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Governor William Milliken and Chancellor Donald O'Dowd were deep in discussion of an issue of their own when the photographer caught them on a campus corner. Governor Milliken spoke to the Governor's Conference on High School Student Leadership, an annual continuing education event.

New Degree Programs

Three new baccalaureate degree programs and one new master's will start with fall term. The new undergraduate majors are in Latin American languages and civilization, anthropology and linguistics. Oakland becomes the only Michigan school offering a major in Latin American languages and civilization, and one of three with a major in linguistics.

The School of Education will offer a graduate program leading to a master's in teaching emotionally disturbed children.

Diverse Issues Bring Changes to OU

A variety of campus issues ranging from educational reform to women's rights have kept the University Senate meeting at an almost twice per week pace this spring.

The adoption of proposals produced by a student-faculty-administration Blue Ribbon Commission on Education Reform in late April climaxed a school year in which there was ferment about many issues.

Students, who resigned from the Senate in early winter, never returned to that body but they comprised half of the Education Reform Commission and their voices were in evidence there. Two student groups, the Action Faction, and the Committee for Sexual Equality, brought many issues before the campus community by means as diverse as taking over the microphones at an all-campus meeting, checking an unusual number of books out of the library, and holding a mother-child sit-in in Chancellor O'Dowd's outer office.

Perhaps a recap of the winter and spring is best dealt with an issue at a time, in some cases presenting the same issue from several viewpoints.

EDUCATION REFORM

Education Reform was the No. 1 issue on campus, in part an outgrowth of the series of conferences and courses on "The University in Crisis" which was part of Oakland's 10th anniversary year. These events were reported in the October 1969 *Alumni News*.

Six faculty-administration members and six students chosen by their peers were appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Education Reform.

A number of changes in curriculum and grading were suggested and studied, but those finally reported out by the Commission and adopted by the University Senate were:

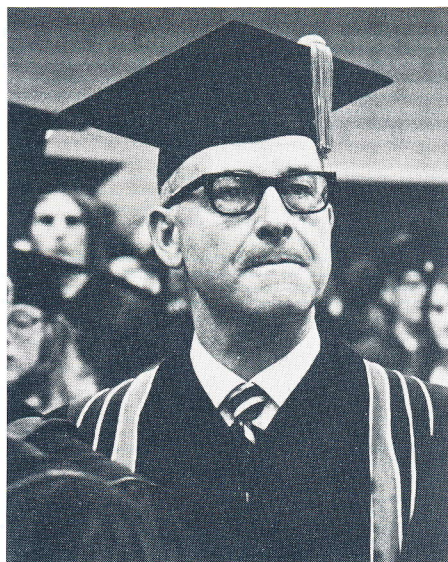
1. Elimination of the failing grade. Anyone failing to successfully complete a course will now receive an N for no credit. The N will not appear on the student's transcript or be used in computing his grade average. The elimination of the failing grade is designed to let all students branch out into areas outside their disciplines without fear of a bad grade lowering their overall academic standing. For graduation, all students must successfully complete 124 credits with a 2.0 average. Grades will be on a graduated scale from 1.0 to 4.0.

2. Allowing a student to create his own independent major from among existing courses in the University catalogue. A student electing an independent concentration would plan his own sequence of courses, present them for approval and graduate with an independent concentration rather than a traditional major. Students who prefer the traditional major may still elect one.

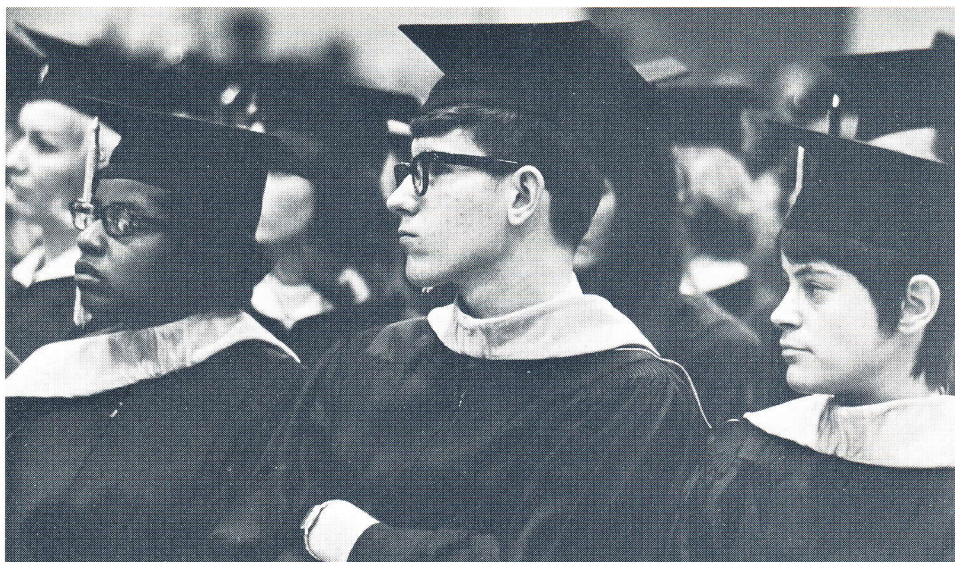
Oakland is continuing study of its University-wide distribution requirements of 36 credits taken by all students regardless of program.

