 BA 7 2B 11 SB 19 RBI

WESTERN ILLINOIS

March 31, April 1 in Rochester

Location Macomb, Illinois
 Enrollment 12,900
 Nickname Westwinds
 Colors Purple and Old Gold
 Conference Mid-Continent
 Facility Mary Ellen McKee Softball Stadium (500)
 Athletic Director Dr. Helen Smiley
 Head Coach Kathy Veroni (Illinois State '68)
 Phone (309) 298-1753
 Best Time to Reach Mornings
 Record at WIU 665-449-2 (28 years)
 Career Record Same
 Assistants Mindy Dessert (Western Illinois '93)
 Graduate Assistant Wendi Krejca (Western Illinois '99)
 Softball SID Jason Kaufman
 Kaufman's Work Phone (309) 298-1133
 Kaufman's Home Phone (309) 833-2198
 Kaufman's Email Address JP-Kaufman@wiu.edu
 SID Fax Number (309) 298-2060
 Press Box Phone (309) 298-1227
 Overall Record 30-26
 Conference Record 15-7 (2nd place)
 Postseason 2-2 in Mid-Con Tournament
 Starters Returning/Lost 6/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 10/5

Top Returnees

Holly Killion Sr. P 1.29 ERA 234K
 Bridget Maxwell So. 1B .361 BA 15 2B 11 HR 41 RBI

2000 OPPONENTS

BOWLING GREEN

April 2 in Rochester

Location Bowling Green, Ohio
 Enrollment 18,050
 Nickname Falcons
 Colors Orange and Brown
 Conference Mid-American
 Facility BGSU Softball Field (500)
 Athletic Director Paul Krebs
 Head Coach Leigh Ross-Shaw (Toledo '92)
 Phone (419) 372-2401
 Best Time to Reach Mornings
 Record at Bowling Green 21-27 (1 year)
 Career Record Same
 Assistants Amy Kyler (Cleveland State '97)
 Graduate Assistant Bobbie Molyneux
 Softball SID Mike Cihon
 Cihon's Work Phone (419) 372-0474
 Cihon's Home Phone (419) 868-3439
 Cihon's Email Address mjcihon@bgsu.net
 SID Fax Number (419) 372-6015
 Overall Record 21-27
 Conference Record 15-11 (2nd place/East Division)
 Postseason 0-2 in MAC Tournament
 Starters Returning/Lost 5/4
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 12/6

Top Returnees

Angie Domschot Jr. IF .356 BA 12 2B 3 HR 27 RBI
 Jen Domschot Jr. 1B .349 BA 5 2B 2 HR 17 RBI
 Jessie Milosek So. P 1-4 3.23 ERA 13 K 34.7 IP

WESTERN MICHIGAN

April 12 in Kalamazoo

Location Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Enrollment 25,669
 Nickname Broncos
 Colors Brown and Gold
 Conference Mid-American
 Facility Fran Ebert Field (400)
 Athletic Director Kathy Beauregard
 Head Coach Kim Worden (Western Michigan '83)
 Phone (616) 387-8602
 Best Time to Reach Mornings
 Record at Western Michigan 307-323 (12 years)
 Career Record Same
 Assistants Julie Liljeberg (WMU '91), Angie Rosich (WMU '98)
 Softball SID Scott Kuykendall
 Kuykendall's Work Phone (616) 387-4125
 Kuykendall's Home Phone (616) 553-6094
 Kuykendall's Email Address scott.kuykendall@wmich.edu
 SID Fax Number (616) 387-4139
 Press Box Phone (616) 387-3064
 Overall Record 17-29
 MAC Record 9-17 (4th place/West)
 Starters Returning/Lost 5/5
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 10/6

DETROIT-MERCY

April 3 in Rochester; May 1 in Detroit

Location Detroit, Michigan
 Enrollment 7,000
 Nickname Titans
 Colors Red, White, and Blue
 Conference Midwestern Collegiate
 Facility Titan Field (500)
 Athletic Director Brad Kinsman
 Head Coach Bob Wilkerson
 Phone (313) 993-1728
 Record at Detroit 33-108 (3 years)
 Career Record same
 Assistants Dawn Forter (Toledo '87)
 Softball SID Stacie Wall
 Wall's Work Phone (313) 993-1745
 Wall's Home Phone (313) 993-1829
 Wall's Email Address wallfm@UDMercy.edu
 SID Fax Number (313) 993-1765
 Overall Record 10-35
 Conference Record 1-11 (7th place)
 Starters Returning/Lost 7/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 12/4

