Vice President Humphrey Addresses Capacity Crowd

Despite a two-hour delay caused by inclement weather, an over-capacity crowd jammed the Oakland University Sports and Recreation Building to hear Vice President Hubert Humphrey during his October 22 appearance in Michigan. An audience of 2400 students, faculty, high school student delegations and community residents filled the gymnasium, while another 300 persons heard the address piped to other sections of the building.

Scheduled to arrive by 11 a.m. by helicopter, the Vice President was delayed in his flight from the east coast to Detroit, and arrived at Oakland in a motor caravan at approximately 1 p.m. But a patient crowd, many of whom had arrived as early as 10 a.m., was on hand to hear his comments on education.

Before beginning his speech, the Vice President pleased the audience with a recognition of Mrs. Wilson's birthday week being celebrated at Oakland, and personally commended her great contribution to education. As at most OU functions, the University’s benefactress was in a front row seat.

Humphrey stressed the importance of educational opportunity, and cited the growing demands on the country’s educational systems. “Four million youngsters must find seats in schoolrooms in the next five years. We need 400,000 more classrooms, and there will be fifty percent more college students in the next five years,” he said.

The Vice President deviated from his prepared remarks to direct a good share of his comments to the OU students who dominated the audience. He told them, “Controversy is the heart of the United States, and I encourage dissent, discussion, and debate.” Interrupted by applause on numerous occasions, he demonstrated by his remarks a keen interest in student concern with world problems.

At the close of the Vice President’s address, Chancellor Varner presented two student petitions concerning Vietnam. Some 430 student signatures were on a petition favoring United States action, and approximately 100 were on a petition opposing it.

Prominent Panelists At First Careers Day

Oakland University’s first careers day for undergraduates, held December 1, brought to students a host of prominent business and professional men and women to talk about career opportunities.

Joseph L. Hudson, Jr., president of the J. L. Hudson Co., delivered the keynote address that opened the afternoon of eight simultaneous panels surveying opportunities in government, business and economics, engineering and the sciences, communication arts, human welfare, the arts, elementary and secondary education, and university education.

Presented by the OU Placement Office, under the direction of Dorothy C. Hope, Careers '65 featured such persons as Martha W. Griffiths, U. S. Representative; Frank Angelo, managing editor of the Detroit Free Press; Aaron Schreier, of Yamasaki and Associates and project director of the World Trade Center; Sheldon Moyer, executive vice president of D. P. Brother & Co.; Dr. Everett Kinsey, Kresge Eye Institute; David Waggoner, director of Salaried Personnel Placement for General Motors; Francis M. Webster, manager of Operations Research for Chrysler Corporation; and E. Ross Hanson, manager of the Administration Department of Ford Motor Company’s Personnel and Organization staff; and a host of other prominent panelists.

The program was designed to permit OU students to preview the world of work by providing resource persons successful in a variety of professions.
Faculty & Staff Notes

Clyde B. Sargent, CIA Educational Administrator, has been appointed professor of history and director of the Area Studies Program.


Walter L. Wilson, professor of biology, presented a paper on research being conducted with professor Clifford V. Harding, at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Berkeley in December.

Five members of the history department attended the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in San Francisco, December 27-30. Representing OU were Richard M. Brace, professor and department chairman; John V. Barnard, assistant professor; Melvin Cherno, associate professor; Leonardas V. Gerulaitis, visiting assistant professor; and Samuel B. Thomas, assistant professor.

“Star by Star,” a collection of poems by Naomi Long Madgett, 1965 Mott Fellow in English at Oakland University, was published in October.

The collection gathers in book form a number of poems which have been previously published in “Poetry of the Negro,” 1746-1949 (Doubleday, 1949); American Literature by Negro Authors (Macmillan, 1950); “Beyond the Blues” (Hand and Flower Press, 1962); “New Negro Poets: U. S. A.” (Indiana University Press, 1964); “Ik Ben de Nieuwe Neger” (The Netherlands, Bert Bakker, 1965); “Success in Language/A” (Follett, 1965). Other poems in “Star by Star” have appeared in “Freedomways, Phylon”; “The Negro History Bulletin”; “Negro Digest”; and “Blue River Poetry Magazine.”

The NEWS will be published bi-monthly 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.

Coming Events

The following concerts are scheduled in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center unless otherwise designated. Information on single tickets, at $3, may be obtained from the Meadow Brook Festival Office, Oakland University.

Sunday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook Chamber Orchestra of 16, Albert Tipton conducting

Sunday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.
The Bennington College Dance Group, Little Theatre

Sunday, February 20, 3:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook String Quartet (Mischka Mischkoff, Edoard Kesner, Nathan Gordon, Italo Babini)

Friday, March 11, 8:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook Wind Quintet with Mary Norris, piano soloist

Sunday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook Chamber Orchestra, Tipton conducting with Italo Babini, cello soloist

Sunday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.
Baroque Opera, Lecture-Concert, produced and directed by David Di Chiera

Sunday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook String Quartet

To Present Charles Evans Hughes Series

Oakland University will join with the State Bar Association and the University Center for Adult Education in the presentation of the Charles Evans Hughes Memorial Lecture Series, beginning in February.

An outstanding group of authorities on the late Supreme Court Justice has agreed to appear on this first series, to deal with the auspicious accomplishments and men in the history of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Archibald Cox, former Solicitor General of the United States and now professor of law at Harvard, will join Merlo J. Pusey, Washington Post Pulitzer Prize biographer in the opening program on Wednesday, February 2, at 8 p.m. in the Rackham Educational Memorial Auditorium. Pusey will lead off with a brief commentary of the life of Hughes, and Cox will speak on “The Functions of the Supreme Court.”

