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'Haunted Hill' scares 'Fight Club' out of top movie spot.	Cultural awareness celebrates 'Completing the Puzzle'	Financial decisions plague students, but new options on the rise.	Deer hunters eagerly await gun season beginning Nov. 15	Partly Sunny High 52° High 32°
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## FAST facts

• Medical School Open House  
Representatives from various national M.D. and D.O. medical schools will be on campus for students to browse and ask questions. The event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. November 10 in the Oakland Rooms.

• Attention Students and Staff:  
The OU School of Nursing will present Marilyn Oermann, PhD, RN, FAAN and her lecture on "Writing for Publication" from 9-11 a.m. Friday in Gold Room A. The event is open to all faculty, staff and students. Seating is limited, email nrsinfo@oakland.edu with your name, phone number and email address to reserve your seat.

• LSAT test prep  
The College of Arts and Sciences will hold a workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for three Saturdays starting November 6th. Cost is \$325. Call (248) 370-3125 to register.

• Affirmative Action discussion.  
A panel discussion on "Affirmative Action in Higher Education" will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10th in Gold Rooms A and B. Panelists include Federal District Judge Denise Page Hood, Attorney Reginald Turner and U-M Law School Dean Jeffery Lehman.

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## OU mourns founding father

Faculty, staff remember 'Woody, just Woody'



Photo courtesy of The Oakland University Magazine

**PIONEERING THE FUTURE:** During the 1960s Varner pushed the expansion and the growth of Oakland. According to Varner, "We saw in Oakland an opportunity to develop something with our own fingerprints on it." During his administration, Woody saw the completion of more than half of the buildings that stand on campus.

By Brent Chismark,  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

OU will never forget the man whose spirit and charisma made it what it is today. D.B. "Woody" Varner, OU's first chancellor, and a man who saw the building of more than half of the campus' buildings, died Saturday, October 30th at age 82 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Though students may recognize him only by the building named for him and his wife, those who knew and worked with him remember him for his approachable and friendly personality. "If it hadn't been for his commitment to the task at hand and the spirit he infected us all with, he wouldn't have gotten us off to such a glorious start," said Paul Tomboulis, Chemistry professor, and a charter faculty

member

Woody, as he insisted on being called, came to Michigan State University in 1949 as an assistant professor of agricultural economics, and quickly rose to Vice President of the university. In 1959, he was asked to become the chancellor of the new MSU Oakland facility. He got the nickname as a student at Texas A&M.

During his 10 years as chancellor, Varner was known for his excellent delegating and listening skills, and also his big heart. Woody and his wife were known to personally deliver pecans to every employee at Christmas during his tenure, and visit hospital-

ized children of faculty members.

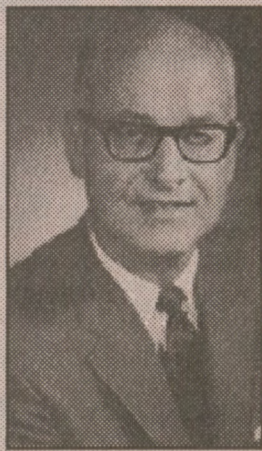
He was a man with many friends, which was a great asset to him when it came to beginning a new program or construction project, such as when

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## WOODY VARNER

### PROFILE



**His first appearance:**  
January 1, 1917, Cottonwood, Texas

**Family:**  
Married to Paula Price

**Children:**  
Thomas, Judy and Susan

**Grandchildren:**  
Matthew, Andrew, Jessica and John

**Education:**  
Undergraduate-Texas A&M University, Agriculture Economics  
Graduate-University of Chicago, Economics

**Professional:**  
Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics, MSU, 1949-52  
Director, Cooperative Extension Service, MSU, 1952-55  
Vice President, MSU, 1955-59  
Chancellor, Oakland University, 1959-1970  
Chancellor, University of Nebraska, 1970-1972  
President, University of Nebraska, 1972-1977  
Chair of the Board, University of Nebraska Foundation, 1977-1984

— Profile information courtesy of The Oakland University Magazine

## Banner continues to be corrected

By SunShine Joy Collins  
SPECIAL TO THE OAKLAND POST

Despite recent queries about the newly implemented Banner Records System reverting some of OU's student major choices, there is no reason to worry. OU's academic records office is working to correct any system glitches that arise.

Students should check their fall grade report to be sure the major is correct. If it is not correct, the student should contact her/his academic advisor.

All graduate students and most undergraduate student records were converted from the previous ISIS system to Banner with the correct major, according to Associate Registrar Jennifer Gilroy.

Some undergraduates who changed their majors in the 98-99 academic year were converted correctly while others were returned to their previous majors. However, only a small number of students were impacted and the registrar's office is taking the proper steps to correct any problems.

"An academic record is a permanent record. We have always had a high level of confidence in our student record system, and we intend for that level of confidence to continue in the Banner environment," said Associate Registrar Jennifer Gilroy.

OU has implemented the Banner program as a Y2K replacement for an older computer system called ISIS. Both Banner and ISIS

were developed by SCT, a software development company.

Gilroy emphasized that the system poses no threat to students and graduation. When students apply to graduate they write their majors, minors and concentrations on the Application for Degree. The tentative graduation list and Degree Audit Statement are prepared on the information provided by the student.

"If a student claims a major to which s/he is not admitted, the adviser notifies us of the correct major," said Gilroy.

Before Oakland purchased the Banner program, the registrar staff knew that they did not have

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## CT's Reject "Last Offer"

By Shajan Kay  
OF THE OAKLAND POST

With Winter registration a mere 12 days away, a potential walkout of Clerical and Technical workers could occur anytime after the next 10 days.

If the 260 CT's walk, many of the daily operations of the university will grind to a halt.

Essential tasks such as handling of mail and phones along with the numerous other jobs done by CT's will go undone.

The CT's, members of UAW/TOP Local 1925, overwhelmingly rejected a three year "last best offer" from OU yesterday.

The proposal would have given the CT's an annual 2.25 percent across the board pay increase for each year and a .5 percent progression increase for each year. Modest improvements in health care and co-pay were also part of the package.

CT members could still be seen wearing "6.2" buttons, Tuesday, in passive protest of President Gary Russi's 6.2 percent raise, which he received early this fall.

According to Susan Russell, Union President, 76 percent of the members who were present voted against the agreement. The union membership has requested that

their negotiators notify OU that it has 10 days to agree with union demands. If the two sides do not agree within 10 days, union members could withhold their services from the university.

Also, included in the declined agreement was a proposal for OU employees to participate in a computer skills assessment program.

The program would be used to compare applicants to jobs with computer skills requirements.

The proposed agreement also contains a proposal to identify jobs on campus that require advanced computer skills.

Jobs that require additional compensation would be identified. Adjustments in pay would occur upon agreement between the Union and OU.

Bill Kendall, Assistant Vice-President for Employee Relations, said that he is "very disappointed" with the contract being rejected.

Kendall described the proposed contract as very generous, and was a significant increase from before. He said that he felt the contract was in no way harmful to the membership of the union.

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