Top Returnees

Devon Brisky Jr. 3B .309 7 2B 2 HR 19 RBI
 Lori Caloia Sr. P 2.29 ERA 19 K

IUPUI

April 14-15 in Rochester

Location Indianapolis, Indiana
 Enrollment 27,000
 Nickname Jaguars
 Colors Red, Gold and Black
 Conference Mid-Continent
 Home Facility IUPUI Softball Field (200)
 Athletic Director Michael R. Moore
 Head Coach Julie Bias (Akron '96)
 Phone (317) 278-1584
 Best Time to Reach Late Morning
 Record at IUPUI First year
 Career Record Same
 Assistants Shelby Howell (Akron '99)
 Softball SID Kevin Buerge
 Buerge's Work Phone (317) 278-3619
 Buerge's Home Phone (317) 927-7035
 Buerge's Email Address kbuerge@iupui.edu
 SID Fax Number (317) 278-2683
 Overall Record 27-25
 Conference Record 12-11 (T-4th place)
 Starters Returning/Lost 5/4
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 9/5

Top Returnees

Jamie Wooten So. 1B .284 BA 1 HR 20 RBI
 Tonya Darr Sr. 2B .214 BA .966 Fld% 17 RBI
 Megan Fultz So. P 16-13-1 3.85 ERA 94 K 170.2 IP

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

April 7-8 in Youngstown

Location Youngstown, Ohio
 Enrollment 12,553
 Nickname Penguins
 Colors Red and White
 Conference Mid-Continent
 Facility Harrison Field
 Athletic Director Jim Tressel
 Head Coach Christy Cameron (California (PA) '96)
 Phone (330) 742-1924
 Best Time to Reach Mornings
 Record at Youngstown State First year
 Career Record 16-28 (1 year)
 Assistants Crystal Little (St. Francis P.A. '98)
 Softball SID Jamie Hall
 Hall's Work Phone (330) 742-1581
 Hall's Home Phone (330) 534-2547
 Hall's Email Address jehall@cc.yzu.edu
 SID Fax Number (330) 742-3191
 Press Box Phone (330) 742-3192
 Overall Record 11-41
 Conference Record 7-15 (7th place)
 Starters Returning/Lost 6/3
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/6

Top Returnees

Dani Brown Sr. C .312 BA 11 2B 1 HR 19 RBI
 Rachel Zehnder Sr. INF .282 BA 6 2B 1 HR 15 RBI
 Be Cicero So. P 4.26 ERA 65 K

NOTRE DAME

April 20 in Notre Dame

Location Notre Dame, Indiana
 Enrollment 10,301
 Nickname Irish
 Colors Gold and Blue
 Conference Big East
 Facility Ivy Field
 Athletic Director Michael Wadsworth
 Head Coach Liz Miller (Western Michigan '69)
 Phone (219) 631-6157
 Best Time to Reach Mornings
 Record at Notre Dame 276-135 (7 years)
 Career Record 817-277 (24 years)
 Assistants Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92), Traci Conrad (Michigan '99), John Gumpf (Cal St. San Bernardino '97)
 Softball SID Peggy Heisler
 Heisler's Work Phone (219) 631-7516
 Heisler's Home Phone (219) 287-8624/273-2390
 Heisler's Email Address curtin.3@nd.edu
 SID Fax Number (219) 631-7516
 Press Box Phone (219) 631-5048
 Overall Record 42-20
 Conference Record 16-0 (1st place)
 Postseason Lost to Nebraska in Regionals 3-4 (8 innings)
 Starters Returning/Lost 7/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/3

Top Returnees

Melanie Alkire Jr. SS .345 BA 8 2B 10 HR 37 RBI
 Lizzy Lemire Jr. OF .351 BA 17 2B 3 HR 30 RBI
 Jennifer Sharron Jr. P 20-10 1.20 ERA 172 K 186.1 IP

OU Administration



Gary Russi

President

Gary Russi was appointed Oakland University president on April 12, 1996, after serving 15 months as Oakland University's interim president and vice

president for academic affairs. Before that he was the university's chief academic officer for a year-and-a-half. Russi is the school's fifth president.

In his first three years as OU's president, Russi has expanded opportunities for learners through a variety of new programs, partnerships and technologies. He has been instrumental in providing new facilities and services and integrating new communication technologies. Under Russi, OU has expanded laboratories and research opportunities with corporate partners and added more internships and co-op opportunities. Oakland has also added numerous new degree and certification programs, as well as continuing ongoing assessment and refinement of existing programs.

During his tenure as interim president, Russi brought to life Oakland's 10-year Strategic Plan. OU has experienced record enrollment growth, major campus construction, new degree programs, increased community and business partnerships, a move to NCAA Division I athletics and historic agreements with community colleges worldwide.

