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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

OU CONTINGENCY PLAN COULD CUT \$1 MILLION

Oakland University has identified up to \$1 million in possible budget reductions in contingency planning for the 1976-77 budget year.

The reductions would be accomplished through savings from programs that are ending, from position changes, and from program reductions. The university is also looking at new sources of revenue other than tuition, President Donald D. O'Dowd said. He also indicated that the university hopes to avoid as many of the reductions as possible.

Budget uncertainties for the new fiscal year include the impact of contract negotiations and the final level of state appropriations. The state appropriations account for 66 percent of the university's current general-fund operating budget.

President O'Dowd is pleased with the Michigan Senate recommendation of a \$14,235,500 appropriation for 1976-77, a hike of \$742,400 above the figure recommended by Governor William Milliken. But considerable changes may occur in the OU appropriation before the measure passes the House and a budget is finally approved by Governor Milliken, O'Dowd said. He pointed out that the university had received a \$13,493,100 appropriation from the state for 1975-76 (identical to the governor's recommendation for next year), but some \$250,000 was later cut from that figure in an attempt to balance the current fiscal year budget.

STATE PAYMENT DELAYED FIVE DAYS

Oakland University received its monthly check from the State of Michigan on April 20, some five days later than usual, but in time to avoid borrowing to meet April expenses.

The check of approximately \$1 million is the monthly payment on the university's \$13,243,100 state appropriation for fiscal 1975-76.

State Treasurer Allison Green had announced that the payments to colleges and universities would be delayed for up to 30 days to help solve a state cash flow problem. The situation improved over the Easter weekend allowing the state to release the checks less than one week late.

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OU NEWS

ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

SENATE RECOMMENDS RETENTION OF N GRADE

The Oakland University Senate approved one action regarding the grading system and rejected another at its April 15 meeting.

The senate approved a motion that all grades other than WN and WS appear on a student's transcript effective with the 1976 fall semester.

The senate rejected a motion that the use of the N grade be eliminated in numerically graded courses and replaced by the use of 0.0.

In an earlier meeting, the University Congress rejected both proposals. The senate and congress actions serve as recommendations to the administration.

In another action, the senate approved the principles and procedures described in the proposal of the Career Advising Committee dated March 18, 1976, and it recommended implementation as soon as possible.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS

The Board of Trustees will meet April 28 in Lounge II of the Oakland Center at 8 p.m.

The colleges and universities have protested the treasurer's actions and have questioned the legality of the institutions borrowing funds should that become necessary. Green has warned that the state's May 15 payment may be delayed as well.

Legal advisers from the state's public colleges and universities are planning to meet with Green to discuss the problem.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WORKS AT OU

Annette F. Dryer, a senior at St. Florian High School, Hamtramck, worked at OU during part of the winter semester on a research project entitled "The Effects of Dimethyl Sulfoxide on Chromosomes of Allium (Onion) Root Tips" with the assistance of OU faculty adviser Egbert W. Henry, biological sciences. Dryer was one of 14 winners of the Senior Award at the science fair held in Cobo Hall under sponsorship of the Detroit News and the Engineering Society of Detroit. Dryer was sponsored at OU by Pat Miller, a St. Florian biology teacher.

MAXWELL JOINS OU STAFF ON MAY 3

Vincent Maxwell, a career guidance and special needs counselor at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, is replacing Glenn Cassis in the Department for Student Organizations and Activities effective May 3. Cassis is the new assistant director of the Oakland Center.

Maxwell received his undergraduate degree and master's degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University, and he is now studying at that institution for a master's degree in guidance and counseling. He has been an adviser to the Student Entertainment Committee at WMU, and he has worked closely with that university's concert and lecture program.

SLAVIC TOUR OFFERED

Oakland University students are invited to participate in the July 1-25 foreign study tour offered by the Slavic Studies program.

The itinerary includes a visit to Warsaw, Poland, and visits to the Russian cities of Kiev, Leningrad, and Moscow. The participants will tour Yasnaya Polyana, the estate of Leo Tolstoy.

Students may enroll for undergraduate or graduate credit. Information can be obtained by calling Robert C. Howes at 377-2154.

MALM ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Donald G. Malm, mathematical sciences, was a group leader at the recent Second Conference on Educational Computing in Minority Institutions held in Atlanta, Ga. The conference was supported by The National Science Foundation. The primary objective was to stimulate college faculty in the minority institutions to introduce computer utilization where appropriate into their instruction.

MONROE WORK PUBLISHED

Ervin Monroe, special instructor in the Department of Music, has had a composition entitled "Sketches for Flute Alone" published by Gemco Music. Monroe has just recorded this and other works for Crest Records.