Gerald Gunther, Stanford University professor of law, will speak on February 10 on the “Marshall Court.” On February 17 Carl B. Swisher, professor of political science at Johns Hopkins University, will have as his topic, “The Taney Court.” The fourth lecture will feature Phil C. Neal, dean of the University of Chicago Law School, who will speak on “The Fuller Court.”

Alexander M. Bickel, professor of law in the Yale Law School, will speak on “Mr. Taft Rehabilitates the Court” on March 3. The final lecture of the series will be held on March 10, when Paul A. Freund, professor in the Harvard Law School, will speak on “The Hughes Court.”

According to Chancellor Durward B. Varner the Charles Evans Hughes lectures are planned as a continuing series, to be held annually in recognition of the great contributions of the late Supreme Court Justice.

All the lectures, to be held in the Rackham Educational Memorial Auditorium in Detroit, will be open to the public without charge, and will begin at 8 p.m.

I would like to take this means of thanking the many "Friends of Oakland University" who have so kindly contributed to the Matilda R. Wilson Honor Scholarship. I feel deeply honored to have this scholarship given in my name and deeply appreciate what parents and friends of the students have done to show their appreciation for what we have all been trying to do.

Matilda R. Wilson
Observe Mrs. Wilson’s Birthday

It was Mrs. Wilson’s birthday, and Oakland University and friends turned out for a week-long celebration in her honor. On the day of her 82nd birthday, October 19, the University’s founder was on hand to lay the cornerstone for the new Matilda R. Wilson Classroom-Office Building. A luncheon in her honor followed. OU students honored the “first lady” with a concert on Friday night, featuring the Village Stampers, and the traditional birthday party Saturday, which has become the social highlight of their year’s activities.

Above, Mrs. Wilson placed mortar around the cornerstone for the Matilda R. Wilson Hall at the Tuesday forenoon ceremony.

Left, Saturday night Edward Goodwin, director of food services, needed help to roll in the huge birthday cake, topped by a sugar model of Matilda R. Wilson Hall.

Lower left, OU students presented roses and a giant-sized birthday card bearing their signatures to their guest of honor.

Below, at the Tuesday luncheon Mrs. Wilson listens to a section of the tape recording of the cornerstone program, played back by Oscar Frenette of WPON.
Friends Announce Honor Scholarship

The Friends of Oakland University, the organization of parents of OU students, announced the establishment of the Matilda R. Wilson Honor Scholarship at their annual meeting in October. More than $1,100 has been contributed to date by Friends for the scholarship to be awarded for the 1966-67 school year.

Walton Lewis, Detroit, was elected president of the organization, which was formed in 1963 to promote the welfare of Oakland University. Vice presidents elected were: Desmond P. Ivey, Sarnia, Ontario; James P. Morrisson, Royal Oak; and Charles Stewart, Rochester. Gloria Brischke, East Detroit, was elected treasurer, and Mrs. W. G. Wibby, Berkley, secretary.

Other new trustees named were Mrs. Kenneth Goff, Bloomfield Hills; Robert Johnson, Detroit; L. B. Ragdale, Birmingham; and Mrs. L. R. Ware, Bloomfield Hills.

Three Grants Accepted For OU

Three grants to Oakland University were accepted by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees in December.

A grant of $5,000 from the U. S. Office of Education will provide preparatory, or planning, funds for a Summer Institute for Junior and Senior High School Teachers of French, to be used under the direction of Don R. Iodice, assistant professor of French. The eight-week Institute will be held on the OU campus next summer.

The Board accepted a grant of $3,500 from the General Motors Corporation to be used by the Oakland County Traffic Safety Committee, under the OU Mott Center for Community Affairs.

A third grant, in the amount of $2,000, from the National Science Foundation, will be used under the direction of Richard A. Kammann, assistant professor of psychology. It will support research initiated last summer under the NSF program of Research Participation for College Teachers.

There were gifts for all at the OU student Christmas party for Pontiac Tutorial Project youngster. John McClellan, as Santa, is assisted by OU student Frank Neff.

Trustees Elected To Foundation

Rinehart S. Bright, Bloomfield Hills, and Kenneth Morris, Birmingham, have been elected vice presidents of the Oakland University Foundation. Other members of the Executive Committee include: Harold A. Fitzgerald, president, Pontiac; Don E. Ahrens, vice president, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. William T. Gossett, vice president, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. Roger M. Kyes, vice president, Bloomfield Hills; Harry M. Pryale, vice president, Bloomfield Hills; Alfred C. Girard, treasurer, Bloomfield Hills; and Mrs. Mary June Matthews, executive secretary and director of community relations, Birmingham.

New trustees elected to the OU Foundation Board include: Charles F. Adams, Birmingham; Willis Brewer, Pontiac; John DeLorean, Birmingham; Mrs. James E. Goodman, Bloomfield Hills; Marvin Katke, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. Ben D. Mills, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. George Parris, Warren; W. Calvin Patterson, Birmingham; Henry Price, Franklin; James M. Robbins, Royal Oak; George T. Trumbull, Bloomfield Hills; Richard Van Dusen, Birmingham; Norman B. Weston, Birmingham; and James O. Wright, Birmingham.

OU Choral Groups Busy

OU Choral groups climaxed a busy pre-holiday season schedule with the December 12 “Christmas Oratorio,” under the direction of George V. Cripps. Earlier the Chorus sang for the Sibelius Centennial Celebration, the Oakland Singers presented a church benefit, and the Collegium Musicum made two public performances.