Russi, who is also a tenured professor in health sciences, came to Oakland from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He was Drake's vice president for research and strategic planning, and a tenured professor of pharmacology and toxicology. Russi also served as vice provost for academic affairs, vice provost for planning and budgeting, and director of university planning.

An American Council on Education Fellow in 1982-83, Russi received his baccalaureate in pharmacy in 1969 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Kansas in 1972.



Jack Mehl

Director of Athletics

Jack Mehl, Oakland University's fourth athletic director in history, enters his fifth season as the director in 1999-2000.

In Mehl's first season at OU (1995-96), Oakland captured the GLIAC's President's Cup as the top all-around athletic program in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

As Mehl embarks on his fifth year at the helm of Oakland athletics, the Golden Grizzlies are venturing into a whole new world for themselves. OU is now an official NCAA Division I competitor and will compete as a fully eligible member of the Mid-Continent Conference.

Mehl came to Oakland from his position as Business and Marketing Manager for the Rose Bowl, a position he held since 1993.

Mehl served as the Director of Athletics at Florida Atlantic University for 12 years, from 1979-91. At FAU, Mehl was responsible for proposals which moved the school's athletic program from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II level, and ultimately to its current affiliation at the NCAA Division I level.

Mehl has also been a coach of both golf and basketball during his career in athletics. He was Florida Atlantic's golf coach during his first five years as AD from 1979-84. He was a coach of basketball at three different institutions, including the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he served as head coach from 1975-78.

Mehl received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education from Otterbein College in 1972 and a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1974.



Amy Hirschman

**Sports Information Director
Senior Woman Administrator**

Amy Hirschman joined the Oakland athletic staff as the SID in June of 1997.

Hirschman handles all of the day-to-day responsibilities of the sports information office and the publicity of all 14 NCAA Division I Golden Grizzly athletic programs.

Hirschman comes to OU from the University of Texas, where she spent five years as an Assistant Sports Information Director. At UT her primary responsibility was handling the publicity efforts for the Longhorn baseball team. She also supervised student management of media relations for tennis and golf and assisted in game-day operations for football and basketball. Hirschman was the editor of the football game day programs and oversaw the 20-person student SID staff. She served as the media director for NCAA Baseball Regionals in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

The 30-year-old native of Mount Pleasant graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1991. At CMU, she served as a student assistant in the sports information office for four years. Prior to joining the UT staff, Hirschman served as an intern in the Michigan State University sports information office (1991-92).

Hirschman is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and has won many awards for writing and publications. Her Texas baseball media guide was voted second best in the nation in 1997.

Stabley Hirschman is part three to a three-generation SID family. Her grandfather, the late Fred Stabley Sr., was SID at Michigan State for 33 years (1947-80) and her father, Fred Stabley Jr., is the current SID at Central Michigan (1982-present). The threesome is the first, and only, three generation SID family in the history of CoSIDA and collegiate athletics.

OU Athletic Staff



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Team Physician



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Athletic Training
Assistant

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY — Creating Tomorrow's University Today

"Creating the Future" is the best way to describe the excitement building at Oakland University as it charts its path into the 21st century. This comprehensive campus is in its 42nd year and continues to increase its programs, facilities, resources and enrollment.

Through the leadership of OU President Gary D. Russi, Oakland students are acquiring the skills they need to succeed in a complex and rapidly changing workplace. Oakland continues to add market-driven degree programs geared to real-world needs. Over the past two years, Oakland introduced more than 20 degree programs and specializations in response to market demands. To support growth such as this, OU placed an additional 12 full-time teachers in classrooms through new faculty appointments last year alone. Also, a new certificate program in Electronic Network Management is the first of its kind in the country.

Oakland introduced a pioneering effort this year that will map its direction into the 21st century.

Creating the Future is an initiative comprised of nine task forces of community leaders that made recommendations on how best to strengthen and improve OU. Up to 500 people were involved in the project, which draws from the Oakland University Strategic Plan 1995-2005.

Of Oakland's full-time faculty, 90 percent have earned Ph.D.s from many of the nation's finest research institutions. Less than one percent of classes are taught by graduate students, and OU has small classes that average fewer than 30 students for undergraduate courses. Additionally, students at Oakland have the unique opportunity to conduct research at the undergraduate level. Quality of academics continues to be recognized - OU was rated 24th in academic reputation among the 123 top Midwestern regional colleges and universities for 1998 by U.S. News and World Report. For the second consecutive year, Oakland has been listed in America's 100 Best College Buys 1998-1999 by John Culler & Sons.

