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Thomas H. Hamilton Addresses



President Hamilton accepts honorary degree from OU Chancellor D. B. Varner, left, Deans Laszlo J. Hetenyi, education, and John E. Gibson, engineering, assist in the ceremony.

PLAN MEADOW BROOK FESTIVAL

Plans for Oakland University's 1967 Meadow Brook Music Festival, June 29 through August 20, call for an eight-week season available to subscribers in two 4-week programs, a roster of soloists, guest conductors, and repertoire of a stature rarely presented on one series.

Chairmen will be Mr. and Mrs. James O. Wright, Birmingham. Wright is president of Federal Mogul Corporation. Working with the Wrights will be Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. Boyd, vice-chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Frey, finance; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Katke, building and grounds; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pingel, promotion. General area chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. McMath, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Lerchens.

Sixteen Ehrling will conduct the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in 22 of the 32 scheduled concerts. Four concerts each will be conducted by Charles Munch, former Boston Symphony direc-

tor, and Hiroyuki Iwaki, noted Japanese conductor appearing for the first time in the United States in a guest role. Robert Shaw, head of the Meadow Brook School of Music choral and orchestral programs, will appear on the series for two performances.

All performances will be in the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion, and will be presented Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

Instrumental soloists will include pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy, Van Cliburn, Misha Dichter, and Nicole, Henriot-Schweitzer; violinists James Oliver Buswell IV, Itzhak Perlman, and Gorden Staples; Allen Chase, trombone; and Arthur Krehbiel, French horn.

Vocal soloists will include Jane Marsh, soprano, and Jan Pearce, tenor. Choral soloists include Janice Harsanyi, soprano; Florence Kopleff, contralto; John McCollum and Jon Humphrey, tenors; Yi-Whei Sze and Thomas Paul, basses.

April Graduates

Five students were awarded master of arts degrees and 187 received baccalaureate degrees at Oakland University's fifth annual commencement April 22.

The commencement speaker was Thomas H. Hamilton, president of the University of Hawaii, whose subject was "On Understanding Asia." Hamilton, who was active in the planning of OU as academic vice president at Michigan State University, became president of the State University of New York in 1959, and moved to his present post three years later.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Hamilton, David Riesman, the Henry Ford II professor of social sciences at Harvard University, and William T. Gossett, Detroit lawyer and president-elect of the American Bar Association.

In his talk Hamilton urged greatly stepped-up exchange programs between the United States and Asia, both in ideas and in people. "Many of us are convinced that the shape of the world in the 21st century will be determined largely in Asia, and understanding is essential to our participation in that determination," Hamilton noted. "Even more important from the point of view of a university is the recognition that its claim to universality of knowledge is hollow if it concerns itself only with that tradition which is native to less than half of the world's population."

The afternoon commencement exercises, which began at 3 p.m. in the Sports and Recreation Building, also was the occasion for the presentation of the University's Matilda R. and Alfred G. Wilson Awards to the two outstanding graduates of the 1966-67 year. The recipients were William Thomas Peters of Alexandria, Virginia, and Maureen Frances McClow of Ithaca. Each received Wilson Award Medallions and \$100 cash awards for "having made the outstanding contributions to the life of the University through scholarship, student leadership, and the expression of responsibility in the solution of social problems."

O.E. Hunt Will Provides \$825,000 In Bonds

An automotive engineer's bequest to Oakland University of \$825,000 in bonds to cancel the indebtedness on a dormitory for women was accepted by the Board of Trustees in April.

The donor was Ormond E. Hunt, the first man to hold the position in General Motors Corporation of vice president in charge of engineering. Mr. Hunt, whose home was at 1650 Rathmor Road, Bloomfield Hills, died last January 3 at the age of 83.

Commenting on the benefactor, Chancellor D.B. Varner said, "Ormond Hunt was a great friend of young people in general and Oakland University in particular. His enthusiasm for the University was a continuing source of inspiration for all of us associated with the development of this new University."

