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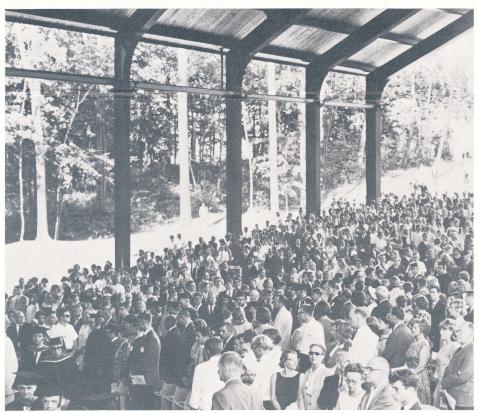


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## Sharpest Increase Pushes Fall Enrollment To 2,458



Crowds like this one at freshman convocation are not unusual at OU, as enrollment jumped to 2458.

### Grant Establishes Chinese Studies Center

Oakland University has been awarded a grant of \$20,000 by the U. S. Office of Education to establish a Language and Area Center for Chinese Studies.

Under the direction of Robert C. Howes, associate profesor of history, the Center will enable Oakland University to expand and diversify its offerings in Chinese studies. Since it enrolled its first classes in 1959, OU has included in its curriculum a strong emphasis on non-western cultures, in its Area Studies program.

All students are required to take at least one course on non-western cultures, and the majority must take two such courses under University requirements.

Faculty for the area studies are drawn from several departments, including history, political science, languages and philosophy—each approaching the subject on the basis of his own interest and area of competence.

According to Howes, a program of Chinese language courses was initiated in 1962 as a part of this program in response to student interest.

Current student interest in Chinese study is on the rise, according to Howes, who reports a doubling of enrollment in beginning Chinese this fall. "This grant will be of substantial assistance in our efforts to provide undergraduates extensive and high quality preparation in Chinese language and area studies," Howes said.

## 36 Percent Growth Over Last Year

A 36 percent increase has pushed Oakland University's fall enrollment to 2458 this fall, according to Thomas Atkinson, registrar.

The jump of 646 students over last fall's total of 1812 is the largest experienced by the school, which opened classes for 570 students just six years ago.

Growth in the size of the OU student body is accounted for mainly by a large freshman class of 1172 students, and a total of 282 new transfer students from other colleges. The fall figure includes 757 sophomores, 293 juniors, 138 seniors, 66 graduate students, and 32 unclassified.

Although the bulk of the OU students come from the Oakland-Macomb County area, the proportion of students from beyond commuting distance is growing at a higher rate each year. 1683 are from Oakland and Macomb Counties and 574 are from 58 other Michigan counties.

There are presently 144 out-of-state students from 20 states and 9 foreign students enrolled at Oakland University.

The unprecedented growth in the number of students and the appointment of additional faculty is taxing available University facilities. Relief for the shortage of dormitory and food service space will come next fall when the \$4.3 million dormitory-food service building is ready for occupancy. Completion of the rapidly-rising Matilda R. Wilson Hall will provide needed classroom-office space. Planning is under way for additional buildings required by OU in the next few years, and is being reviewed with the MSU Board of Trustees and the appropriate legislative committees.

## 415 Students Attend Music School

Some 415 music students from 25 states and two Canadian provinces, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and a roster of stellar professional musicians joined in what proved to be an exciting educational venture at Oakland University this summer.

Conceived only six months prior to



Albert Tipton checks a score with Sixten Ehrling during a rehearsal of the Meadow Brook Music School student orchestra.

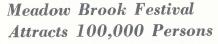


Robert Shaw in rehearsal with one of his choral groups during the summer music school.

The NEWS will be published bimonthly to inform the friends and supporters of Oakland University of the progress being made at this institution. Names will be added to the mailing list upon request to the Editor. its opening in July, the new Meadow Brook School of Music was described as a "bold innovation in musical education." Held concurrently with the widely-acclaimed Meadow Brook Music Festival, it combined the superior talents of the Symphony with the complete facilities of OU, to offer students specialized study with outstanding artists, and for college credit.

Walter S. Collins, professor and chairman of the music department, was dean of the School; Sixten Ehrling, conductor of the Detroit Symphony, was director of the summer school. Robert Shaw, director of the Robert Shaw Chorale and assistant conductor of the Cleveland Symphony, headed the School's Institute of Choral Studies, and Albert Tipton, solo flutist with the Symphony, was assistant director of the School and conductor of the student orchestra.