Highlights for OU in 1998-1999:

- OU dedicated numerous laboratories over the past year, including the EDS Software Verification and Testing Lab; the Applied Technology in Business Lab; and the Product Development and Manufacturing Center. The ATiB Lab and the PDMC support innovative academic programs by the same names. These programs challenge OU students with real-life business and manufacturing problems.

- The School of Nursing and Henry Ford Health System created an innovative program to help disadvantaged, nonprofessional employees of Henry Ford Health System pursue a bachelor of science degree in nursing.
- The School of Business Administration was named one of four emerging schools of business in the nation by Executive Forum, a nationally syndicated television program, hosted by former astronaut James Lovell.
- Oakland's Meadow Brook Theatre and the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Music Theatre and Dance collaborated for the first time in the acclaimed theatre production of "Angels in America," which was named one of the top 10 plays in the metro area.
- OU joined the Division I Mid-Continent Conference and played its first home men's basketball game in the new arena against Michigan State University on



November 17. During this televised game, the new Golden Grizzlies proudly took the court to the tune of our new fight song, written by one of Oakland's very own Music, Theatre and Dance faculty members. Both the move to Division I and the new Grizzlies mascot have raised the excitement level of OU athletics, which should help broaden our name recognition across the country, and help in our admissions and fund-raising efforts.

- Oakland opened the door to a new world of information with our campuswide administrative computer system, BANNER. Once fully operational, this new system will benefit staff users while providing students with access to financial, registration, advising and academic records.
- Oakland met with much success in its fundraising efforts this past year. Giving for 1998 reached nearly \$6.6 million, an increase of 19 percent over the previous year.

Several other initiatives are under way at Oakland that support student learning, research and development.

This spring, the four-year-old Trustee Academic Success Scholarship Program graduated its first 10 students, achieving a one-hundred-percent rate of its five-year graduation goal. This is an important step in reaching OU's goal of increasing campus diversity.

The university has major institutes and centers in eye research, wellness, biochemistry technology and international studies. Oakland's new Center for Biomedical Research fosters collaborative research and education, enhancing Oakland's ability to recruit and retain outstanding biomedical scientists.

To maintain accreditation, OU is reviewed by the North Central Association (NCA) every 10 years. 1998 marks the onset of a major comprehensive self-study in preparation for the February 1999 NCA review.

The Medical Laboratory Sciences program in

Oakland's School of Health Sciences is the only program in the state to offer students the options of cytotechnology, histotechnology, medical technology and nuclear medicine technology. A radiation therapy option is now offered as well.

OU's cultural enterprises attract more than 500,000 visitors each year to its beautiful 1,441-acre campus. Patrons of art, theatre, music and historic preservation recognize Oakland's Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Theatre, Music Festival and Hall as second to none. New this year is a unique partnership between Meadow Brook Theatre and

Oakland University's Department of Music Theatre and Dance, offering students the opportunity to take part in a professional theatre production. Events are also offered by the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute.

Dedicated to preparing students for the challenges of a rapidly changing workplace and society, the university is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, and Nursing. Oakland offers undergraduate programs in 74 areas with master's and doctoral programs in 54 areas. The university also has an active interdisciplinary Honors College. The university's Continuing Education programs meet the needs of business, industry, governmental units, schools and other community organizations.

Mid-Continent Conference

Established in 1982 as the Association of Mid-Continent Universities (AMCU), the Mid-Continent Conference has endured changes in the highly-competitive world of collegiate athletics, standing today as a nationally-competitive and well-respected league. With a solid foundation of prominent members, the Mid-Con prides itself on providing quality athletic and academic experiences for its student-athletes.

The Mid-Con enters its 18th year with nine NCAA Division-I institutions, located predominantly in the Midwest's top urban areas. Spanning seven states, the Mid-Con includes Chicago State University, IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), UMKC (University of Missouri-Kansas City), Oakland University (Mich.), Oral Roberts University, Southern Utah University, Valparaiso University, Western Illinois University and Youngstown State University.

The Mid-Continent Conference was formed in 1982 when eight universities joined together as an NCAA Division-I conference, sponsoring nine men's championship sports. Under the direction of the league's first commissioner, F.L. "Frosty" Ferzacca, the AMCU-8 included Cleveland State, Eastern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago, Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State, Valparaiso, Western Illinois and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

In 1990, the AMCU-8 not only changed its name to the now familiar, Mid-Continent Conference, but also added Northern Illinois and Akron as Southwest Missouri withdrew. In 1991 Wright State joined the Mid-Con, replacing Northern Iowa. The following year, current member Youngstown State joined the Conference as Akron withdrew. Membership in the Mid-Con increased to an all-time high in 1993 when Wisconsin-Milwaukee gave the league 10 members.

