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Alumni Go Back to School (See Pages 4 and 5)

Tight Money Means Slower Growth, Program Cuts

Growing steadily for the last few years, Oakland University enrollment leveled off at about 10,250 this fall—and is expected to stay there until school finances improve.

Tight money in Lansing along with increased expenses also meant cuts in O.U. programs and faculty.

"We could grow and would anticipate between three to five percent more students if we had the resources and funds to do it," explained Robert W. Swanson, O.U.'s Vice-President for Business Affairs.

"But we're really not attempting to increase enrollment because we're being held at a level position on funds by the state legislature. There is just no incentive to grow.

"And I doubt this will change for a while with such a very tight budget in Lansing."

Swanson said O.U. has been growing at about five percent each year. "We've had a good growth rate. Many state universities are stable or haven't grown at all. But we've done well."

He feels this success is due to O.U.'s location and programs. "We're located in a heavy population center

and have programs that attract people."

Before Oakland got final word in August on its state appropriations, which at \$13,493,100 Swanson calls a "definitely no growth budget," the University had already trimmed expenses by nearly \$1 million.

Two programs—Allport College and Studio Art—were totally eliminated.

Cut from the payroll were 64 positions, including two Student Affairs people and several faculty members. Cuts were also made in supplies, services, equipment and expenses like library books.

Swanson said the cuts were made "selectively—what programs would least affect the core mission of the University."

He added that the University will "shift resources to where the students are. We have over 200 in nursing as well as large graduate education, economics and management programs.

"The money will have to go where the students are."

He said students are shifting from areas like education and humanities where there "aren't the opportunities."



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Toddlers Attend School At Oakland University

One climbing, toy throwing, diaper wetting toddler is enough for most adults to handle.

Each day Oakland Toddler Center director Ann (Porter) Jaworski ('73 BA, '74 MAT) calmly faces 50 of the University's youngest. And not only survives, but enjoys it!

"Toddler age is a very exciting and critical period," says the former Peace Corps volunteer who earned both her bachelors and masters degrees at O.U.

"These kids are very interesting to work with."

Part of the Matthew R. Lowry Early Childhood Center, which also contains O.U.'s Child Care Center and Parent Infant Program, the Toddler Center was set up four years ago to provide quality care for youngsters of students and faculty. The model program is also a training ground for early childhood education students and does research on toddlers.

Nestled in a small yellow building which used to house Matilda Wilson's prize chickens, there are corners for painting, water play, reading, house-keeping—as well as musts like napping and potty training.

"The home isn't set up to allow children to explore as they should," explained Ms. Jaworski, who feels the Center offers families much more than just babysitting.

"Here they can make tremendous messes and get into things. It's hard to do that at home."

Ms. Jaworski, whose BA is in economics and psychology, entered O.U.'s early childhood education program after she and husband Jan (June 1967) completed their Peace Corps duty in Brazil.

"I'd been interested in developmental psychology—especially in children before they started school and how to maximize their changes for success. I kept getting pushed farther back until I got to toddlers."

While 50 youngsters were enrolled in the Toddler Center last semester, only 15 are there at once. O.U. students, supervised by Ms. Jaworski, care for them on a one to three ratio with most youngsters attending between six and eight hours a week.

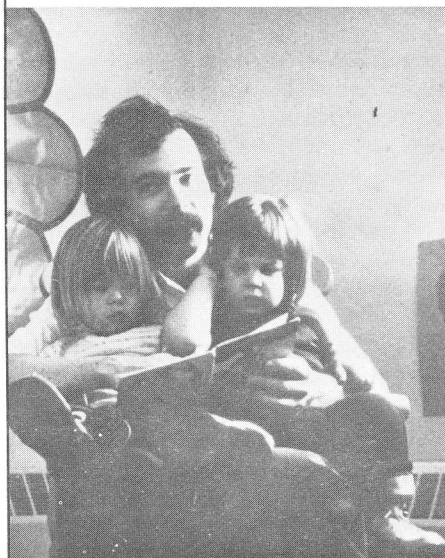
How do parents feel about the program? "We've had fantastic feedback," said Ms. Jaworski, who would like to see the Center do more research

on the effects on children of being in the Center.

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O.U. alum Carol (Rapaport) Glass (Aug. 1969) said the Center has helped her finish up her masters work. "I know my son has excellent, meaningful attention. And I've noticed tremendous growth in him through the experience," she said.

"Through the Center the university makes it possible for parents of either sex to further their education without compromising on child care.



O.U.'s successful Child Care and Toddler Centers have been renamed in honor of Oakland alum Matt Lowry ('72). One of the founders and co-director of the Toddler Center, Mr. Lowry died July 3, 1974 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Dedication ceremonies for the Matthew R. Lowry Early Childhood Center were held June 7. Laszlo J. Hetenyi, dean of the School of Education, and President Donald D. O'Dowd participated in the ceremonies.

A memorial fund has been set up in Mr. Lowry's name, with contributions going to the Center. Alumni can donate care of the Alumni Office.

The Center is located on the west side of Adams Road just north of Butler Road. The School of Education's early childhood education program has been cited by the U.S. Office of Education as a programmatic model.