Mr. Hunt purchased Oakland University dormitory revenue bonds in the amount of \$825,000 in 1964, the money being used to finance the construction of Hill House on the Rochester campus. He received interest on the bonds during his lifetime, but stipulated that upon his death the bonds would be given to the University, thereby canceling the indebtedness on the dormitory. It is the first of Oakland's six dormitories, all built through self-liquidating revenue bond issues, to be paid for.

Mr. Hunt was a charter member of the Oakland University Foundation's Chancellor's Club Committee, and was active in that organization until the time of his death.

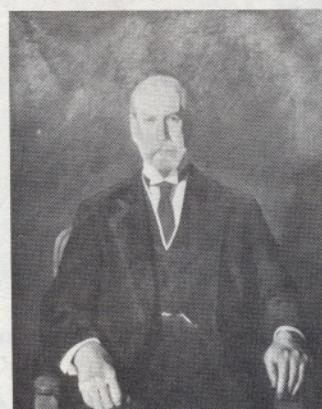
The OU Chancellor noted that, "On many occasions he expressed the view that Oakland University provided an opportunity for citizens of this community to join hands in the building of a distinguished educational institution in their own area. His own record of commitment is strong testimony to his conviction.

"We are deeply indebted to Ormond Hunt, not only for this generous financial bequest, but for his continuing counsel and support during these early formative years," Varner added.

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Matilda R. Wilson, Mrs. William T. Gossett, Chancellor Varner, and artist Edwin Dickinson discuss the Charles Evans Hughes portrait, shown below.



ANNOUNCE MEADOW BROOK THEATRE SEASON

Appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Alan E. Schwartz as chairmen of the 1967-68 Meadow Brook Theatre Committee and the announcement of a 35-week season was made public in an April press conference.

Schwartz, prominent Detroit attorney and chairman of the board of Federal Department Stores, Inc. will head, with his wife, the committee of civic leaders that will promote community support for the John Fernald Company's second season. Vice-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Birmingham. Anderson is vice president of Chrysler Corporation and general manager of the Chrysler-Plymouth Division.

Members of the Advisory Committee are Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Benson Ford, Mr. and Mrs. John Z. DeLorean, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Z. Nederlander, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Wieting.

Mrs. Gossett Presents Hughes Portrait

A portrait of Charles Evans Hughes was given to Oakland University at a formal presentation on April 30 by Mrs. William T. Gossett, daughter of the late Chief Justice.

Mrs. Gossett, who is a vice president of the Oakland University Foundation, presented the portrait and introduced the artist, Edwin Dickinson who came to the OU campus from New York for the ceremony. Accepting the gift for the University, Chancellor D.B. Varner announced that the portrait would be placed in a room in the expanded Oakland Center to be known as the Charles Evans Hughes Room.

Dickinson, who is a cousin of Mrs. Gossett, has taught for more than a half-century in eastern schools. His work has been exhibited throughout the northeast, including the Graham Gallery, the Whitney Museum and the Museum of Modern Art, where his work is represented in the permanent collection. His paintings are also in collections at Bowdoin College, Albright Gallery, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Fine Art in Massachusetts, and many others.

The artist is the recipient of numerous awards including the Century Association Medal for Art in 1956, and the Benjamin Altman prize.

The new Meadow Brook Theatre season will be expanded to seven productions and 35 weeks as contrasted to the premiere season of six plays and 21 weeks. The Company will open with "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, October 5-November 5. The opener will be followed by Ibsen's "John Gabriel Borkman," November 9-December 10; "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas, December 14-January 14; "And People All Around" by George Sklar, January 18-February 18; Shakespeare's "King Lear", February 22-March 24. March 28 through April 28 will see a double bill of "No Exit" by Jean Paul Sartre and "The Firebugs" by Hans Fritsche, and the final production will be Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull", May 2-June 2.

The premiere season, which opened in January, will end with "The Three Sisters" by Anton Chekhov, which runs through May 28.

Faculty & Staff Notes

Howard W. Clarke, associate professor of classics, now on leave studying in Rome and Greece, is the author of "The Art of the Odyssey" published recently by Prentice-Hall, Inc. The book is a part of the publisher's Landmarks in Literature series. **Lowell R. Eklund**, dean of the division of continuing education, has been named chairman of the Division of Evening Colleges and Extension and director for the National University Extension Association

Jon Appleton, instructor in music, is the composer of an orchestral work performed by the Houston Symphony on April 20.