The second major change in membership occurred following the 1993-94 season when Cleveland State, Wright State, Illinois-Chicago, Northern Illinois, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Wisconsin-Milwaukee departed. Their absence created the opportunity to add Buffalo, Central Connecticut, Northeastern Illinois, Troy State and current members UMKC and Chicago State. The Mid-Con remained 10-strong from 1994 through 1996.

With Eastern Illinois, Central Connecticut, Troy State, Buffalo and Northeastern Illinois departing over the past three years, the Mid-Con has strengthened its membership by welcoming Oral Roberts, Southern Utah, IUPUI and Oakland to the league.

To date, the Mid-Continent Conference sponsors 19 championship sports. The current list of Mid-Con championship sports include: (m/w) cross country, (w) volley-

ball, (m/w) soccer, (m/w) basketball, (m/w) swimming & diving, (m/w) indoor track & field, baseball, softball, (m/w) golf, (m/w) tennis and (m/w) outdoor track & field.

In 1992, the Mid-Con announced the debut of six women's championship sports, including volleyball, cross country, swimming & diving, basketball, tennis and softball. Since then, indoor and outdoor track & field, golf and soccer ('99) have been added to the league's list of women's championship sports.

The Mid-Con first made its athletic prowess known in 1986. Cleveland State received an at-large invitation to the "Big Dance", posting a 27-3 record. The Vikings put the Mid-Con on the map with a stunning upset of No. 3 Indiana, 83-79, en route to the league's first-ever "Sweet 16" appearance.

Over the year's the tradition has continued. In 1990, the Mid-Con celebrated its success in men's basketball by sending three of its members to postseason play. Southwest Missouri and Northern Iowa went to the NCAA Tournament, while Wisconsin-Green Bay earned a berth in the NIT. Perhaps one of the most memorable postseasons in NCAA history played out during the 1998 NCAA Tournament. Valparaiso's Bryce Drew connected on a last-second three-pointer to give the Crusader's a one-point victory over No. 3 seed Mississippi. The Valpo magic continued into the second round with an 83-77 overtime victory over Florida State.

Not only has the league gained national notoriety through men's basketball, women's basketball has made a definite impact on the Conference's continuing success. The 1996-97 season marked the first time three Mid-Con teams won at least 20 games in the same year. Northern Illinois received bids to two straight NCAA Tournaments, upsetting nationally-ranked Louisiana Tech in 1992. In 1995, Western Illinois earned its first-ever trip to the NCAA

Tournament, followed by Youngstown State in 1996. The Lady Penguins returned to the NCAA Tournament in 1998, advancing to the second round with a victory over the fifth seed, Memphis.

Building on the success of its basketball programs, the Mid-Con combined its men's and women's tournaments in 1998. Starting in the 1999-2000 season, the Mid-Con basketball tournament will be held at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Ind.. The Mid-Con is just one of two conference's around the country to combine its men's and women's tournaments at a neutral site.

In recent years, the Mid-Con's success has extended well beyond the basketball court. Numerous athletes

have competed in the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships ... Volleyball has achieved national prominence, as evidenced by Oral Roberts' upset of No. 5 Arizona in the first round of the 1997 NCAA Tournament ... Mid-Con softball teams have advanced to the NCAA Regional Finals the past three years, advancing to the

semi-finals of the NCAA World Series this past season ... The league's baseball teams have posted nine straight play-in victories, earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament in six straight seasons. In 1998 Oral Roberts recorded the Mid-Con's first NCAA Tournament victory since 1994, defeating UNC-Charlotte, 20-13.

In addition to acknowledging athletic accomplishments, the Mid-Con also promotes academic achievement throughout the league. Each year the Mid-Con presents its top honor to the male and female student-athlete of the year, awards postgraduate scholarships and promotes its Academic all-Conference teams throughout the season.

In 1997, the Mid-Con introduced the Building Learning arOund Creative Kids (B.L.O.C.K.) program, enhancing the league's identity through community involvement. The interactive, educational program, designed for elementary students, runs each year in conjunction with the Mid-Con Basketball Tournament. Roughly 600 youngsters receive instruction relating to math, geography and communication skills from the league's student-athletes, coaches and other special guests.

NCAA Principle of Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct

For Intercollegiate athletics to promote the character development of participants, to enhance the integrity of higher education and to promote civility in society, student-athletes, coaches and all other associated with these athletics programs and events should adhere to such fundamental values as respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. These values should be manifest not only in athletics participation but also in the broad spectrum of activities affecting the athletics program.

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