Meadow Brook Looks Ahead As 10th Season Starts

Birthdays are times for reminiscing. But there's no looking back as Meadow Brook Theatre begins its 10th season this month.

Brushing aside memories of early debt and the sudden departure of first director John Fernald, Theatre people prefer to think about the rosy present rather than the troubled past.

"We'll set an alltime subscription record this year without a doubt," said David Robert Kanter who as managing director has the job of seeing that the Theatre runs in the black—which it's done for the past four years.

"We've hit 12,000 subscribers (from 3,254 in 1968). That's growth; marvelous growth.

"Our overall artistic growth is up too. And it shows in the box office."

Under Terence Kilburn, hired to pick up the pieces six years ago when Fernald quit and the Theatre's operating deficit was made public, the Theatre has not only prospered but changed.

Rather than using its own resident company—a big expense—Meadow Brook now recruits actors for each play.

And the season today offers more of a balance between comedy and drama. This year's offerings run from "A Witness for the Prosecution" to the humorous "Born Yesterday."

"You have to provide what the audience wants to see," said Kanter. "Naturally in these times people want

to laugh more than cry. But we find that our audience responds to a very varied program."

He explained that Shakespeare was dropped from the bill for a couple of years because "it takes a lot of dough to produce a Shakespearean play. We had to make the theater viable—bring it up by its bootstraps—before we could do Shakespeare again."

Under its popular Student Audience Program, Meadow Brook Theatre



"Misanthrope" - 1975

today plays to 25,000 school children a year. Another achievement was its recent statewide tour, financed by the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Through another program Oakland University Speech Communication students serve as para-professional interns in the Theatre.

What will the next decade mean for Meadow Brook? Kanter dreams of selling the season out (17,500 subscribers) and one day a second theater where Kilburn can do experimental and new works as well as start a childrens' theater.

In the immediate future Kanter hopes to obtain grants from private foundations and make the theatre's tour, which played to sell-out audiences throughout Michigan, ongoing.

"There are people in this state who are starved for any type of cultural experience," said Kanter. "The tour was worthwhile—and fun."

Alumni Contributions Up 30 Percent

The 1975 Annual Alumni Fund Drive got off to a healthy first quarter start with contributions up more than 30 percent over last year's giving.

The Fund, which started June 1, recorded 428 contributors in its first three months. This meant \$5,010 in individual contributions, \$220 in corporate matching gifts and \$250 in miscellaneous gifts.

Elaine Petz, O.U. Alumni Director, said the fund drive was off to an "excellent" start.

"I'd really like to thank the many people who have already participated."

She said the only area where giving has not jumped is in matching gifts, although only one employer has dropped the program. "Alumni who

are planning to donate to the Fund should check and see if their employers will match the gift," she added. "It doesn't cost them a penny and doubles their giving power."

Yearbooks Free to Alums

Grads who missed out on their yearbooks still have a chance to pick one up—for free.

The Kresge Library has 25 copies of yearbooks available to alumni. Books to be given away are 1960, 1961, 1963, 1968, and 1969.

The yearbooks will be destroyed if alums don't snatch them up quick. For further information call Dan Ring in the Kresge Library, 377-2492.

Alumni Auction Art

Got a wall that needs some pizzazz? Or looking for a good investment?

Whether you're struggling along in that first apartment or have already hit the big time, there should be something at the Alumni Association's upcoming Art Auction to suit your taste and pocket-book.

Being held to raise funds for student scholarship loans and research grants, the auction is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday October 26 in the Oakland Center. A champagne preview will precede the event conducted by the Gallery Art Center of Berkley, Michigan. Admission is \$1.00

Don de Beauclair ('70), member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and chairperson of the auction, said the sale will feature "Something for everyone—in price as well as taste." Opening bids will range from \$1.00 to \$50.

He said when the Association found out it would not be able to sponsor its traditional swim meet it chose an art auction because "its a very popular fund raising event for organizations. A lot of people like art. And this is a good area for it."



Alumni College: Grads and Profs Enjoy Brain Picking Sessions

For most of us, those good ole bull sessions ended with college graduation.

But the 50 O.U. grads who attended the first Alumni College found they certainly hadn't grown rusty. .

Spirited discussions—ranging from Ecology, Liberation, the upcoming Bicentennial and "Life After Death"—marked the weekend event, held August 2 and 3 in the Oakland Center.

Now teachers, engineers and homemakers, alums enthusiastically volleyed again with the professors whose rap sessions they enjoyed (well, most of the time) as students.

"There were absolutely no inhibitions," said Alumni Director Elaine Petz, whose office spent two and one half years researching and planning the project.

"But that's the best thing about Alumni College—besides seeing old friends and profs. No one is graded or has to make an impression. It's learning for learning's sake."

"You're totally free to say what you think without repercussion."

For \$10, O.U. grads attending Alumni College had their choice of 18 seminars over the two day period. Also included in the fee was a picnic supper and viewing of the

Preservation Hall Jazz Band—an event which wound up with many alums dancing on the stage while "The Saints Come Marching In."

