

Oakland University

Black Profiles



Office of Student Services
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FOREWORD

"And when we call for education, we mean real education, we believe in work. We ourselves are workers but work is not necessarily education. Education is the development of power and ideal. We want our children trained as intelligent human beings should be, and we will fight for all time against any proposal to educate black boys and girls simply as servants and underlings, or simply for the use of other people. They have a right to know, to think, to aspire."

—W.E.B. DuBois, 1906 Resolution
of the Niagara Movement

The opportunities which exist at Oakland University for black students are designed to assist students to obtain a quality education and to achieve their career goals. It is the hope of all involved that students will become useful members of society.

It is expected that black students will prepare themselves academically so that they can return to their communities and contribute in a significant manner to improving the quality of life for those who did not have such an opportunity. We expect that students earning Oakland University degrees will return with pride to the black community, and/or the larger community, to contribute generously of themselves in effecting changes that will reduce economic, social, and physical suffering.

In the words of DuBois, we expect students' education at Oakland to be a "development of power and ideals." Oakland is rich in the opportunities for such development—we implore efficient use of all available resources. While the entire University community is anxious to help if you seek such assistance, the black community has a particular investment in you and desires to see each student gain the power and ideals of which DuBois spoke.

To assist you in locating these resources, this publication has been developed and was a summer-long project of Gary G. Watkins. My personal appreciation to Gary for this important publication and to Carol Cubia for her clerical assistance and Geraldine Graham for her editorial and clerical assistance. It is our hope that black students will find *BLACK PROFILES* helpful as they attempt to use resources in the ways of DuBois—"to know, to think, to aspire."

Manuel H. Pierson, Dean
Office of Student Services

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers:

I wish to welcome those of you who are at Oakland University for the first time, and those of you who are returning, welcome back. This is your *BLACK PROFILES* which contains the names, pictures and relevant information concerning Oakland's black faculty and staff and black student leaders.

We have compiled *BLACK PROFILES* primarily for the black student, the purpose being to provide a means by which to become familiar with our campus resource persons. The students included herein are, by no means, the only student leaders on Oakland's campus; but they are, however, some of the most visible. This 1981-82 *BLACK PROFILES* issue is a first-time publication and shall be updated annually.

I would like to thank all who took advantage of the opportunity to be included in this first publication of *BLACK PROFILES*, although I regret that we were unable to place this booklet in your hands by September 2 as planned. As you know, collecting information from a large number of busy people is not an easy task, and our schedule was delayed in an effort to include everyone. However, it is our hope that the next issue will be more complete including all those persons who missed the initial edition.

I sincerely hope that our booklet, *BLACK PROFILES*, will be useful to you during your stay here at Oakland. We encourage you to tap the human resources available to you which will enhance your success here at Oakland and, thereby, your future. Good luck throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Gary G. Watkins
Editor and Student Assistant to
the Dean for Student Services



IOLA ADAMS

Administrative Secretary
Department of Linguistics

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Iola attended Pontiac Public Schools graduating in 1967 from Pontiac Central High School. She has since received a certificate from Pontiac Business Institute and additionally has attended classes at Oakland Community College. Ms. Adams originally came to Oakland in 1969 in the Center for Urban Affairs, transferred to the School of Nursing, and was appointed to her current position in September, 1980.

Ms. Adams' community involvements include serving as Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack #364, affiliation with New Hope Baptist Church, and being a member of the Northstar Players—a black theatre group in Pontiac. She is a very good person to know in the Department of Linguistics because she is familiar with the faculty and offerings and could, perhaps, recommend classes appropriate for your needs.



AARON L. ADDROW-PIERSON

Polemarch, Kappa Upsilon Chapter
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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Aaron is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Denby High School. He is a sophomore at Oakland majoring in economics with career objectives to own a law and C.P.A. firm and hold a key political office in Detroit. He is currently running for a Detroit School Board seat in Region VIII.

Aaron has been active since his beginning here at Oakland. Among his numerous activities are the Academic Conduct Committee, Academic Standing and Honors Committee, the Association of Black Students, the 1980-81 chairmanship of the Black Awareness Month Committee and he is a founding member and Polemarch of the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Additionally, Aaron has worked with the Michigan Higher Education Student Association, 1981 Detroit Presidential Inaugural Ball Committee, NAACP, Detroit Association of Black Organizations, and the Cotillion Club of Detroit. He is listed in the 1981-82 Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and is the first black recipient of the Student Life Leadership Award at Oakland.

Aaron is a well rounded individual who is interested in the well being of students. His emphasis this year will be on academic achievement along with his public service work in the neighboring communities and on campus.

TERRY ANDERSON
Student-at-Large
Association of Black Students
18 Oakland Center
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Terry is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Southeastern High School. His major is computer engineering and his career objective is to become a corporate executive and professional musician.

Terry's professional interests include politics, astronomy and linguistics. He is now active in the Association of Black Students as a Student-at-Large and is just beginning his political career at Oakland; but he is a fast learner and will be a valuable resource person in the future.

Terry's hobbies include baseball, football, basketball, and bowling.

JOHN W. ATLAS
Associate Professor
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Following undergraduate work at Grambling State University, Prof. Atlas received his graduate degree and Doctor of Education Degree in Guidance and Counseling and Sociology from Wayne State University. His special skills include counseling, career development, consultation, group dynamics, and human resources development.

Prof. Atlas was appointed to his current position in August 1973 and has since been very active in the area of guidance and counseling including serving on committees at local schools and facilitating workshops in the public schools. Additionally, he sits on the Standing Committee on Affirmative Action in the School of Human and Educational Services here at Oakland.

Prof. Atlas expects to continue his career as a counselor/educator and is very receptive to serving the needs of students.



MARY LYNN BARBEE

President, OU-NAACP
C.I.P.O.

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Mary Lynn, a native of Flint, graduated from Flint Northern High School. She has attended Western Michigan University until transferring to Oakland in 1980. Lynn's career objective is to become an anchorwoman for ABC-TV. She has a major in communications and is a senior at Oakland.

Lynn is very active in the Oakland community. She is president of our NAACP chapter is also served as chairperson of the Public Relations Subcommittee of the Black Awareness Month Committee in 1981. Additionally, she has coordinated fashion and talent shows and loves to sing gospel. Lynn's hobbies include singing, sewing, dancing and reading.

Lynn was first runner-up in the Ms. Oakland University competition in 1980. She was chosen Ms. Phi of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at Wayne State University and also Sweetheart of Western Michigan University Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi for 1975-76. If you want to become a member of the NAACP, you can contact Lynn through CIPO.

KIMBERLY BENNETT

President
Omicron Zeta Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

C.I.P.O.
377-2020

Kim is a native of Detroit and graduated from Cass Technical High School. Her career objective is to become a certified public accountant and receive her doctorate degree in finance. She is currently a junior in the management program at Oakland.

