

# Reunion at Oakland U

## State's first legal aide grads mark 10-year program

Birmingham resident Robin Small's chosen field — communications — was overcrowded.

Dale Ewers of Rochester was debating going into law.

The mother of a small child, Rochester resident Chris Jaymes wanted to gain employable skills.

All three Oakland County residents wound up in the Oakland University's Legal Assistant Program where they became paralegals.

Now 10 years old, Michigan's first paralegal program has invited the graduates back to celebrate 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in Meadow Brook Hall.

Addressing the group will be Wallace D. Riley, immediate past president of the American Bar Association. On hand to hear the founding partner in the Detroit law firm of Riley & Rounell will be graduates of the program, internship sponsors, faculty, advisory committee members and university officials.

ESTABLISHED IN 1974, the Oakland University Program is offered evenings for noncredit and also for credit to undergraduates through the political science department.

Paralegals function at the level between an attorney and legal secretary. Under the direction of attorneys, they perform tasks such as preparing legal documents, interviewing clients, researching and investigating. The attorney is freed for increased service to clients.

Enrollments in the Legal Assistant Program include people seeking training in a growing career area or who want a career change, as well as legal staff who wish to upgrade on the job.

A communications graduate, Small was unable to find a job in her career area. So she shifted gears



**Robin Small**  
Field was overcrowded and went back to school to make herself employable.

Interested in medicine, she decided to try to combine legal skills with the medical area. The evening program allowed her to continue working full time as a surgical assistant.

THE COMBINATION of medical experience — derived from many years working in her physician father's office — and training in the paralegal field led to a position with a litigation firm specializing in medical malpractice defense.

As senior paralegal with Kitch, Sukhrheinrich, Saurber and Druchas, Small is liaison for a staff of 14 paralegals who assist 60 attorneys.

For Ewers, the paralegal program was a way of finding out whether or not he would attend law school.

Not only did he like law and the paralegal classes, but he ended up taking the whole program. The legal assistant field is now his career of first choice.

"Everytime I took something, I wanted to learn something more," explained the Rochester resident, who works for a personal injury law firm in Southfield.

At Kenneth A. Stern and Associates, his responsi-



**Dale Ewers**  
Thought about law

billities include handling automobile accident case files.

ANOTHER ROCHESTER resident, Chris Jaymes, wanted a school program that would allow her to take classes while her preschooler was home.

After her son started school, she earned her paralegal diploma in 1982. She now is with the Detroit firm of Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow and Trigg, which had three other OU grads working there.



**Chris Jaymes**  
Wanted job skills

# Parks Foundation names a director

Oakland Parks Foundation has named Frances S. Greenbaum as its first executive director.

The Birmingham resident will organize fund-raising activities, develop a community awareness and public relations program, and prepare proposals for the Foundation.

Foundation President George Goodisman said he is pleased by Greenbaum's appointment. "Her extensive background in community service will be of great assistance in developing and achieving our goals."

The non-profit parks foundation was formed in 1983 by citizens who have an interest in preserving and developing parks and recreation in Oakland County. Twenty-one trustees serve on its board.

Greenbaum has held numerous posts with Birmingham Junior League including serving as its president in 1983-84. She also was a member of United Way of Pacific Government Relations Committees in 1983.

The new executive director earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Vassar College and master's de-



**Frances Greenbaum**

gree in American studies from the University of Michigan.

She taught in Detroit and Bloomfield Hills public schools, at Wayne County and Oakland Community colleges, and at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

# MSU Birmingham registers students

Registration for Michigan State University's fall term at the Birmingham center will continue through Sept. 20 when classes begin.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday in MSU's Birmingham Center, 20500 W. 13 Mile (Groves High School). Interested students may join a class without being formally admitted.

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