Faculty members on the Education Reform Commission were Deans George Matthews and John Gibson, representing the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Engineering, Profs. Donald Hildum and Roger Marz, representing the University Senate's

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Waiting to join the ranks of alumni was former Chancellor Durward B. Varner, now Chancellor of the University of Nebraska. He received an honorary LHD degree at April commencement.



These three were among the 577 who received degrees at the seventh spring commencement. The University awarded 435 B.A.'s, 52 B.S.'s and 90 masters' degrees. The ceremony was probably the last in which OU degrees are conferred in conjunction with Michigan State University. Pending legislation would give Oakland independence this July.

Diverse Issues Bring Changes to Oakland, continued

Academic Policy Committee, Elmer Cooper, Asst. Chancellor for Urban Affairs, and James Davis, Asst. Provost.

Before the Education Reform Commission completed its report, a group of students calling themselves the Action Faction distributed a handbill in late March charging that the report on education reform was being side-tracked in committee. To underscore its demands for immediate action on the reform issues, the Action Faction conducted a weekend book checkout campaign at Kresge Library to disrupt library operations. The Library claimed 750 books were checked out, the Action Faction reported 2500.

Not part of the Education Reform Committee's proposals, but a change in curriculum is a new two-course sequence called "Community Service." Through this a student can receive academic credit for volunteer, off-campus activity in the community. Combined with the off-campus project will be a modified schedule of class meetings and assignments.

RECRUITING AND HELPING DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

The Admissions and Financial Aid Committee has made several suggestions to recruit and help disadvantaged students: (1) establishing alternate admissions criteria to admit students with high school grade point averages of less than 2.00; (2) intensifying the summer orientation program and the fall-winter academic support program to provide more

counseling and tutorial help for disadvantaged students; (3) aiming for recruitment of 5-10% of the freshman class in the GPA category of less than 2.50; and (4) making all efforts to insure that at least 15% of all new students (freshman and transfer) are black. No decisions have been made yet on these suggestions.

In other admissions news, fall term applications will no longer be accepted. Oakland has approximately 3 applicants for every space in next fall's freshman class.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The Committee for Sexual Equality and the Action Faction have demanded a free day care center for children of students and the addition of a gynecologist to the staff of OU's Graham Health Center.

A Child Care Center, run by the Continuum Center for Women, part of continuing education, has been conducted for the last five years in a church near campus. It provides a nursery school program at 60 cents per hour per child, with students' children given priority enrollment. Sixty-five students used the center for their 70 pre-school children this past semester.

In response to the demand for a free day care center, the University replied that it supported one in principle but financial and legal aspects need to be explored.

The Committee for Sexual Equality first asked for a fulltime gynecologist,

then pared the demand to three times per week. The services of a gynecologist have been made available for three hours per week at Graham Health Center. During her first few weeks her appointment schedule was not filled.

PLACEMENT OFFICE— MILITARY AND CORPORATE RECRUITERS

Action Faction Demand (handbill March 23) — "Military recruiting at Oakland University must stop . . . We also demand a committee with student representation of 50 percent to investigate and then decide the status of all corporate and business recruiters on campus. All corporations involved in exploitation of workers, war profiteering, or environmental pollution can be denied access to Oakland if the committee so determines."

University Policy — "Oakland University maintains an open recruitment policy. Any business corporation, school district, or government agency, as long as it is a reasonable employer of Oakland University students upon completion of their university work, may recruit on campus. The principle that supports this policy is the belief that Oakland University students should be permitted access to information that might be helpful to them in planning their future from any bona fide agency with which they wish to have contact."