James P. McAlpine, former director of the University Christian Federation at OU, has been appointed assistant director of alumni education.

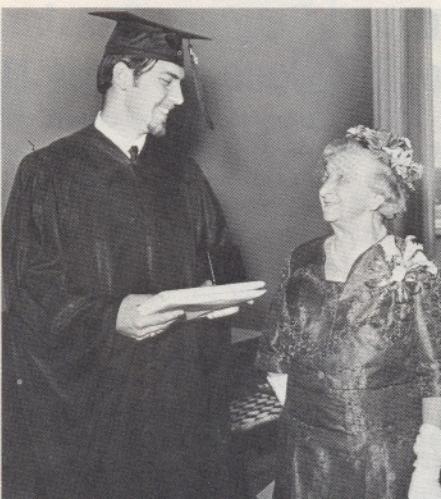
Abraham A. Davidson, assistant professor of art history, is the author of an article, "Cubism and the Early American Modernist," in the recent Art Journal.

Desiree de Charms, music and humanities librarian, is the author of "Songs in Collections," an index of songs in many languages and dialects.

John E. Rue, newly-appointed associate professor of political science, is the author of a new book, "Mao Tse-tung in Opposition: 1927-35."

William Schwab, professor and acting chairman of the English department, is the author of a textbook, "Guide to Modern Grammar and Exposition," published recently by Harper & Row of New York.

Recent faculty and staff appointments include; **Edward A. Bantel**, professor of education and psychology; **John E. Rue**, associate professor of political science; **Howard R. Witt**, associate professor of engineering; **Donald E. Morse**, assistant professor of English; **Helene Mitterkalkgruber**, assistant professor of German; **John R. Reddan**, assistant professor of biology; **James R. Ozinga**, instructor of political science; **Roy A. Kitynek**, instructor of history; **Henry Kennedy**, instructor of political science; **Leonard Bushkoff**, instructor of history; **William C. Fish**, instructor of education; **Kenneth R. Conklin**, instructor of education; **Michael J. Heffernan**, visiting instructor in English.



William Peters, the Alfred G. Wilson Award winner, is shown with Mrs. Wilson following commencement. Maureen F. McClow, now studying in Europe, was awarded the Matilda R. Wilson Award in absentia.

Leaves of absence have been approved for **John G. Blair**, associate professor of English, from August 15, 1967 to August 14, 1968, to accept a Fulbright Lectureship in American Literature at the University of Strasbourg, France; **Louis M. Buchanan**, from August 15, 1967 to August 14, 1968, to study at the University of Toronto; **Edward J. Heubel**, professor and chairman of political science, from September 6, 1967 to December 20, 1967, to study and research in the field of U.S.-Latin American Policy; **Frederick W. Obear**, assistant provost, from September 1, 1967 to May 31, 1968, to accept an American Council on Education fellowship in Academic Administration at Rice University; **George T. Matthews**, professor of history and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, from May 1 to July 31, 1967, to study in the local area; **Donald Hildum**, associate professor of psychology, from September 6 to April 20, 1968, to study at the University of Ghent, Belgium, under the Fulbright Exchange program; and **Thomas Fitzsimmons**, professor of English, from September 6 to April 20, 1968, to travel and study in Europe.

TO ENROLL IN INSTITUTE

Area elementary school teachers will enroll in an NDEA Reading Institute this summer and fall at Oakland University. Directed by Harry T. Hahn, professor of education, the program is designed to improve skills in teaching youngsters to read.

New College Open To Fall Students

Oakland University will open the doors next fall to its second residential college, called New College, for an initial enrollment of about 100 freshmen and 20 sophomores.

Like Charter College, OU's 18-month-old residential institution, New College is designed to retain within the rapidly expanding University the values of a small and close-knit student body. OU Chancellor D.B. Varner describes the concept as fostering "learning fraternities." Each residential college will grow to no larger than 500 students. Charter College now has an enrollment of about 300.

New College will be open to all freshmen but will seek in particular those students who are interested in a strong undergraduate emphasis on liberal arts. Classes will accent interdisciplinary study.