Kim has done community services in nursing homes and hospitals along with her sorority which is a public service sorority. She is a very good friend and is employed as a student with the Department of Special Programs as a peer counselor.

REBECCA BOWMAN

Resident Assistant

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Rebecca, better known as "Bek," is a graduate of Hill Community High School in Lansing and entered Oakland through the Summer Support Program. At Oakland, she is pursuing a degree from the School of Economics and Management with concentrations in both Human Resource Management and Public Administration. Her long range career objective is to use her management skills in an administrative capacity to further the growth and development of the arts (she has been a dancer for seven years).

Bek has been very active in the University community serving as a peer counselor and in residence halls, which can be considered one of her areas of expertise. She continues to serve on the Residence Halls Selection and Evaluation Committee as well as having served on the Student Advisory Committee on the Selection of the President, Student Life Interviewing Team, and Black Graduates Dinner/Dance and Alumni Reunion Committee. Additionally, she has been active through the Association of Black Students and other student organizations.

Becky is a great resource person for Residence Halls assistance and would, additionally, be pleased to discuss the arts with anyone who is interested.



JOHNETTA BRAZZELL

Associate Director
Urban Affairs Center

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Ms. Brazzell is a native of Swainsboro, Georgia where she attended the Swainsboro Public Schools. She received her bachelor's degree in 1968 from Spelman College and her master's degree from the University of Chicago in 1972. Her career objective is to work in a dynamic, challenging position which will allow for personal growth and community service.

Ms. Brazzell's special skills include research, writing and public speaking which coincide with her community service activities with the Afro-American Museum of Detroit, Fair Housing Center, Negro Business and Professional Women's Association, and New Detroit, Inc. along with others. Her Oakland University involvements include serving as adviser for the Association of Black Students and as a member of the Council of Black Concerns.

Ms. Brazzell has received numerous awards, the most recent being the Community Services Award from the Afro-American Museum. You can locate her at the above address.

SHIRLEY COBB

Employee Relations Assistant
Employee Relations Department

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Shirley is a long time employee and friend of students at Oakland University. Her long term goal is to be able to retire and travel across the United States as soon as her children are through with college and settled into their careers.

Shirley's special skills include being a good listener, as well as a seamstress, good typist and quick learner; and she has a very proficient knowledge of the Wang Word Processing System.

Shirley is a member of Welcome Baptist Church in Pontiac and is also a Girl Scout troop leader (those of us in North Foundation look forward to the cookie sales each year!).



SAMUEL CRAIG

Student Assistant to the Director
Special Programs
and
President
Association of Black Students

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Sam, better known as "Sam Spade," is a native of Highland Park attending Highland Park High School. His educational objectives include attending law school and he aspires to become mayor of the City of Highland Park. He is now a junior with a major in Public Administration and Public Policy.

Sam's community activities include coaching a little league football team and he is an accomplished athlete. He enjoys baseball, track, and basketball and has received a number of awards from the All Suburban Athletic League.

Recently, Sam has become a very influential student leader when elected president of the largest student organization at Oakland—the Association of Black Students. Additionally, he is a member of the Council of Black Concerns and chairman of the Lecture Series for the Student Programming Board; he is also a member of the Student Life Lecture Series.

Sam is another excellent resource person. If you wish to join any of the organizations and need information, Sam is involved; contact him at the above number.



GILBERT CRITTENDON

Assistant Director
Oakland Center

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Gil, an alumnus of Oakland, received his Master of Arts in Education Degree in 1976. Following this, he held a position as Hall Director of a residential complex at the University of Iowa for about two years prior to returning to Oakland as an employee in 1978. His previous positions here at Oakland include Graduate Research Assistant and Counseling in the Department of Special Programs.

Additionally, Gil has served on the Oakland University Council of Black Concerns, Student Issues Committee, Committee on Social/Fraternal Organizations, and the Black Awareness Month Committee. In the community he has been involved in various election campaigns and with the Association of College Unions International.

Gil aspires to become a chief administrator of a significant educational institution. But, for the time being, if you need anything in the Oakland Center, he's the resource person for that area.

ALVIN DAVIS

Coordinator
Architectural Services

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Al received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from the University of Michigan in 1975. He began work here at Oakland in September of 1978. Al's career objective is to become a design consultant; also, he wants his own architecture firm with a specialization in a particular building type or urban planning. Al's areas of specialty are design, graphics and drafting.

Al is a member of the Master Builders of Detroit. Additionally, he is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Besides his outside interests, he is an adviser for the Social Fraternal Committee and Chairman of the Administrative/Professional Assembly's Election Committee. Al has worked with the Association of Black Students, the Black Awareness Month Committee, and designed the graphics for the Committee to Elect Sam Craig as President of the Association of Black Students.

Al is a very good friend and very approachable. Next time you are in North Foundation, stop by Al's office to introduce yourself.

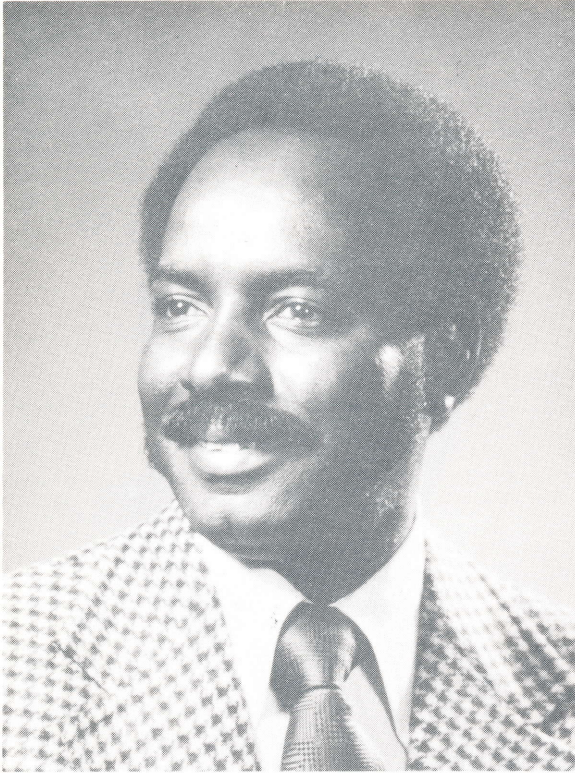
KEVIN DAVIS

Night Watch

Kevin is a native of Highland Park and graduated from Highland Park High. His career objective is to direct and supervise programs designed to help others find personal fulfillment and social usefulness.

Kevin has been active in the Association of Black Students and on the Black Awareness Month Committee. He is known to be the "information man." He is very good at motivating people to attend meetings and become active in the University student committees.

