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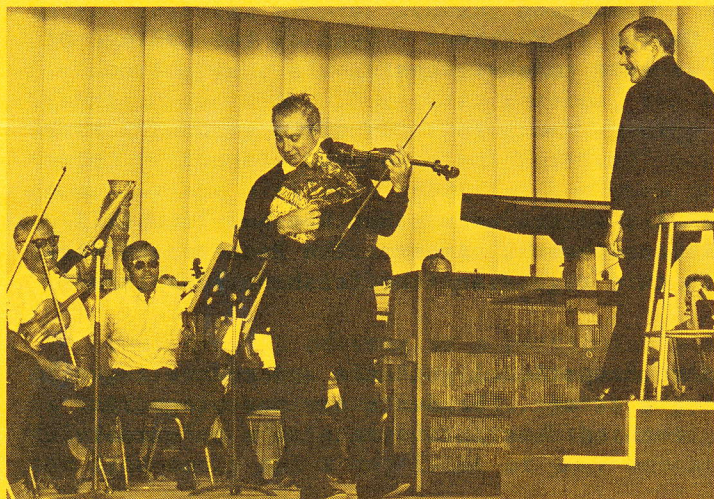
Oakland Academy of Dramatic Art Begins Fall of '67

Oakland University officials today announced plans for the establishment of an academy of dramatic art and a major professional theater company to be located on the Oakland campus and directed by the former head of England's famed Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, John Fernald.

Regarded as one of the world's most distinguished directors and theatrical teachers, Fernald had been sought by more than a dozen cities and educational institutions in the U. S. since resigning from the Royal Academy last December after ten years as its director. During his tenure there, he helped to shape the careers of such notable performers as Peter O'Toole, Albert Finney, Rosemary Harris, and Tom Courtenay. Sir John Gielgud and the late Charles Laughton are among the long list of great actors and actresses who have trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

Fernald's company will be known as the John Fernald Company of the Meadow Brook Theater. It will probably stage its first production in December or January of next year. A minimum of 26 weeks of productions are planned, with approximately eight of those weeks set aside for a summer repertoire schedule.

The academy will be called the Oakland Academy of Dramatic Art, and will begin operations in the fall of 1967 with an initial enrollment of approximately 50 students, selected by competitive auditions from the most talented young actors and actresses in the country.



Meadow Brook Festival in Full Swing

During last week's concerts The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, with guest artist Van Cliburn and guest conductor Robert Shaw, played for over 30,000 people. The four concerts set an attendance record for Baldwin Memorial Pavilion and the Meadow Brook Festival.

This week's concerts feature Isaac Stern, violinist, playing Mozart's Concerto No 3 in G Major for violin and orchestration.

During rehearsals for this week's concerts, Mr. Stern was surprised with a birthday gift of a Meadow Brook Festival sweatshirt and a symphonic rendition of 'Happy Birthday to you!' directed with proper verve by Sixten Ehrling.

The Meadow Brook Music Festival will continue through August 20 with evening concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and a Sunday Matinee. Tickets are available at the pavilion office or by 'phone through the Meadow Brook Music Festival Office, 338-7211, extension 2301.

A Word of Welcome

The Oakland University book center staff wishes to congratulate you on your decision to enter Oakland this September.

As you know, a University is a complex of many services, among which is the campus book store. The University book center at Oakland University is owned and operated by the University to serve the needs of the University community. Located in the lower level of the Oakland Center, the store is designed to provide a central location for the purchase of all necessary texts and supplies and other items such as clothing, stationery and gifts.

Regular hours of operation for the book center are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, the book center is open evenings during the first few days each trimester to allow all students ample time to purchase texts and supplies.

The University book center is designed to serve you. When you arrive on campus, drop in, say hello and let us know your needs. We will be happy to help you!

Dave Bixby
Book Center Manager

The following is a list of people whose names and titles you should know!

DURWARD B. VARNER - CHANCELLOR
DONALD D. O'DOWD - PROVOST

Frederick Obear - Assistant Provost
Herbert Stoutenburg - Assistant to the
Chancellor
Robert Swanson - Director of Business Affairs
Kenneth Coffman - Director of Psychological
Services
Thomas Atkinson - Registrar
Floyd Cammack - University Librarian
Troy Crowder - Director of University Relations
Glen Brown - Director of Admissions and
Scholarships

Thomas B. Dutton - Dean of Students
James R. Appleton - Dean of Men and Director
of Housing
Miss Patricia Houtz - Dean of Women
Fred Smith - Dean of Freshmen
Edward Birch - Associate Dean of Students
John Gibson - Dean of the School of Engineering
Laszlo J. Hetenyi - Dean of the School of
Education
George T. Matthews - Dean of the College of
Arts and Sciences

College is Here --- A Career is Near!

This fall marks only the beginning of your formal undergraduate education, but time will pass swiftly and soon you will be faced with making decisions about a career. The Placement Office at Oakland University is the place to seek advice in this regard and the freshman year is not too early to take advantage of placement services.