One of the stated aims of New College, as with Charter College, is "to foster a relatively small community of learning within the University, large enough to represent divergent backgrounds and points of view, yet small enough to foster continuing personal relationships." The development of small colleges is one of several steps being taken to protect the small college atmosphere in light of enrollment projections for the University which place the student body at more than 14,000 by 1977. Current enrollment is 3,200.

New College resident students will live together in dormitories, with provisions, wherever possible, for commuters to join in the extracurricular life of the college. The students will be encouraged to develop a social and cultural community to complement their academic programs, possibly including a "college forum" featuring debates, visiting speakers and dramatic performances.

An unusual feature of the education of New College students will be a semester spent off-campus on the term project. The college will help the student plan and execute the project, which may involve salaried work, volunteer work or an individualized program of study. The plan is similar to that pioneered by Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Melvin Chernoff, associate professor of history and one of the original faculty members of Charter College, will be master of New College.

Continuing Education Earns National Award

One of the two national awards presented this year for creativity in programming was presented to Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education at the National University Extension Associations' conference in April.

Winning entry was the Widows and Divorcees conference held May 21, 1966, and attended by 400 women.

Chancellor Durward B. Varner, a speaker at the NUEA conference; Lowell R. Eklund, dean of the Division of Continuing Education; and Priscilla Jackson, director of conferences, were present when the award was made. The citation from the NUEA for "unusual creativity as shown by its development of the conference for widows and divorcees" was accepted by Mrs. Jackson.

ACCEPT GRANTS TO UNIVERSITY

Four grants totaling \$67,654 were accepted for Oakland University at March and April Board meetings.

A grant of \$42,228 from the U.S. Office of Education will support an institute in reading for teachers of grades 4-12 under the direction of Harry T. Hahn, professor of education. Another Office of Education grant for \$9,864 will be used to develop and test a "computer tutor" system for use in classroom teaching under the direction of Robbin Hough, associate professor and chairman of economics and business.

A \$11,002 grant from the Alpena

Second Summer Session To Run June 19 - Aug 11

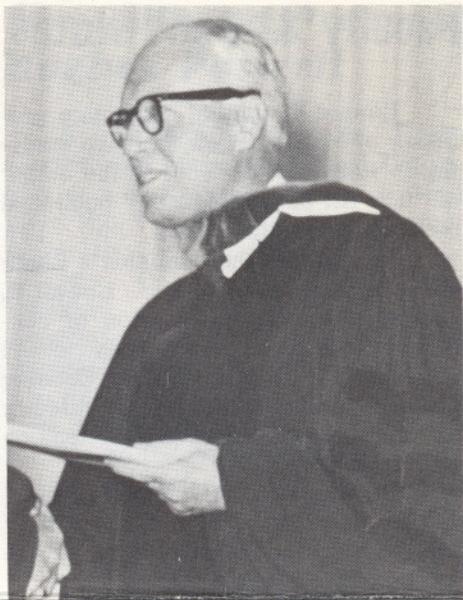
Eleven courses will be offered in the second annual summer session at Oakland University, June 19 through August 11, planned principally to provide graduate courses for school teachers unable to participate in the University's regular trimester program.

For graduate students enrolled in a degree program at Oakland, the 1967 courses lead to master of arts degree in English and to master of arts in teaching degrees in English, mathematics, elementary education and reading instruction. The courses also are offered to persons completing master's degrees elsewhere and to others, graduates and undergraduates, who are not pursuing a degree program but find an individual course appropriate to advance their education.

For teachers holding provisional certificates, summer session courses in their respective fields would all apply toward qualifying for a permanent certificate.

Resident housing is available for students not wishing to commute. Information on housing may be obtained from the Director of Housing, and on admissions from the Director of Admissions.

Public Schools will be used to conduct an "Opera Overture Cultural Enrichment Program" under the direction of David Di Chiera, assistant professor and acting chairman of music. A National Science Foundation grant of \$4,560 will be used for undergraduate research in physics under the direction of Ralph C. Mobley, professor and chairman of physics.



At the April 22 commencement honorary degrees were conferred upon William T. Gossett, above, and David Riesman.



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