Opinion of the American Civil Liberties Union — "It is our judgment

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Julie Becker Frederick '63 pours coffee at a reception for April graduates. Alumni and faculty wives acted as hosts and hostesses.



While Julie served coffee, Pat Sadowski '63 competed with a cold drink from the punch bowl at the graduation reception.

PERSONALS—NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

1963

Sandra Kay Bunce received her master's degree in education from Michigan State last summer and is an elementary teacher in Waterford Township.

1965

Gail (Houghton) Clarke received her M.Ed. from the University of Pittsburgh last month and is moving to Oakland, Calif.

Ilse (Werzer) Kretschmer is managing the Kretschmer Gallery at 134 East 74th St., New York City. She and her husband recently opened the art gallery.

1966

Shirley (Mapley) and husband James Zanoni '67 had a son born in February. Jim just received his teacher certification and is teaching in Pontiac.

1967

Melvin Kozek will marry **Jean Gordon '68** in St. John Fisher Chapel in August. Mel is teaching in Bloomfield Hills and is a member of the Alumni Council. Jean is teaching in Pontiac.

Laura Whisman is an editorial assistant in the School Department—English, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., New York City.

1968

Joann Lou Gleichauf was married to **Douglas Donald Blake '69** April 3rd.

S. Kenneth Shwedel is in the Peace Corps assigned to La Grita, Venezuela. Address: Oficina del MAC, La Grita, Tachira, Venezuela.

1969

2nd Lt. Robert R. Smith was awarded U.S. Air Force pilot wings upon graduation at Laredo AFB, Texas. He is being assigned to Carswell AFB, Texas

ISSUES, cont'd

that no issues of civil liberties are raised if an educational institution decides as a matter of policy to admit all accredited recruiting agents to the campus or to admit none, but a decision to admit some and exclude others would be discriminatory and an incursion into the basic principles of academic freedom."

Meanwhile, back at the Placement Office, total student sign-ups for interviews with recruiters have exceeded 2000 this year. 542 seniors (68%) registered with the Placement Office.

OTHER ISSUES

Other campus issues aired during the winter and spring concerned the environment, a student co-op and student employment.

for flying duty in the B-52 Stratofortress heavy bomber.

James A. Wagoner is the father of twin boys born April 8. Jim is at Methodist Theological Seminary in Delaware, Ohio.

Thomas F. Fox is on a teaching fellowship at McGill University, Montreal.

Janet J. Foster (M.A.) is an Instructor in English at the Detroit College of Business.

Abstract Math for Kids

Louis Nachman of the mathematics department is using the Socratic method of teaching to teach a college level math course to 35 sixth grade, disadvantaged students in Pontiac.

"SEED (special elementary education for disadvantaged) is designed to give disadvantaged students a much needed success experience in a high prestige area, mathematics," Nachman says. Mathematics is used, particularly college level abstract group theory, because it is something in which the students have not already experienced failure, it is a subject that is not "culturally tainted."

Nachman claims encouraging students to ask penetrating questions, to learn abstract reasoning, and to discover things works. "Youngsters have a much greater ability to grasp abstract concepts than most people realize."

THE GREAT CAR RACE

Oakland University and Southern Methodist University will compete in what is billed as the "North-South Electric Car Race" in August.

An electric car is being built in the basement of Dodge Hall by engineering students William Gelbach, Fred Phillips, James C. Hargreaves. Raw material for the body is parts of other cars. Design features and results of the race will be covered in the fall *Alumni News*.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. John C. Galloway, Chairman of the Art Department and professor of art and art history, died suddenly in New York on April 17. Mrs. Galloway has requested that those who wish to remember him make a contribution to the John C. Galloway Memorial Fund for purchase of an object of art for the Oakland University Art Gallery.

H. M. Heidenreich, Instructor in Political Science, was the victim of a gun shot wound received near his home in Highland Park. The *Detroit News*

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Director of Alumni Relations
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is offering a \$1000 reward through its Secret Witness plan for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his killer or killers.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

These alumni do not receive the ALUMNI NEWS because Alumni Relations has no addresses for them. If you recognize a friend and know where he or she is, please let your alumni office know.