The quality of the students, their enthusiasm for the School, and the impressive contributions of the many artists associated with it, point to continued success and development for next summer's School.



Some 100,000 persons flocked to the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion this summer to enjoy the Meadow Brook Music Festival concerts in their second season. The performances of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Sixten Ehrling; an outstanding array of guest artists; and the fourth week concerts, conducted by Robert Shaw and featuring two of the Meadow Brook School of Music Choruses, all drew rave notices from the critics.

Following the opening performance newspaper reviews read "Meadow Brook Music Festival is Big Success," "A Superb Musical Evening . . . the magic of Meadow Brook still prevails," "The Meadow Brook Music Festival last weekend opened its second season in a burst of esthetic glory," "Thousands of people from the Detroit area jammed the festival grounds, perched on the grass, and did everything but climb trees to hear Isaac Stern and the Detroit Symphony conducted by Sixten Ehrling."

The season was enhanced by the addition of the Trumbull Terrace, an attractive structure housing a food service and the Scholar Shop, made



Frederick W. Obear

#### Dean Obear Addresses Freshman Convocation

Several thousand students and parents gathered in the Baldwin Memorial Pavilion for the student convocation which opened the week-long orientation for new students in September.

In remarks aimed at both segments of the audience, convocation speaker Frederick W. Obear, dean of freshmen, described the purposes and function of a University.

"Universities have become great not as centers of indoctrination for a particular brand of morality or a prescribed political philosophy, but simply by encouraging the pursuit of learning. This means keeping alive the spirit of inquiry, the desire to experiment, and providing opportunities for creative effort," Dean Obear said.

He went on to point out to students and parents some of the problems which the University tradition may bring to them as OU students or parents of students enrolled in this institution.

Following the address, a reception was held in the new Trumbull Terrace.

possible by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George Trumbull of Bloomfield Hills. A \$50,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation provided for the installation of permanent seats in the Pavilion.

Community enthusiasm for the Festival was evidenced by the efforts of the Meadow Brook Music Festival Committee, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart S. Bright, and the generous support of the community.

## Faculty & Staff Notes

Faculty and staff appointments approved by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees since the May Board meeting include the following: Richard M. Brace, professor at Northwestern University, appointed professor of history and chairman of the department of history; Robert B. Pettengill, lecturer in economics at OU, appointed visiting professor of economics; Reuben Torch, associate professor at the University of Vermont, appointed professor of biology; Theodore O. Yntema, retired Ford Motor vice president, appointed visiting professor of economics and business administration; J. Carroll Hill, assistant professor of electrical engineering at Purdue University, appointed associate professor of engineering; George R. Rawick, visiting instructor at OU and Henry Ford Community College, appointed associate professor of sociology and anthropology; John W. Barthel, recently completed his doctorate at the University of Illinois, appointed assistant professor of modern foreign languages; David E. Boddy, instructor from Purdue University, appointed assistant professor of engineering; Lee Braude, instructor at the University of Wisconsin, appointed assistant professor of sociology and anthropology; Arthur M. Daniels, instructor at the University of Michigan, appointed assistant professor of music; Abraham A. Davidson, instructor from Wayne State University, appointed assistant professor of art; Peter G. Evarts, assistant to the director of teacher education at OU, appointed assistant professor of English; Roderic E. Righter, assistant to the dean of Wayne State University's College of Education, appointed assistant professor of education and assistant to the dean of the School of Education; Anne H. Tripp, instructor at Eastern Michigan University, appointed assistant professor of history; Libor J. Velinsky, assistant professor at Albion College, appointed assistant professor of physics; Edward L. Buote, completing work on his doctorate at the University of Chicago, appointed instructor of modern foreign languages; Walter Feinberg, recently completed his doctorate at Boston University, appointed instructor in education; Aharon Kuperman, instructor from the University of Missouri, appointed instructor of psychology; Henry Rosemont, completing his doctorate at the University of Washington, appointed instructor of philosophy.

Edward Birch, foreign student advisor and assistant dean of students at Ohio University, appointed director of the Oakland Center and Student Activities.