INTERNSHIPS OFFERED

Medical technology students at OU can now apply for an internship through the School of Medical Technology, Port Huron Hospital. The cooperative agreement between the university and the school was effective last month. Internship students are admitted twice a year on an application basis. Information can be obtained at 377-3562.

OU STUDENT CITED

Randolph Duerr, a computer and information science major, has received an award in the University of Michigan College Fellowship competition for 1976-77. Lorn Coleman of the Career Advising and Placement Office coordinates the program at OU.

April 22, 1976

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The University Community

FROM: Earl N. Gray, Director
Department of Public Safety



SUBJECT: What To Do If A Tornado Is Sighted or Strikes

The following information pertaining to personal safety in the event of a tornado is derived from publications issued by the Oakland County Office of Disaster Control & Civil Defense.

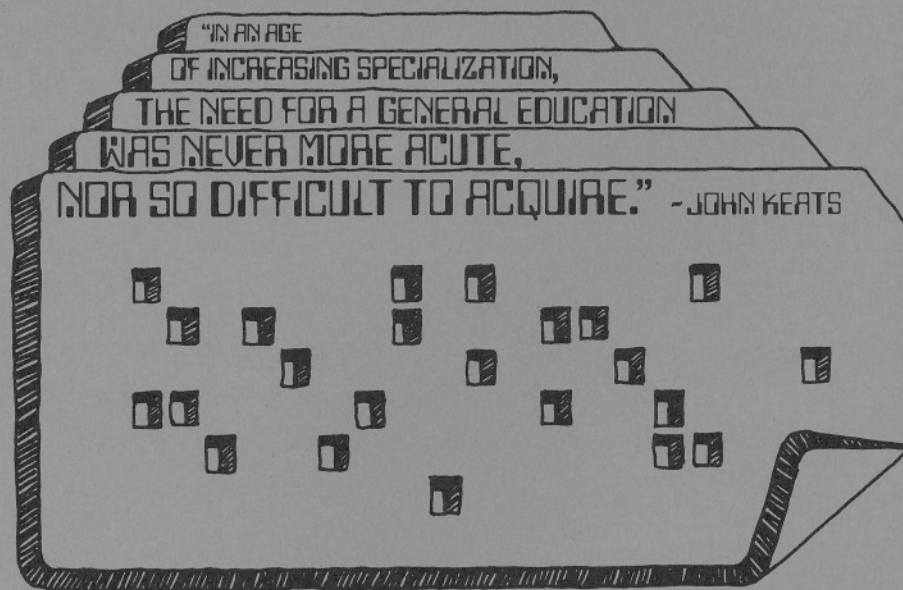
There is a distinct difference in "Tornado Watch" and "Tornado Warning." "Tornado Watch" merely indicates that conditions are ripe for a tornado to develop within a defined area. One should be alert if within that area. "Tornado Warning" means that one or more has been sighted in an area. Persons within that area or within proximity of that area should immediately seek shelter.

GENERAL RULES

- A. If in a building, open windows on north and east sides of the structure to allow for sudden air pressure changes.
- B. Go to the northeast corner of the basement.
- C. Take a battery-operated radio for instructions.
- D. If no below-ground protection is available, lie flat on the floor near an inside partition and stay away from windows.
- E. In open country, escape by moving at right angles to the tornado's path. If time does not permit, lie flat in the nearest depression, i.e., ditch or ravine.
- F. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums or other areas with long roof spans and few supporting posts.

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Bachelor of General Studies Degree Oakland University



GENERAL INFORMATION

BACHELOR OF

GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

Bachelor of General Studies Degree (B.G.S.)

The B.G.S. degree is a University wide baccalaureate program that offers maximum flexibility and opportunity for student decision making about courses of study and other educational experiences at Oakland University. The degree allows students to specialize and select areas of study according to their unique educational and career objectives. The B.G.S. degree is primarily for those students interested in obtaining a broad liberal arts education without specializing in a particular discipline. Students may select courses from any field of study or academic department which enables the student to develop desired knowledge and competencies. Courses offered in the Bachelor of General Studies program are also offered for students enrolling in other major fields.

Requirements for the Bachelor of General Studies Degree

Students eligible for the B.G.S. degree must:

1. Complete 124 semester credits.
2. Complete 32 credits of the 124 credits required for graduation at the 300 or 400 level.
3. Complete 32 credits at Oakland University and successfully complete the last 8 credits at Oakland University.
4. Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in courses taken at Oakland University.
5. Demonstrate writing proficiency by meeting the University standards in English composition.
6. Be in substantial agreement with legal curricular requirements of the State of Michigan.
7. Have been admitted to candidacy for the B.G.S. degree by the University and the Faculty Council for General Studies. Admission to candidacy will require student participation in a system of faculty advising.