Joseph Candela 4/63
Robert Denewith 4/63
Darlene (Guibord) Harman 4/63
Steven Hunt 4/63
Donald Johnson 4/63
Norman Kurilik 4/63
Alice Lupke 4/63
Paul McGhee 4/63
Thomas W. Nichols 4/63
Dale Secord 4/63
Karen (Scheffer) Smith 4/63
Sandra (Steimlosk) Wallace 4/63
David Welsh 4/63
Patrick Welsh 4/63
Thomas Werth 4/63
Philip Mack 8/63
Paul Garlick 1/64
David Liscomb 1/64
Karen Walker 1/64
Gary Allen 4/64
Victoria Annas 4/64
Richard Coker 4/64
Joseph Enos 4/64
Sondra (Forsyth) Enos 4/64
Mary Finkelstein 4/64
Paul Howcroft 4/64
Patricia (Hanes) McCormick 4/64
James Morton 4/64
Bettina Phillips 4/64
William Poffenberger 4/64
Diane (Buchanan) Russell 4/64
Dorothy Silvonen 4/64
Roberta Thiher (Lieb) 4/64
Karen (Zubris) Biesanz 8/64
Richard Biesanz 8/64
William Dare 8/64
Konstantine Prokos 8/64
Carl Ratkus 8/64

John Van Camp 8/64
Barrie Hirsch 1/65
Carentan Renner 1/65
Carole Walton 1/65
Marlene Benvenuti 4/65
Sister C. M. Boyko 4/65
Judith Fayton 4/65
Sandra (Henneck) Gentile 4/65
Robert Mastej 4/65
Leslie Moran 4/65
Kenneth Renner 4/65
Lewis Roberson 4/65
Nancy (Grisdale) Vogt 4/65
Mark Wirth 4/65
Ellen Brander 8/65
Gary Candelario 8/65
Lorraine Clay 8/65
Lecy (Roe) Fredo 8/65
Wolf Metzger 8/65
Maureen (Mack) Polsby 8/65
Joann Regan 8/65
Harriette Russell 8/65
John Marshall 1/66
Patricia Stacey 1/66
John Benedict 4/66
Sandra Brown 4/66
John Burris 4/66
Janet Dodge 4/66
Gary Durst 4/66
Peter Garcia 4/66
Ray Hoffman 4/66
Sara McCracken 4/66
Kay Mueller 4/66
Tadoyoshi O'Numa 4/66
Catherine Patterson 4/66
Tex Ragsdale 4/66
Dennis Reszowski 4/66
Virginia Rock 4/66

Michael Sari 4/66
Penelope (Barrett) Smith 4/66
Robert Stanton 4/66
Dale Timm 4/66
Candace (Hoff) Warehall 4/66
Sheryl Willows 4/66
Harold Zuschlag 4/66
Carl Baranski 8/66
Kathleen Bauer (McElliott) 8/66
Carolyn Hamman 8/66
Nancy Humm 8/66
Allen Hyer 8/66
David Jorgensen 8/66
Joy (Capogna) Kalush 8/66
Roderick Lorey 8/66
Dianne Malega 8/66
Ellison Seaver 8/66
George Stillman 8/66
Margaret Tabar 8/66
Carol Vogel 8/66
Elinor Hall 1/67
Jacquelyn Kramer 1/67
Carol (Wiley) Brossier 4/67
Julie Hobbs 4/67
Carol (Draher) Langham 4/67
Judith (Morgan) Lewis 4/67
Dennis Nevala 4/67
Cynthia Sherman 4/67
John Smith 4/67
Thomas Tobias 4/67
Marjorie (Seaman) Tudor 4/67
Betty Wilkins 4/67
Karen Hargreaves 4/67
Alice Akram 8/67
William Bailey 8/67
Richard Bidigare 8/67
David Bihl 8/67
Nancy Crowe 8/67

Allen Fogoros 8/67
Janice Johnson 8/67
Carol Margaret Repka 8/67 Masters
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Karin Walters 8/67
Judy (Weaver) Bentley 1/68
Jacob DeVries 1/68
Walter Pasinski 1/68
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Michael Chamberlain 4/68
Donald Hamilton 4/68
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David Steinman 4/68
Jamie Guerrero 8/68
Rebecca Powell 8/68
Vickie (Fields) Seeburger 8/68
Susan Terry 8/68
Grace (MacLeod) Vickland 1/69
Mary Williams 1/69
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Jeffrey Burdick 4/69
Rosemary Cecilia 4/69
Suzanne Gallas 4/69
Michael Gingras 4/69
Ted Hodgson 4/69
Suzanne Judge 4/69
Georgiann North 4/69
Carl Pasbjerg 4/69 Masters
Keith Swanton 4/69
Jeremy Weld 4/69
Carol (Rapaport) Glass 8/69
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