Kevin's interests include criminal justice and politics and he has done work for the Red Cross and March of Dimes. His hobbies include basketball, reading and dancing.



ROBERT L. DONALD

Associate Professor of English

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Prof. Donald is a graduate of Xavier University and the University of Detroit. He now teaches English here at Oakland. His special interests include English methods, grammar and its usage, persuasive writing, a dialectology, and short fiction. Additionally, he writes a column for the *Oakland Press* twice weekly.

Prof. Donald has received awards for his teaching and commitment to students and the Black Awareness Month Committee has honored him by naming its annual literary contest after him. He, and a committee of critical reviewers, judge the works submitted for the contest and decide on the award winners.

When you need assistance in English or would just like to talk, Prof. Donald is available for you to see.



ROBERT L. DOUGLAS

Administrative Assistant for
Curriculum Development
Department of Special Programs

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Mr. Douglas is a native of Nashville, Tennessee graduating in 1967 from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications and Theatre. His career objective is to develop and work in a capacity that will be informative, educational, motivational and entertaining.

On campus, Mr. Douglas is active on the Trio Advisory Council and serves as adviser for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Kappa Upsilon Chapter. He has also served on the Black Awareness Month Committee, directing a play, "Tell Pharoah," presented on the 1981 calendar in addition to serving on the Committee on Social/Fraternal Organizations.

Along with Robert's numerous achievements, he is an accomplished actor and model. He has appeared in numerous plays including "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "King Lear," and the musical "Purlie." Additionally, he has appeared in three movies—"Sister-Sister" by Maya Angelou, "Wilma," and "Nashville."

In the Department of Special Programs, Mr. Douglas is responsible for coordinating the Skill Development Center which consists of tutorial services and basic skill development seminars anops. If you need a tutor or help in any area, Robert Douglas is the person to see in Special Programs.



De WITT S. DYKES, Jr.

Associate Professor of History
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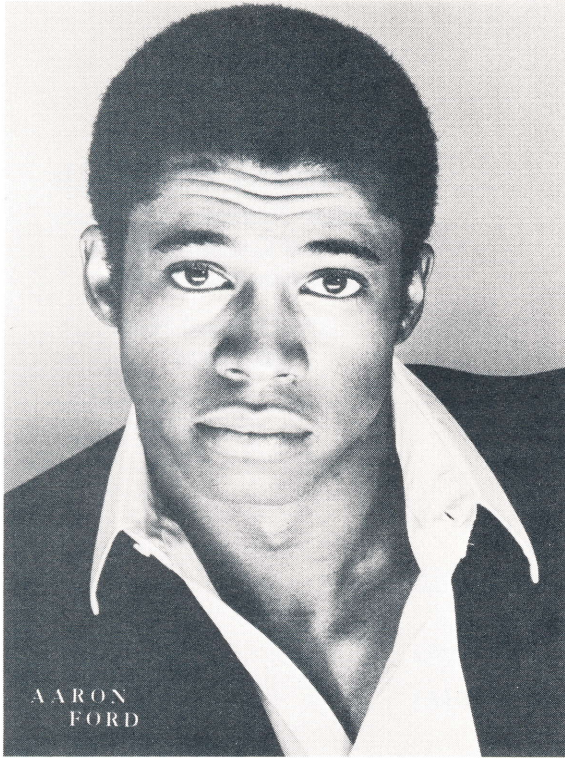
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Prof. Dykes received his master's degree from the University of Michigan and is presently a doctoral candidate there. His career objective is to be an excellent teacher, to counsel students in Afro-American studies, and to publish significant research. He specializes in Afro-American history, blacks in Michigan, black American women, history of American cities, and history of American families.

Prof. Dykes teaches black history at Oakland and is a very demanding professor. If you should ever register for one of his classes, you will work hard; but the knowledge and insight that you will gain will be worth it.

Among Prof. Dykes' community involvements include his service as vice chairman on the Historic Designation Advisory Board of the City of Detroit. At Oakland, he is a member of the School of Nursing Committee on Appointment and Promotion.

When you're ready to fulfill your history requirement, take any class Prof. Dykes teaches; it will be worthwhile.



AARON FORD

Theatre & C.I.S.

Barn Theatre
377-2245

Aaron is a native Detroiter and graduated from Kettering High School. His career objective is to pursue a career in theatre while having a secondary profession in computer science. Aaron has been in numerous Oakland plays including the nationally renowned "jeririg" which was rated one of the ten best college plays of 1981 in the United States.

Aaron is a junior with a major in computer and information science. Additionally, he is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. His hobbies include scale model house building, swimming, tennis and mime.

Aaron is also an aspiring musician. He plays the drums; and, besides being a pretty good comedian, Aaron is an excellent actor. If you wish to find out more about Oakland's student theatre, you can contact Aaron at the Barn Theatre at the above number.



AUGUSTIN KWASI FOSU
Assistant Professor of Economics
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Professor Fosu, born in Ghana, West Africa, joined Oakland University's School of Economics and Management faculty in August, 1979. Receiving a full scholarship to Lawrence University of Wisconsin upon high school graduation, he graduated *cum laude* with a double major in both math and economics in 1973. With the help of fellowships earned from Northwestern University, he completed his doctorate degree in economics there in 1979. Additionally, he was elected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, an academic fraternity.

Among his many community service involvements, Prof. Fosu was president of the African Students Organization and chief editor of the Pan-Africanist while in college and now is a consultant to Henry Ford Hospital and the American Society of Personnel Administrators. His areas of specialty include econometrics and statistics, mathematical economics, and economics theory.

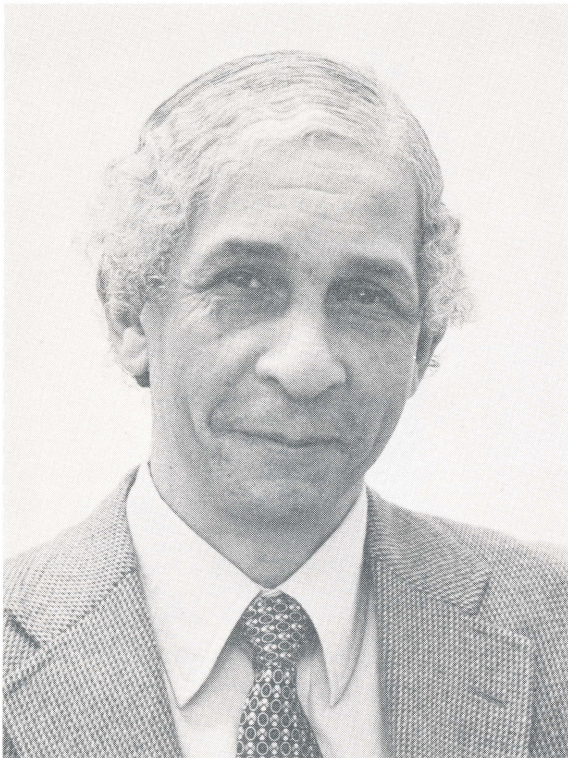
Prof. Fosu's Oakland University committee involvements include the Faculty Council in General Studies and the Committee on Appointment and Promotion of the School of Economics and Management. For those of you majoring in economics, Prof. Fosu is obviously an excellent resource.