Advising for Students in the Bachelor of General Studies Degree Program

As required under item seven of the requirements for the B.G.S. degree, the following specific academic

advising system has been created to aid the student in making maximum use of the resources available at Oakland University and to monitor the student's progress.

A. Philosophy

1. **Free Choice.** The goal of the B.G.S. is to provide students with a program in which as few constraints as possible are placed on the student's choice of courses and the advising system will support that concept.
2. **Goal-Oriented Programs.** Though the choice of courses is not constrained except by the 32 credits of 300/400 level courses and the English competency requirement, the student must present a written rationale for the courses taken. This rationale must state the student's objective for his/her education and how courses or sets of courses help to attain the objective.
3. **Faculty Counseling.** Faculty Counseling is designed to aid the student in maximizing his/her use of Oakland University's resources.
4. **Ancillary Advising.** Other offices of the University, for example, the Center main office, the University Undergraduate Advising and Counseling Center and an admissions advisor will provide information on B.G.S. requirements, but as soon as the student decides to obtain a B.G.S. degree, he/she must participate in the faculty advising system.

B. Advising Procedures

1. **Assignment of Advisors.** When a student has declared his/her enrollment in a B.G.S. program through an application for admission or the Request to Change of Major form, the student will be provided a list of advisors and their special areas of interest. The student will either select a faculty advisor, or will be assigned one. The assignment is done by the center director or chairperson of the Advising Committee. The advising file on each B.G.S. student will be available in the Center's main office.
2. **Initial Advising Session.** The B.G.S. student and the advisor will have an initial advising session to discuss the student's goals and how to achieve those goals. The student will be asked to complete a plan-of-work and to write a rationale for the course selection.

3. **Plan-of-work and Rationale.** Within five (5) weeks after the student declares his/her intention to obtain a B.G.S. degree, the plan-of-work and rationale must be received by the advisor and a second advising period scheduled with the advisor to review these submissions.

4. **Advising Committee Approval.** Upon approval of the plan-of-work and rationale by the advisor, these documents will be sent to the Advising Committee for approval.

The following are some of the reasons the Advising Committee would not approve a plan-of-work and rationale.

- a. No provision is made for English competency.
- b. Less than 32 credits are scheduled at the 300/400 level.
- c. There is a lack of prerequisites for upper-level courses.
- d. The program is very close to a major and appears to be an attempt to bypass one or two specific courses, especially if those courses are basic requirements in the field (i.e., mathematics in economics and management).
- e. The plan-of-work is inconsistent with the goals and rationale.

f. The goals and program are inconsistent with the concept of a **general** studies program, i.e., are focused too narrowly in one field. Exactly what these limits are must be defined through experience with actual cases.

5. **Maintenance Advising.** Every semester the B.G.S. student is required to meet with his/her advisor to evaluate the progress of the plan-of-work. The faculty advisor will complete a "maintenance advising form" for each B.G.S. degree candidate, each term.

If the plan of work and rationale were approved, it would be the student's program until either:

- a. graduation with a B.G.S.
- b. withdrawal from the B.G.S. program.
- c. A significant change in the plan-of-work is contemplated. Courses may be substituted in the program through consultation with the B.G.S. advisor and are normally not a "significant" change.
- d. the rationale is changed.

If significant changes in the plan-of-work or any rationale change is contemplated, then steps 3 and 4 above are repeated.

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE B.G.S. DEGREE

How do I know if the B.G.S. is the degree for me?

The B.G.S. is primarily for persons interested in obtaining a broad liberal arts education without specialization in a particular discipline.

Does the B.G.S. program offer special advantages for Associate Degree holders?

Yes. The Bachelor of General Studies degree allows a student to combine a broad liberal arts education with an O.U. approved associates degree program from a community college. Associate degree holders in areas such as; Labor Studies, Business Administration or Industrial Technology may complete a 2+2 program of study with the B.G.S.

Other associate degree holders may transfer a maximum of 62 credits toward the completion of the B.G.S. program. The student is then required to complete the remaining 62 hours of study in compliance with the B.G.S. requirements.

In both cases the program further develops the academic experience already received at the community college and allows the student to earn the Baccalaureate.

Should the student later decide to transfer to a more traditional and more structured major, the community college transcript must be re-evaluated. Some credits earned at the community college may not be applicable to other traditional majors.

