

**OU Reception**  
**The home of Eugene and Lois Miller**  
**Thursday, May 3, 2007**  
**5 – 7 p.m.**

**Dr. Russi:**  
(10 minutes)

- Thank Ann. Thank Millers for hosting...
- Thank Lois and Gene for past support (MBMF, MBT, OUF and KL fundraising effort).
- Look forward to new friendships with those there...
- Tremendous growth on OU campus in 50 short years... but much more on horizon...
- To remain strong must look to:
  - new partnerships,
  - academic programs,
  - for-profit business opportunities,
  - support of friends and donors... to move to next level.
- Latest initiatives and growth areas:
- Graduate level – 3 new degree programs:
  - Master of Science in Safety Management
  - Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education
  - Doctor of Nursing Practice.
- SON is the first university in Michigan to offer a DNP degree...
- MSU Social Work partnership...
  - social work is one of the fastest growing professions in the nation.
  - need for social workers will grow by 30% by 2010.

- Partnership with Macomb Community College...
- Macomb to Oakland first dual-degree program in the state...
- Oakland has positioned itself to play key role in the region...
- Located in backyard of Fortune 500 companies and growing network of high tech businesses...
  
- OU research impacts the state, helping businesses and having a positive effect on local economies and the lives of Michigan citizens.
  
- FARJI...
- OU INC...
- OU committed to offering a distinctive UG education... (i.e., research at UG level, internships, field experience, study abroad).
  
- Goal to grow enrollment to 25,000 students by 2020... This is important because...
  
- Continued focus on diversity... recruiting in Michigan and beyond...

- Repeat earlier mention of importance of :
  - new partnerships,
  - academic programs,
  - for-profit business opportunities,
  - support of friends and donors... to move to next level.
- Med school announcement... signifies next level...
- Historical strong Beaumont/OU partnership... (NIH grants...)
- Jointly-run Nurse Anesthesia program ranked in top 11 in the country.
- Physician shortage... we are filling a need...
- 30 million people affected by physician shortages, according to the AMA.
- Critical shortages expected by 2020 unless medical school enrollments increase by 30%.
- Med school will have far reaching impact on our region... (jobs, economy boost)
- Through support of committed partners and growth milestones such as med school announcement, Oakland closing in on 2010 vision of providing a distinctive educational experience and preparing leaders who are preferentially hired in the workplace.
- Introduce Sue Goepp...