JAMES B. FRANKLIN, III

James, a native of Flint, Michigan, graduated from Flint Beecher High School. His career objective is to enter the field of international law and international policy. James is an Oakland University Student Life Scholar and is a recipient of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities honors.

James has an extensive record of public service both in the community and here at the University. Some of his accomplishments include serving as chairman for the Tenth Annual Martin Luther King Day ceremonies in Pontiac, serving as president of the Association of Black Students for two years, and, at the same time, serving as a member of University Congress.

Additionally, James has been a member of the Black Awareness Month Committee for two years. His hobbies include lecturing, attending seminars, bowling and swimming.



GEORGE L. GARDINER

Dean of the Library

116 Kresge Library

377-2486

Dean Gardiner was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts attending the public schools of that city. He received his undergraduate degree from Fisk University and his graduate degree and certificate of advanced study from the University of Chicago. Additionally, Dean Gardiner had the unique opportunity to serve an apprenticeship during his undergraduate years with Arna Bontemps.

Among Dean Gardiner's numerous community involvements, he is active in the Pontiac Black College Program, Poetry Resource Center of Michigan, Michigan Library Consortium, Afro-American History Commission of Illinois, and sits on the Normal, Illinois Public Library Board. Additionally, he sits on many committees within the University including the Academic Planning and Policy Committee and Black Studies Committee.

Dean Gardiner's areas of specialty include library science, computer and information science, human information processing, and black American literature. Dean Gardiner plans to remain in library administration and scholarship serving higher education and the public community.

Next time you are in Kresge Library—which, by the way, should be often—stop by to take advantage of Dean Gardiner's expertise. Or, just drop by to say hi.

ANDERSON J. GILMORE
Vice President
Black Alumni Association

Anderson, better known as "A.J.," is a 1978 graduate of Oakland and currently a candidate for the Master of Business Administration Degree here at Oakland. He is also current vice president of the Black Alumni Association and previously held the position of adviser in the Oakland University Admissions Office.

During his undergraduate years here at Oakland, A.J. was active in numerous organizations including the Association of Black Students, University Congress and was editor of "New Perspectives," the black student newsletter. He is a concerned alumnus and really cares about what happens to black students.

A.J. is currently employed with the City of Detroit Employment and Training Department as an analyst. His civic involvements include memberships with the Blue Monday Network, Detroit Urban League, and Oakland University Trio Council. Additionally, he is very active and well known on the political campaign scene.

A.J. is a good friend and a valuable resource person for both on and off campus. He can be reached through the Oakland University Office of Student Services.



ELIZABETH GLASS

Director, Project Upward Bound

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Mrs. Glass is a graduate of Cleary College in West Virginia with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Her career objective is to continue to plan and implement programs to assist youth in their pursuit of upward mobility both educationally and culturally. Mrs. Glass is currently pursuing her goals through Project Upward Bound which is a pre-college program for ninth through twelfth graders. Once they complete their Upward Bound coursework, they graduate into the Summer Support Program and attend Oakland University as a regular student.

Additionally, Mrs. Glass is a certified Human Potential Seminar Leader. She is a source of great motivation for her students who are in Upward Bound along with numerous Oakland students and graduates. Some of Mrs. Glass' activities include membership in the Pontiac Area Urban League, NAACP, and Cotillion Wives Auxiliary. She also serves on the Administrative/Professional Assembly, Trio Advisory Council and Advisory Committee for Delta Sigma Theta at Oakland.

If you are interested in working with high school youth ranging from age 14 to 17, Mrs. Glass is the person to see. She has been active in the upgrading of life for young college bound students by whom she is thoughtfully addressed by some as "mother."



SELINA GOODNER

Resident Assistant

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Selina is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Cass Technical High School. She is majoring in communication arts and management. Her career objective is to be in personnel management and then someday become a U.S. Congresswomen.

Selina has been very active since coming to Oakland. She was interim president of the Association of Black Students during the summer of 1980, vice president-elect in fall of 1980, and an executive board member. Additionally, she was cast manager for the Performing Team and a member of the Black Awareness Month Committee. She is also a founder of the Nu Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Among Selina's awards are the Residence Halls Certificate of Merit for her contributions made to Pryale and the entire Residence Halls program. She is a very knowledgeable person about student organizations, and she is a very hard worker who works well with a team to implement successful campus programs.



GERALDINE E. GRAHAM

Executive Secretary
Office of the Dean for Student Services
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Geraldine, better known as "Geri" at Oakland University, is a native of Pontiac, Michigan, graduating from Pontiac Central High School with a scholarship from the North Oakland Chapter of the Professional Secretaries International (PSI). Following high school, Geri attended Oakland Community College while simultaneously beginning employment at Oakland University. Her first position at Oakland was that of Accounts Receivable Clerk in the Student Accounts Office, followed with a promotion to Departmental Secretary in the Office of the Provost. In 1973, Geri was chosen for the position of Secretary to the Dean for Student Services where she has remained and since has been elevated to the position of Executive Secretary for the Department.

However, within the past two years, Geri's status at Oakland has become twofold. In addition to being an employee, she is also a student pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Management Degree. As a student, she has served on the Black Awareness Month Committee (chairing one of its subcommittees) and became involved in various student interests on campus serving, informally, as adviser to both individuals and organizations. The management degree and future educational endeavors will serve as preparation for an administrative or managerial position either in higher education, industry, or the private sector of business.

When one wants to know anything about Oakland, Geri is *the* person to contact. If she can't give you the direct answer, she can tell you how and where to get it. The combination of inherent knowledge, coupled with experience as both an employee and student, has made Geri an invaluable resource in the past as she shall continue to be in the future.



KARL D. GREGORY

Professor of Economics and Management

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Dr. Gregory, a professor in the School of Economics and Management, is also a management and economic consultant. He recently served as the interim president of First Independence National Bank of Detroit, a \$40 million institution for which he spearheaded the organizational efforts in 1969.

Dr. Gregory is a product of Detroit's inner-city public schools; receiving his doctorate degree from the University of Michigan in 1962, he has authored several reports and publications on economic policy and other issues.