The Oakland University Placement Office provides occupational guidance and counseling services for undergraduates who seek help in choosing a career. Students are encouraged to become acquainted with the placement library which contains descriptive materials on career opportunities in most fields and professions.

In February, freshmen will be invited to attend a series of seminars designed to orient students in career planning and the use of the placement services provided at Oakland.

Mrs. Dorothy Hope, Director of Placement, invites you to stop by the Placement Office anytime, introduce yourself, and become familiar with the placement facilities. You will find the office in room 201 of Wilson Hall.

Tom Dutton, Dean of Students, has prepared the following remarks to make new students aware of the many people and services provided by the University so that students have an opportunity to achieve a total college educational experience. These remarks were felt to be most suited for the final of a series of articles by faculty and staff members designed to help you easily adjust to the college atmosphere.

Each of you has many abilities to cultivate, and to develop one's talents to the fullest is an accomplishment of great personal reward. The primary objective of the University is to offer experiences through which you can achieve in accordance with your potentialities and prepare for a life of accomplishment. The curriculum provides opportunities for you to develop intellectually and personally, to acquire an appreciation of the pursuit of knowledge, to gain insight into yourself and the world in which you live, and refine your values and attitudes.

The University's educational program, however, is not the only ingredient in the learning process. Learning involves a reciprocal relationship between you and the University. The University must provide high-quality educational programs, but you must be willing to take advantage of the experiences offered. To profit fully from the curriculum, you must make a fundamental commitment to academic and personal excellence and participate actively in the educational program. The magnitude of your commitment may be more significant in determining the quality of your education than the character of the curricular offerings of the University.

Your primary obligation as a student should be to meet your academic responsibilities. This will require consistent class attendance, clear understanding of individual class requirements and the general University academic expectations, and good study habits and attitudes. Learning can be a rewarding, exciting, and enjoyable exercise, but these outcomes result only from diligent and concentrated study. The acquisition of knowledge is a demanding and, at times, exhausting process. In order to gain the benefits of education, you must experience the rigors of disciplined study, but the personal growth which can be attained more than justifies the emotional and physical energy which is expended.

Although your primary concern should be to fulfill your academic responsibilities, you should realize that learning is not confined to the formal curriculum. Opportunities for educational growth also are available in the extracurricular program. Participation in extracurricular activities can foster the integration of intellectual and social life and the establishment of viable relationships with other students and with faculty and staff. This program includes student activities and organizations, student publications, student-faculty discussions, campus lectures, cultural events, student government, intramurals, and intercollegiate athletics.

During your educational career, you may need assistance in solving a problem or in making an important decision. For these reasons, the University provides many sources of counsel for students. Faculty advisers, individual faculty members, Dean of Students' staff members, Health Center personnel, Psychological Services' staff members, and other members of the University community are available to assist you when problems and questions arise. One of the significant qualities of Oakland University is the willingness of our faculty and staff to help students in their educational development. Moreover, you will find that upperclassmen are willing to advise you and to offer valuable insights.

Your faculty adviser is a particularly important person for you to know and to talk with as often as necessary. He is your personal point of reference in the University community, and he is your basic source of counsel. He is prepared to assist you in the selection of courses, the solution of academic problems, and the development of career interests. Feel free to consult with him frequently about any facet of your educational work.

Many staff members are available in the Office of the Dean of Students to aid you. This office is responsible for academic advising, housing, food service, financial aids, student health, student activities, physical education, and intercollegiate athletics. A major function of the office is to counsel students concerning personal and academic problems and to help them in every way possible to achieve their educational objectives. The office also administers the withdrawal, academic standing, and readmissions policies and maintains central records for all students.

During the first week of the fall semester, the Dean of Students' staff will have an orientation session for all new students to provide additional information concerning University policies and procedures; to explain important University programs, services, and activities; and to introduce staff members with whom you will have contact during the year. This meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 1966, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Wilson Lecture Hall. This will be an important meeting, and you should plan to attend.

If you should need assistance at any time, please feel free to contact me or members of the staff of this office. We are willing to help you have a meaningful educational experience at Oakland University. Our office is located in Room 202, Wilson Hall.

I hope that you have an enjoyable and productive year of learning at Oakland University.

Thomas B. Dutton
Dean of Students

Orientation Announcement

A final orientation session for those new students who have not attended an orientation session previously will be held September 5, 6, and 7. These students should receive information very soon about this final program.

The annual new student convocation will be held, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Baldwin Pavilion on the Oakland University campus. This event traditionally begins freshmen "week" which this year continues through September 9. All new students are required to attend freshmen week programs. Detailed information will be forwarded at a later date to all new students.

As this is the final Newsletter it is now appropriate for the Admissions staff to wish you well as you enter Oakland University. We have enjoyed the time spent with many of you in discussions of the several aspects of college admission. We sincerely hope if you see us on campus you will stop and tell us how you are doing or make it a special point to drop by the Admissions office and say hello.

Glen Brown
Director of Admissions
and Scholarships

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