

# Oakland gets engineering dean

After a nationwide search, the new dean of Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science comes from just down the street.

Michael P. Polls, professor and chairman of the Wayne State University Department of Electrical and computer engineering since 1987, starts his new job at OU on Monday.

Polls will also be a tenured professor of engineering.

"Our selection caps a national search and we are delighted to find the top candidate right here in Michigan," said OU President Sandra Packard. "Dr. Polls brings experience and vitality to his position, and I know he will be able to provide leadership for the School of Engineering and Computer Science and for the Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation housed within that school."

Polls replaces Howard Witt who has been engineering dean for five years and a faculty member for 20 years. Witt has asked to return to the classroom.

"Dr. Polls is a firm believer in extensive collaboration between the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the private sector. We look forward to an increase in OU's research and outreach activity under his leadership."

Polls says he believes "we are seeing a quiet revolution in engineering and computer science education: more and more the master's degree is becoming the preferred degree for engineers and computer scientists continuing in technical careers."

"Working with the school's fac-

ulty, I hope to make Oakland the university of choice for individuals working for the automobile companies and their suppliers who are seeking to pursue a master's degree."

OU's new dean holds a doctorate and masters in electrical engineering from Purdue University. His undergraduate degree in electrical engineering is from the University of Florida at Gainesville.

He served as program director from 1983-87 for the National Science Foundation, Systems Theory and Operations Research Program. He is a frequent contributor to engineering journals and co-author of chapters in five books on engineering. He and his wife, Claudette, live in Grosse Pointe Park with their three children.



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The program is free and open to the public.

The composting workshop will inform attendees how to get started on a backyard project, how to build and maintain the compost pile and how to avoid nuisances. Call 644-6832

## Calling all graduates

A graduate school recruitment fair will occur 1:30-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Eastern Michigan University for people considering a return to college.

Participation from more than 15 state universities as well as private colleges and universities is expected.

For additional data, call Jeanne Clerc at 487-0042.

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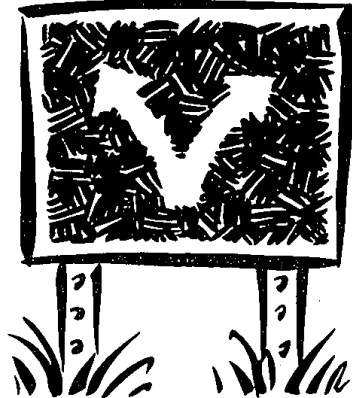
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