Dr. Gregory is very active in the world of finance/economics both locally and nationally. He was a fiscal economist in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations and a visiting scholar on the executive staff of the Congressional Budget Office during the Ford administration. He is currently a member of President Reagan's Advisory Committee on Trade Negotiations. He also advises other government agencies and private entities; has traveled extensively, largely on economic and other missions, domestically and abroad; and serves on the board of directors of several financial and economic development institutions, including the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, Independence Capital Formation, the Inner-City Capital Access Center, and the Inner-City Business Improvement Forum.

Prof. Gregory also lectures on economic and management topics and is a member of the Board of Economic Advisors of the *Detroit Free Press*, Board of Trustees of Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Michigan, Economic Policy Council of the national NAACP office, and the Council of Regional Development of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments. It goes without saying that Dr. Gregory is a great informational resource for faculty, staff and students alike.



GWEN HEARD

Employment Manager
Employee Relations Department

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Gwen received her Master's of Public Administration Degree from the University of Michigan in 1971 and is also a 1969 alumnus of Oakland University. Her area of specialty is personnel administration with a career objective in public service management.

Some of Gwen's community memberships include the Detroit Urban League, Blue Monday Network and the Michigan Conference of Black Public Officials. Among her Oakland Committee assignments are the Administrative/Professional Assembly, A.C.E. Network and she is adviser to Delta Sigma Theta, Omicron Zeta Chapter. Gwen is also an avid tennis player and officer in the Motor City Tennis Club.

If you need help writing your resume or need to learn new job interview techniques, Gwen can help you in both these areas; she is trained to know what to look for in an employee. She can provide insight on what to expect in an interview and factors employers use to determine your appropriateness to fill open jobs.



EGBERT W. HENRY

Associate Professor
Biological Sciences

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Dr. Henry was born in New York City, New York attending the New York public schools. He played piano in the school orchestra as well as in several small and large area orchestras. Additionally, he participated in basketball and track. After graduating from Queen's College, he served in the U.S. Army after which he returned to New York to receive his master's and then his doctorate degree in 1972.

Dr. Henry has held a number of instructional positions, teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, in general biology, marine biology, plant physiology, human physiology, embryology and cell ultrastructure. In addition to his teaching, in 1977 he was invited by Bendix Corporation to assist them in formulating a program to train and hire minority scientists and engineers.

In 1974, Dr. Henry joined the Department of Biological Sciences at Oakland. He has had several students in his laboratory who have done noteworthy research which enabled them to gain admission to graduate and professional schools. Those who are familiar with him know that Dr. Henry is always willing to assist in whatever manner he can. (He has a standing engagement every February on The Black Awareness Month Talent Show agenda!) If you are interested in a career in the health sciences, (or would just like to meet him) drop by his office in Dodge Hall.



OCCIE L. HUDSON

Assistant Coordinator of
Dispatch Operations
Public Safety Department

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Occie is a native of Tumica, Mississippi although she graduated from Pontiac Northern High School. She is currently a junior here at Oakland with a major in community arts. Her career goal is to become a newscaster.

Occie is a former Project Upward Bound student and was admitted to Oakland University through the Summer Support Program in 1979. As many students often do, Occie is holding an on campus job in the Public Safety Department. Additionally, she has participated in the Black Awareness Month Talent Show for the past two years and her hobbies include traveling, singing and shopping.

Among Occie's honors are the Project Upward Bound Director's Award in 1979, first runner-up in the Ms. Junior Miss Pageant, and she was an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority debutante.

CLEVELAND HURST, III

Director, Special Programs

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Mr. Hurst is a graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in guidance and counseling. His career objective is to continue in higher education administration. Mr. Hurst is a valuable resource person in many ways. He is best known for his knowledge in "red-tape cutting."

Prior to becoming Director of Special Programs, Mr. Hurst was the coordinator of Veteran Affairs. He is known for his good advising and counseling for both veterans and older students and for your typical undergraduate student. Every year, he has 120 new Summer Support Program students to work with to strengthen their skills, familiarize them with the University and arm them with the skills to help them make it through Oakland.

Mr. Hurst is active in the Bagley Dad's Club, Trio Advisory Council and is a member of the MSU Employees Credit Union Advisory Committee. Among his Oakland activities are memberships on the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, Commission on Inquiry and the Admissions Committee.

If you are having an academic problem or need some personal counseling, come by the Special Programs Office and talk with Mr. Hurst—*before* you get into trouble.



ANTHONY JOHNSON

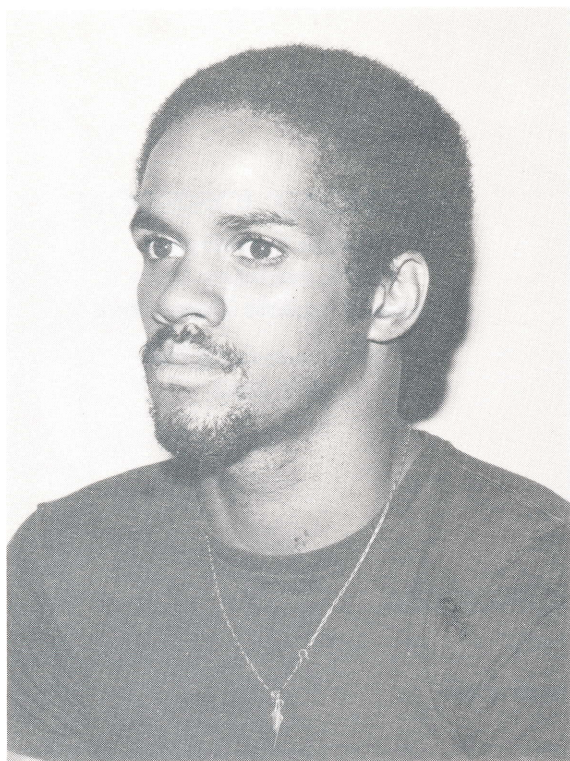
Student Coordinator
Peer Counseling Unit
Special Programs Department

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Tony, a native of Detroit, has worked in the Department of Special Programs for the past two years in the peer counseling area. He works very well with students and is a good resource person. He is pursuing the bachelor's degree in biology/chemistry with a pre-med concentration.

Tony has been very active at Oakland serving as a resident assistant, chairman of the Minority Health Association, vice president of the Alpha Men of Tomorrow, and receiving the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities Award. In his community, Tony has served as president of the Sickle Cell Detection Team.

When he's not busily running around, you can find Tony in the Department of Special Programs offices.