## **Hoopes Addresses August Grads**



Robert Hoopes

Ten OU faculty members received promotions at the May meeting of the Board. William Schwab was promoted to professor of English; Gottfried Brieger, to associate professor of chemistry; Richard J. Burke, Jr., to associate professor of philosophy; Howard W. Clark, to associate professor of classics; Alfred J. DuBruck, to associate professor of French; Helen Kovach, to associate professor of Russian; Donald G. Malm, to associate professor of mathematics; Roger H. Marz, to associate professor of political science; Carl R. Vann, to associate professor of political science; and David B. Burner, to assistant professor of history.

John W. Dettman, professor of mathematics, is author of a new mathematics textbook, "Applied Complex Variables," published by McMillan Company.

Chancellor Durward B. Varner delivered the keynote address, on alumni education, at the American Alumni Council national meeting in Atlantic City on June 27.

John G. Blair, assistant professor of English, is the author of "The Poetic Art of W. H. Auden," published by the Princeton University Press.

Frederick W. Obear, assistant professor of chemistry and dean of freshmen, will also serve as assistant to the provost. G. Duncan Sells, former assistant to the provost, resigned to become director of student organizations at the University of Michigan.

Alfred J. DuBruck, associate professor of French, is the author of "Gerard de Nerval and the German Heritage,"

Robert Hoopes, professor and chairman of the OU English department, delivered the commencement address "Centuries of Lamentation" at the University's first summer graduation ceremony on August 22.

Forty-three students were granted degrees at the affair, which was also the first commencement held in the Baldwin Memorial Pavilion.

Hoopes chose academic melancholy as his topic, pointing out that centuries of scholars have been nearly unanimous in believing "that whatever is wrong with the world is *ipso facto* more important than what is right about it." He cited numerous examples of teachers in Medieval Ages, and the present day, who expressed serious concern for the state of education.

Hoopes told the audience there is no such person as the "disinterested" educator. "Part of his job consists in refusing to compromise with loose, irresponsible, or illogical thinking; with shoddy behavior or shoddy art; with the deification of mere efficiency; with the charlatan, the ersatz, and the second-rate," he said.

#### Accept Kellogg Grant For Women's Center

A \$150,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation has enabled Oakland University to establish a Continuum Center for Women, under its Division of Continuing Education.

Established this summer, the Center will offer a four-part counseling service to mature women of southeastern Michigan. The first will be a testing and psychological counseling course for all registrants. The other three kinds of service will be educational counseling, volunteer placement and employment counseling—thus encompassing all the avenues open to women outside the home.

The Center is under the direction of Priscilla Jackson, and is presently located in the office of the Mott Center for Community Affairs.

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Wilbur W. Kent, assistant professor of music, has been elected president of the Michigan unit of the American String Teachers Association.

Naomi Long Madgett, eleventhgrade English teacher in Detroit's Northwestern High School, was named the first Mott Fellow in English.



The \$4.3 million dormitory-food service building, now under construction, will be completed just in time to help meet the pressure of mounting enrollment. The twin-towered, seven story structure will provide rooms for 572 students and food service for 1600. It was designed by Ralph R. Calder and Associates.

#### Gifts and Grants

Grants accepted by Oakland University since the April meeting of the Board of Trustees include: \$12,600 from the National Science Foundation, under the direction of D. B. Varner, for the 1965 institutional grant in science; \$5,400 from the NSF, under the direction of Paul Tomboulian, associate professor and chairman of the chemistry department, for the University's undergraduate research program.

\$10,500 from the Chrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, under the direction of Lowell Eklund, dean of the Division of Continuing Education and director of the Mott

Center for Community Affairs, to be used to study problems dealing with traffic safety.

\$26,416 from the Oakland County Economic Opportunity Commission of Pontiac, under the direction of Robbin Hough, acting chairman of economics and business administration, to direct the resources of OU to the task of identifying the problems of poverty for action groups developed under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

\$3,000 from the Atomic Energy Commission, under the direction of Clifford V. Harding, for research on "Cellular Proliferation and Regeneration Following Tissue Damage"; \$16,-000 from the NSF under Harding's

#### Scholar Shop Open In Remodeled Area

Following a successful summer season in the new Trumbull Terrace, the Scholar Shop is now open for business in expanded quarters in the lower level of the Oakland Center. This fall the Shop offers a new, wide selection of gifts, including Christmas items. All profits go to the OU Scholarship Fund. The Shop is open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays.

direction for undergraduate science instructional equipment; and \$2,200 from the NSF under the direction of Paul Tomboulian for undergraduate science instructional equipment.

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