Students planning to enter a career or to engage in graduate study should secure counseling for appropriate vocational training and academic specialization.

A list of associates degrees approved for the 2+2 program is available from the Center.

If the B.G.S. degree is as academically challenging as a degree with a declared major, what is the advantage of a B.G.S. degree?

By doing away with formal academic structures and requirements for a particular major, the degree candidate in General Studies is allowed maximum freedom to develop his or her own area of academic interest. In a sense, the students are responsible for developing their own "major". The B.G.S. degree allows optimal educational development for each candidate by permitting the student to direct and shape their own course of study within the broad guidelines of the B.G.S. degree requirements.

Furthermore, the student who wants to attend Oakland University, for whatever reason, and does not wish to concentrate in one or two specific academic areas can now do so through the B.G.S. program.

If I do not have to declare a major, isn't the B.G.S. degree a curriculum for those students who could not handle a regular major or want a quick and easy Bachelor's degree?

No, the requirements for successful completion of each course needed to earn the the B.G.S. degree are exactly the same for B.G.S. degree candidates as those students with declared majors. The courses are offered by each academic department and are offered to the entire student body. No special courses have been created to exclusively accommodate, or reject, the B.G.S. degree student. Any special course offered for B.G.S. majors must also be acceptable for students who elect other majors, and is offered by regular academic departments.

What will be my employment opportunities as a B.G.S. degree graduate?

While it is always difficult to predict the status of the job market of the future, the B.G.S. degree holder may be disadvantaged in some specialized cases.

Graduates who do not have a job and encounter employers who are seeking a degree candidate with specialization in a traditional major may be disadvantaged. However, while many employers seek a degree holder they are often less interested in the area of study. Additionally, the B.G.S. holder can use their final transcript as evidence of a plan of study and the associated academic achievement in particular courses.

What about graduate schools and the B.G.S.?

Students who have aspirations for graduate school should not consider the B.G.S. degree. Traditionally graduate schools require a more structured undergraduate degree program than provided for under the B.G.S. degree.

However, potential graduate students should consult the graduate school they hope to attend for that school's reaction to applications for admissions by B.G.S. degree holders.

I am undecided about what degree or major I want. Should I take a B.G.S. degree?

No. The requirements for the faculty advising system for the B.G.S. require the student to detail a specified plan-of-work and to write a rationale to justify that plan. Therefore, B.G.S. students must have solid educational goals for themselves before beginning the B.G.S. degree program or they will not be able to meet the requirements of this advising system.

How do I apply for admission to the Bachelor of General Studies degree?

To apply for admission to the B.G.S. degree program the student must: complete an Application for Undergraduate Admission; indicate curriculum code number 0100 for item number fourteen on the admission application and submit the application to the Office of Admissions with the required \$15.00 application fee. Transcripts from previous colleges and universities attended or from the student's high school must be sent by the student directly to the university admissions office. The Office of Admissions will evaluate the student's materials with regard to admissibility. The student, having met the requirements for regular admission to the University, will be admitted directly to the Bachelor of General Studies degree program.

What if I am already in a degree program at Oakland University. How do I transfer to the B.G.S. degree?

To change your major you must complete a Request for a Change of Major form. The forms are available in the center main office, and the Undergraduate advising and counseling office. This form must be completed by the student as a signature is required.

Where can I get more information about the Bachelor of General Studies degree?

Address all questions regarding the B.G.S. degree to:

Oakland University
Center for General and Career Studies
264 South Foundation Hall
Rochester, Michigan 48063

Phone: 377-4010

WHITE NOTES ACTIVITIES

William White, speech communication, attended the annual meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists at Morgantown, W. Va., as a delegate of the Detroit Professional Chapter. His latest articles are: "A Hemingway Checklist," Fitzgerald/Hemingway Annual 1975; "About Agatha Christie," Literary Sketches; and three reviews in the current issue of The American Book Collector, Matthew J. Bruccoli; Apparatus for F. Scott Fitzgerald's the Great Gatsby, William L. Downard; The Cincinnati Brewing Industry: A Social and Economic History; and Vol. 8 of The Diary of Samuel Pepys, edited by Robert Latham and William Matthews.

LIGHT HONORED

Richard A. Light, assistant vice president for business affairs, was awarded an honorable mention for the CPA Home Study Program in Audit and Theory at the recent annual meeting of the National University Extension Association held in St. Louis, Mo.

This program, which he developed for the university's Division of Continuing Education, provides a systematic approach over a ten-week period to self-study for the semi-annual CPA examination.