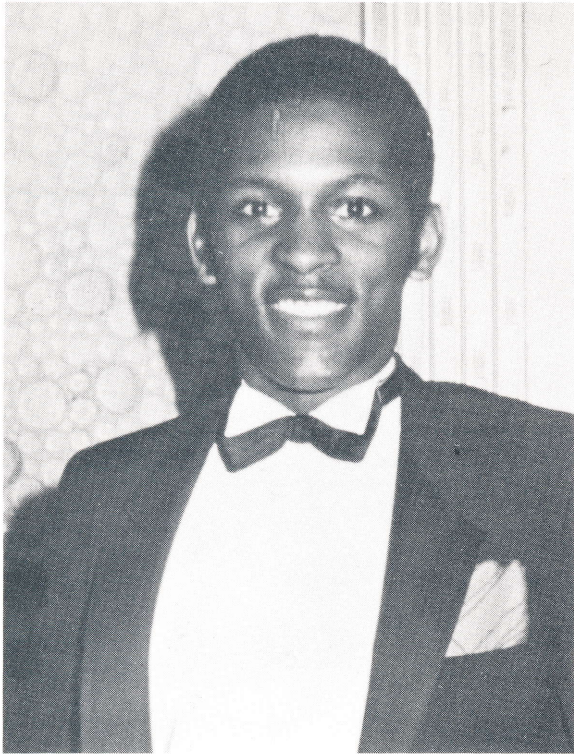


BYRON JOHNSON

Student Manager
Vandenberg Cafeteria
and
Musician

Byron is a native of Detroit and graduated from Northwestern High School. His interests include building things and writing music. He was active in the high school band, and at Oakland he is a representative of the Jazz Department. Majoring in music education, Byron's goal is to teach music in either public or private school.

Byron has been active in many musical programs and is involved with the Friendship Baptist Church of Detroit. If you are interested in music, Byron is the person to contact at Oakland University.



DeWAYNE C. JOHNSON
Night Manager
Oakland Center

DeWayne is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Henry Ford High School. He is a sophomore at Oakland majoring in computer science. His educational objective is to pursue the doctorate degree in computer science or some related field. His career objectives include holding a key position in a computer firm and eventually opening a computer hobby and supply store.

DeWayne is currently a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Kappa Upsilon Chapter. He has chosen to concentrate mainly on his studies this year, but in his recent terms at Oakland has been active on several committees including University Congress Senate and Admissions Committees and Area Hall Council.

DeWayne is a well founded individual who is concerned about the community in which he lives. His goals this year are to excel in academic achievement and student leadership as well as become involved in community affairs.



KAREN JOHNSON

S.A.M.E.S.

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Karen is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Redford High School. She is a junior majoring in management whose educational objective after her undergraduate studies is to obtain a Master's of Business Administration. Her long term career goal is to initially be a corporate manager and then pursue her own business simultaneously.

Karen has been a very active student in Oakland's campus life. She is one of the founders of the Society for the Advancement of Management and Economics Students (SAMES) and one of the 13 founders of the Omicron Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Also, Karen has been a member of the Black Awareness Month Committee for the past two years and received the Black Awareness Month Leadership Award in 1980. She has additionally received a scholarship from Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, is a member of the NAACP, and in her spare time enjoys bowling, skating, and singing.



KIMBERLY JORDAN

Kim is a native of Detroit attending the Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Cass Technical High School. Her major is electrical engineering and she is a sophomore with a career objective of being a successful engineer.

Some of Kim's community service involvements include assisting in screening and following up on a health fair for senior citizens and working with the Women's Conference of Concerns and the March of Dimes.

Kim enjoys playing tennis, ballet, modern dance and roller skating. She is a member of the T.E.A.M. Players (an acting and dance company) and the G.D.I. Society here at Oakland. She is one of three recipients of the 1981 Kappa Alpha Psi, Kappa Upsilon Chapter, Academic Excellence Scholarship Award.

RICARDO JORDON

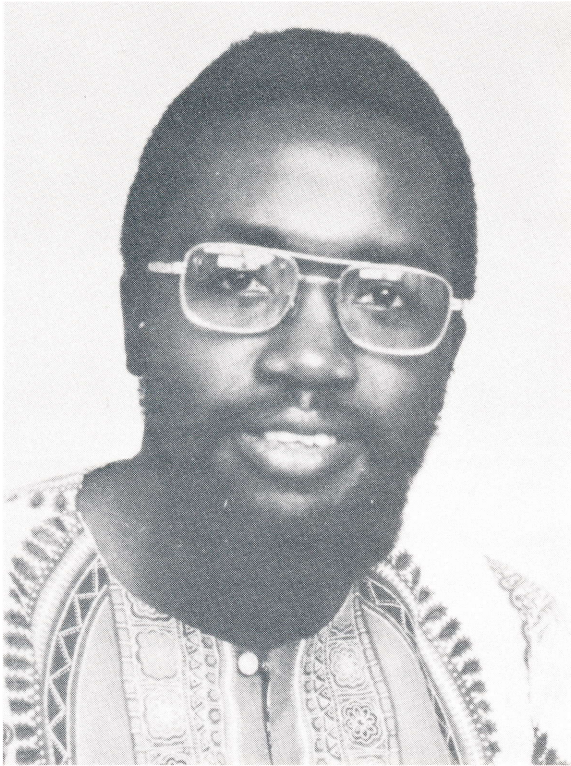
Special Assistant to the
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Rick is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Henry Ford High School. He is a senior with a major in biology, whose career objective lies in the medical profession with specialties in podiatry and obstetrics.

Rick is one of the few students who really knows the University administration. He is *the* contact person who knows the who, where and how to get things done. Rick (known to some as "Dr. Clever") is known as a quiet *do-er* around the University and is respected throughout the University community by faculty, staff, students and administration as well as off campus professionals with whom he deals as a result of his position in Student Services.

Among Rick's numerous community and University activities include the chairmanship of the first official Black Awareness Month Committee in 1979-80, membership on the University Congress Our Cost Committee, founder of the Pre-Med Society, membership on the Special Advisory Committee to the President and Interim President of the Association of Black Students. Additionally, Rick is active in the NAACP and works with the Cotillion Club, Inc. of Detroit. His hobbies include reading and sports. He is a very personable young man and an excellent resource person for both on and off campus information.



VINCENT B. KHAPOYA
Assistant Professor, Political Science
and
Coordinator, African Studies Program

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Professor Khapoya graduated in 1974 from the University of Denver with a doctorate degree from the Graduate School of International Studies. Before coming to Oakland University, he was an assistant professor of Afro-American Studies at Metropolitan State College in Denver.

Since coming to Oakland in 1974, Prof. Khapoya has been a lecturer in government at the University of Nairobi in Kenya and a visiting professor of International Relations at the University of Denver in addition to having numerous articles published, the most recent of which is "A Critical Assessment of 'Independent' Bantustans in South Africa," published in the 1981 summer issue of *The Western Journal of Black Studies*.

In addition to his many committee assignments as an Oakland faculty member, Prof. Khapoya actively contributed as a presenter to the 1981 Black Awareness Month programming. He is an important resource in the political science discipline, specializing in international politics and foreign policy, African politics, and Afro-American politics. Moreover, he has a great knowledge of Africa and the history of the socio-political situation today. Prof. Khapoya is always more than pleased to offer assistance to any student who needs it.



JAMES "SPANK" MARTIN

Senior Night Manager
Oakland Center

118 Oakland Center
377-3230

James, better known as "Spank," is a native of Detroit graduating from Denby High School. He is currently a senior at Oakland University majoring in Business Management with a career objective to procure his degree in management and own his own business.

While a student at Denby, Spank was active in the band and on the track and football teams receiving letters of achievement in both football and band. He continues his interest in sports as a hobby.

Spank is a very outspoken and well known face at Oakland. His work as night manager exposes him to Oakland's "party people." He will be leaving us soon for bigger and better things, and we wish him all the success in the world.



BILLY JOE MINOR

Associate Professor
School of Human and Educational Services

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Prof. Minor received his doctorate degree in educational psychology in 1973 from Indiana University. His areas of specialty are child psychology in school and family services, and communication and employee relations training for business and industry. Additionally, program planning and evaluation and psychological appraisal are among his special skills.

Prof. Minor is involved with the Pontiac and Detroit Public Schools and is usually available for students to speak with. Just call the above office number for an appointment.

ARTHUR O'NEAL, II
Resident Assistant

"Art" is a native of Saginaw and a graduate of Saginaw High School. His major at Oakland is biology/computer and information science with a career objective of becoming a medical doctor with a computer science background.

Art withdrew from college in 1975 to join the Marines where he became an administrative personnel chief and attained the rank of sergeant in less than three years. He was a member of the famous VMA 214 "Black Sheep" and was discharged in September of 1979.

Art returned to Oakland in the fall of 1980 and became active in the Intrepid Souls, Hamlin House Council and the Pre-Med Society. This summer, he was a conference assistant and he is now a residential assistant. Art enjoys music, photography and traveling.



CHERYL LYNN PIERSON

President
OU Gospel Choir

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Cheryl is a native of Kalamazoo and a product of Kalamazoo Public Schools. Her career objective is to receive a doctorate in psychology specializing either in education or industrial health. She has received numerous awards including Delta Sigma Theta Student of the Year, Michigan State Forensic Champ, and she is on the National Dean's List.

Cheryl is very active in her community and Oakland's community. Some of her activities include Interfaith, NAACP, OU Spanish Club and she is president of the OU Gospel Choir along with being an outstanding student whose hobbies include singing and acting.



MANUEL H. PIERSON, Ed. D.
Dean for Student Services

Dr. Pierson has been a member of the Oakland University community since June, 1966. His service to the University began with the Upward Bound Program. He later started the Special Services for Disadvantaged Students Program through Project Twenty, which later grew into the Summer Support Program.

Dean Pierson has been at the very cutting edge of change for black students, often at the vanguard. It was he who provided support for the nurturance essential for the organization of the Association of Black Students (ABS), the Black Alumni Association (BAA), and a number of academically oriented and social organizations that were designed to improve the quality of life for black students. In addition, the Black Awareness Month activities would not be provided except for his leadership and financial, moral and administrative support.

He is known throughout the University community—and extending as far as his “children” go—as “The Godfather.” But, most importantly, he is a friend.

PHILLIP RAY

Phillip is a native of Lansing, Michigan and graduated from Waverly High School there. His high school activities included football, track, and the active promotion of black culture. He is currently a junior at Oakland majoring in political sciences with a career goal to become a corporate lawyer specializing in investments.

Phillip's Oakland University interests include serving as a member of the University Congress and of the Association of Black Students. (In fact, he was an April 1981, candidate for the presidency of ABS.) In addition to his other activities, Phillip enjoys reading and weight lifting with professional interests in the stock market and the political arena.



WILMA RAY-BLEDSON

Vice President
Student and Urban Affairs
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Ms. Ray-Bledsoe, a resident of Highland Park, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fisk University in 1959. She was also a 1974 Ford Fund scholarship recipient at the University of Manchester, England. Ms. Ray-Bledsoe's career objective is to continue her role in policy-making in higher education with areas of specialty in personnel administration and race relations.

Among her numerous community involvements Ms. Ray-Bledsoe holds memberships on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Fair Housing Center Advisory Committee of Detroit. Additionally, she serves on the Oakland University President's Cabinet and is chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative Professional Appointments. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



RACHEL REED
Engineering Major

Rachel is a native of Detroit graduating from Chadsey High School. She is a senior at Oakland working towards her Bachelor of Science Degree in Systems Engineering. Throughout the years, Rachel has been active in numerous activities including the Mixed Bowling League, intramural volleyball and basketball, the Association of Black Students, and membership in both the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Engineering Society of Detroit. Rachel has received the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship Award and the Oakland University Student Life Scholarship and Black Scholar Award. Her hobbies include tennis, bowling, bike riding, racquet ball and keeping aquariums.

Rachel is a dedicated student; she works hard on her academics and she gets results. For those who are just getting started in the engineering program here at Oakland, Rachel is a good resource person. She knows the coursework and the professors. Engineering is a very demanding field and students must really dedicate themselves to the work. If you need help in the engineering or mathematics areas, Rachel is the person to see to form your own study group.



DARRYL SIMS
Residential Assistant

Darryl is a native of Detroit and a graduate of Pershing High School. He has a goal of establishing his own dental practice and possibly other small businesses.

Darryl has been involved in numerous community services projects which include canned food drives, visiting nursing homes and tutoring elementary school children.

Additionally, Darryl enjoys tennis, chess, drawing and reading. He is one of the ten founders of the Kappa Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Look for Darryl in Residence Halls this year.



TAMMY SPOTTS

Program Assistant
Campus Information, Programs
and Organizations

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Tammy attended Huntington High School in Huntington, West Virginia and participated in various activities and sports such as volleyball, basketball, and track. As a member of these sports teams, she won numerous awards for her performance. During high school, she was also a member of DECA—Distributive Education Clubs of America—winning the “Advertiser of the Year” award in her senior class.

After high school graduation, Tammy attended Marshall University until her sophomore year when she transferred to Oakland in January, 1980. In June, 1980, she obtained a position as Orientation Group Leader and in September of the same year was appointed to another student position in CIPO in which capacity she organized “Women’s Week for which she won the 1980-81 Programming Excellence Award.

Tammy’s other University activities include serving as secretary for the Oakland University Chapter of NAACP, being on the Black Awareness Month Committee on which she served as cochairperson of the Communications Day Program. Now, Tammy is working as a student intern at the Oakland County Courthouse, Circuit Probation Department, as a probation case aid.