CROSS, HITCHINGHAM ACTIVE

Jennie Cross and Eileen Hitchingham, library, have completed recent speaking or writing activities.

Cross gave a presentation on "Government Documents for the Hospital Library" at the Michigan Health Science Libraries Conference held April 1-2 at Grand Rapids. Professor Cross also lectured at the University of Michigan School of Library Science on the topic of government documents.

STUDENTS AT CONFERENCE

Four Oakland University students represented the institution at the Seventh Annual National Student Symposium held April 23-25 in Washington, D.C. The program was sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency.

The symposium included meetings with President Ford, congressional leaders, members of the cabinet, and media representatives.

Attending were Dale Martin Carpenter of Flint, Sharri Lynn Holland of Lapeer, Alan Charles Leventen of Southfield, and Lawranne Jean Steward of Montrose.

BARNES TO TEACH IN CANADA

Carl F. Barnes, Jr., chairperson, Department of Art and Art History, has accepted an appointment as visiting professor of art history during the summer session of Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. He will direct a seminar in "Gothic Art and Design."

TRAVEL FUNDS FOR MALLOW

Jeffry W. Mallow, physics, has received a \$600 travel award from the Oakland University Research Committee.

Mallow will spend the summer doing research at the Racah Institute of Physics at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

DOHERTY GETS GRANT

Paul Doherty, physics, has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to write a text titled "Computer Exercises in Geophysics."

Doherty has incorporated computer exercises in his course on geophysics and is anxious to make his programs available to others in this field. The grant is administered by Dartmouth College.

CALHOUN WINS AWARD

Terry P. Calhoun, anthropology, was selected to receive the First Annual Ales Hrdlycka Award for the best student paper invited to be read at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists held April 14-17 in St. Louis, Mo. The paper, "Sesamoid Structures in Primate Hands and Feet," was part of the symposium on "Kinetics, Kinematics and Context." The proceedings will be published in the 1976 Yearbook of Physical Anthropology. Calhoun is a graduate student at the University of Michigan. He served on the OU faculty during the winter semester.

CALENDAR

April 27 - May 11

THE ARTS

27-May 11 "Yankee Ingenuity," MBT, Tickets
and Times, 377-3300
2 Concert, Gil Jackson, Varner
Recital Hall, 3pm

EXHIBITS AND TOURS

2, 9 Meadow Brook Hall Tours, MBH, 1-5pm

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

27, 29 and Akido, Sports and Recreation Build-
May 4, 6, 11 ing, 1pm
4 Transcendental Meditation Introduc-
tory Lecture, SIMS, Crockery Alcove,
12noon and 7pm
8 Frisbee Tournament, OU Soccer Field,
10am-4pm

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, DISCUSSIONS

28, May 5, 12 Careers in Transition for Men and
Women, CC, 7:30pm
29 15th Annual Piano Teachers Insti-
tute, Varner Recital Hall, all day
May 1 Transactional Analysis and Weight
Control, CC, 1-4pm
4 President's Club Lecture Series Ad-
visory Committee, 212 VH, 1:30-3:30pm
5-12 Assertiveness Training, CC, 9:30am-
1pm
7-8 Annual Infants/Toddlers Symposium,
Varner Recital Hall, 8am-3pm
8 Values Clarification, CC, 10am-5pm

SPECIAL EVENT

May 1, 2 Pro-Celebrity Tennis Event for Muscu-
lar Dystrophy Association, Sports
and Recreation Building, Tickets,
377-3580

SPORTS

Baseball

27 Wayne State, home, 1pm
30 Ferris State, away, 1pm
May 1 Northwood, away, 1pm
4 Hillsdale, away, 1pm
6 Kent State, away, 1pm
8 Ferris State, home, 1pm
9 University of Detroit, home,
1pm
10 Alma, home, 1pm
11 Grand Valley, home, 1pm

Golf

29 Saginaw Valley, away, 10am
30 Bay Valley, away, 10am
1 Bay Valley-Saginaw Valley
Tourney, away, 7am
2-3 Grand Valley-Furniture City
Tourney, away, 12:30pm
5 Saginaw Valley, away, 12noon
6 Wayne State, away, 12noon
8-9 Nat'l Assoc. of Intercollegi-
ate Athletics Tourney, away,
10am
10 Western Michigan U. Tourney,
away, 8am

Tennis

29 Hillsdale, away, 3pm
May 5 Wayne State, home

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SEMTA Bus Tickets
SET Tickets
SEFS Memberships
MBT Tickets
ADA Tickets
Bonstelle Theatre
Hilberry Theatre
Pro-Celebrity Tennis Event

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