Tammy’s hobbies include bowling, swimming, skating, horseback riding, tennis and reading poetry. After graduation, she plans to go directly to an all-black graduate school to obtain her Master of Psychology Degree. Her long term goal is to become a licensed psychologist.



BEVERLY J. STUBBS
Student Clerical Assistant
Special Programs Department
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Beverly is a Pontiac native and a graduate of Pontiac Central High. She is among that unique group known as "O.R.S." (Older Returning Students) who, in addition to pursuing full time college educations, carry out family and job responsibilities as well.

Prior to her re-entry into school, Beverly worked nine years as Retirement Clerk for the City of Pontiac Finance Department. She is a sophomore, currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in management with a concentration in accounting. Her long range educational goal is to receive a double master's degree in world finance and human resource development and pursue that career in Nigeria, Africa.

Although not an official member of the Black Awareness month Committee in 1981, Beverly made important contributions during the preparation stages and is known to many of the students through her temporary "stint" as secretary in the Department of Special Programs.

Beverly is the mother of a nine year old daughter and is actively involved in the Frost Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization and Pontiac Operation Propel (a program designed to motivate students toward academic and personal achievement). Her hobbies include sewing, chess, cooking, dancing, reading; and she possesses the world's greatest "green thumb." For those of you who may need some "insight," Bev is the one to see.



VIVIAN K. TURNER

Administrative Secretary
Special Programs

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Vivian is a graduate of Brandon Business College of Roanoke, Virginia. She has worked in various offices at Oakland including the Provost Office, Undergraduate Advising and Counseling and the Oakland Center Director's Office. Vivian is very good in working with people and provides personal counseling for many who seek her assistance. (She is fondly thought of as "everybody's mother.")

Vivian is active in the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Pontiac and is the mother of four very active young children. At Oakland, she serves as a trustee and on the Sick Bank and Flextime Committees and chairs the Fair Employment Practices and Anti-Discrimination Committee of UAW/CT Local 1925.

Vivian has just moved into her position as secretary in Special Programs, so stop by and introduce yourself.



GARY G. WATKINS
Student Assistant
to the
Dean for Student Services
and, Chairman
1982 Black Awareness Month Committee
(BAM-C)
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Gary is a native of Detroit, Michigan and graduate of Pershing High School. He is now pursuing the Bachelor of Science Degree in Management with a concentration in Computer and Information Science. Additionally, he aspires to obtain the Master of Public Administration Degree along with the Doctor of Education (in an area to be determined at a later date). Professionally, Gary's career goals is to become an effective member of the United States legislative community.

Gary has been very active in the Oakland community since the beginning of his educational career here. He has participated in the Association of Black Students for two years an officer, and on the Black Awareness Month Committee directing the annual fashion show. He has been appointed as chairman of the 1982 Black Awareness Month Committee.

Additionally, Gary is interim president of the Collegiate Gentlemen's Association (a fraternal group), has served on the University Congress, and has been a presenter at the Freshman Leadership Camp for the past two years. His hobbies include horseback riding, pool and electronic games.

If there is something you to know about student government, student organizations, planning a successful campus program, or about the University in general, Gary is a good resource in all these areas. If you can't find him in Student Services, check the Pickwick!



JANICE WILKERSON-SMITH

Assistant Director, Special Programs

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Ms. Wilkerson-Smith graduated from Oakland University in 1976 with a master's degree in guidance and counseling. Her career objective is to continue to serve in an administrative capacity with a high level of personalization, contact, creativity and advancement in the helping field.

For the Department of Special Programs, Ms. Wilkerson-Smith provides academic advising and serves as liaison with the Financial Aid Office, Residence Halls, Admissions, Registrar, and Student Accounts. Additionally, she develops and implements workshops designed to help parents and students through Oakland's "sea of red tape."

Ms. Wilkerson-Smith is active in her church, the NAACP, and the Oak Park Committee for Community Cohesion. She presently sits on the Administrative Professional Assembly Communications Committee, Council of Black Concerns, 1981 Septemberfest Committee, and the Trio Advisory Council at Oakland.

Ms. Wilkerson-Smith is very good at helping students solve their problems with the major offices on campus. If she doesn't know the answer, she will help you find out. If you have any problems in the areas listed above, stop by Special Programs and ask her for "help!"



KEVIN R. WILLIAMS

Assistant Director
Project Upward Bound

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Kevin was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan the youngest of four boys. He attended Inkster Public Schools and graduated with honors in 1972. Kevin was an outstanding swimmer, star basketball player, and was also active in many school organizations.

Kevin began at Oakland University in 1972 as a student receiving both academic and athletic scholarships. He was a member of the varsity basketball team (co-captain for two years), a Student Life Scholar, and a founding member of the G.D.I. Society. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology/speech communication in 1976 after which he obtained a position as counselor with a Pontiac community service agency.

Mr. Williams was appointed to his current position at Oakland in April of 1978. His activities at Oakland include serving on the William Morris Scholarship Committee, on the Trio Advisory Council and as administrative adviser for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Mr. Williams' commitment is to human services and his career objective is to acquire an administrative position which will allow him to exercise this commitment with special emphasis on serving the needs of today's youth.

We regret we were not able to include the names of the following persons in this edition of Black Profiles at press time, which was delayed more than once. We received no response from our request.

Clay Adkins
Jerry Burnett
Rose Cooper-Clark
Robert Cunningham
Curtis Davenport
Deborah Davis
Leon Davis
Bernadette Dickerson
Johnnie Eaton
Kurt Edwards
Sharon Edwards
Esther Eisley
Larry Flagg
Ida Grey
Angie Hampton
Algea Harrison
Roderick Hartsfield
Elaine Hill
Dewayne Jones

Selina Latimore
James Lee
Tamela Lee
Ondrea Leverett
Freddie Martin
James McGinnis
Bill McMurray
Peter Millet
Charles Morton
Harriet Patton
Diane N. Pettway
Mary Rice
June Rice
Eddie Robinson
Justine Rogers
Allen Steele
Tim Stokes
Vanessa Westbrook
Virgil Williams

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Rochester, Michigan

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
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Julie Price

Association of Black Students
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Samuel Craig

Alpha Men of Tomorrow
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Anthony Johnson

Black Awareness Month Committee
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Gary G. Watkins

Collegiate Gentlemen's Association
507-A Hamlin Hall
377-2755
Gary G. Watkins

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
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Kimberly Bennett

G.D.I. Society
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Fatima Shamsid-Deen

Intrepid Souls
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June Rice

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
134 North Foundation Hall
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Aaron L. Addrow-Pierson

O.U. Gospel Choir
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Cheryl Lynn Pierson

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
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377-202

Eddie Robinson
N.A.A.C.P.
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Mary Lynn Barbee

PACT: Preservation of African
Culture and Tradition
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James B. Franklin, III

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