"I drank \$10 worth of beer at the picnic," said one enthusiastic 1969 alum. "The rest was home free."

While organizers of the program were disappointed in the turnout—only a fraction of those who indicated interest through a questionnaire in the Alumni Quarterly—they were pleased with participation by faculty volunteers. The profs chose their own discussion topics—mainly pet interests—leading to such diversity as "What is Rhetoric?" "Practical Assessment of Computer Tasks," "How Not to Work Your Way Out of Middle Management," and "Neanderthal Cook-outs and Yours: Has the Talk Changed?"

"Some faculty refused," said Ms. Petz. "But as it turned out we had more volunteers than we could use."

"And they really had a lot of good things to talk about. Everyone was impressed with the ideas they came up with and amount of time they put into it."

She is hoping to offer another Alumni College in May. Robert Stern, associate professor of New Charter College, thoroughly enjoyed the seminar he and Leonardas Geraulaitis gave on "The Year 2000."

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"It was an exciting couple of days," explained Stern, who has been with the University since 1968. "These 'older young people' have a lot to contribute in terms of their life experience. They've been around and seen things."

"And I think it's very important to maintain connectiveness to students after they leave," added Stern, who played Future Games in his seminar. "The idea that students come to O.U. and leave eight semesters later without any followup is just nonsensical. Education is a lifelong process. And I'd like alumni to feel they can return here."

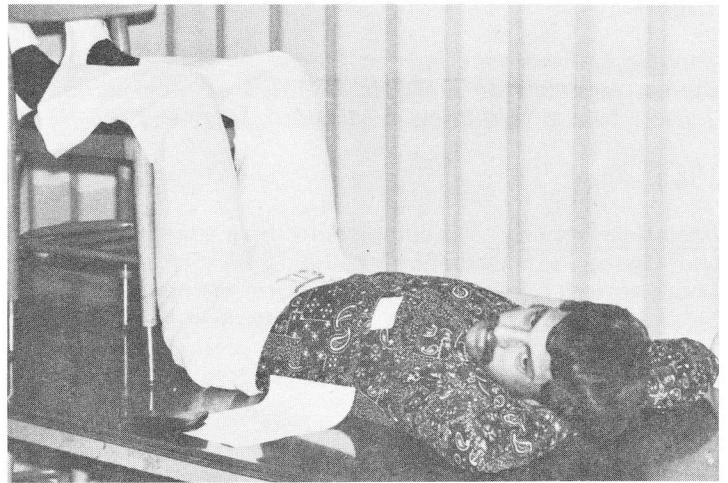
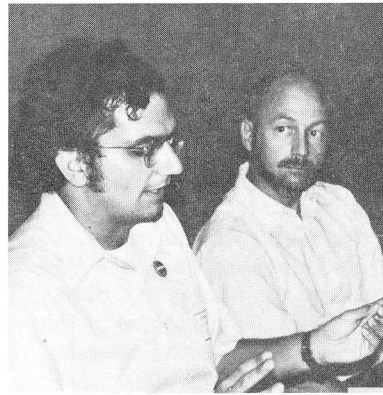
Charter Class grad Virginia McIntyre (April '63) is a reading specialist who attended Alumni College because she likes "to find out about things outside my field."

And while she found the discussions "Earth, Fire and Water" and "The Year 2000" "a little frightening" she found the weekend very worthwhile.

"Once you get outside the classroom everybody gets rusty and its good to have your brain stimulated," she explained. "The sessions gave me a lot to think about; a lot of food for thought."

David Buckingham, who earned his engineering degree from O.U. in 1969, signed up for the event because "it looked like an interesting weekend for 10 bucks."

"And I got more than I bargained for," he added enthusiastically. "It was downright fascinating. It seems like a lot more useful information was passed on in a few hours at Alumni College than a lot of classes transfer to students in a whole semester."



PERSONALS (WHAT'S NEW) PERSONALS (WHAT'S NEW)

1963

A. Michael Deller reports that the Bloomfield Township Public Library will be working with several OU professors, headed by John Barnard of the History Department, to give a program which will be presented to the public free October 18 and 19. Grant funds from the Michigan Council for the Humanities have been received. As president of the Michigan Library Film Circuit, Mike prepared the successful grant request that brought the Circuit \$25,000.

1964

Thomas E. Farin received his Master of Arts in Liberal Studies at Wesleyan University's 143rd commencement June 1. Tom is now living in Marlboro, Maryland.

1965

Brian Bojesen, M.D. has completed a three year Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's Parkland Memorial Hospital and started practice this past August in Rochester, Michigan with an established OB-GYN group. Brian and Nancy (Passarelli 66) now have three children: five year old twin boys and a baby girl.

1968

James W. Batchelor graduated from University of Virginia Law School in May. He is now with the law firm of Russell, Ward and Hodgkins, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

David Ciaramitaro received an NIH fellowship and is presently working in pharmacology at the University Medical Center.

Tim and Ann [Youmans] Jaski and 22-month-old son Christopher have moved to Clawson, Michigan. Tim is a Basin Water Quality Investigator with the state Department of Natural Resources. Ann is in her eighth year teaching junior high at Our Lady of the Lakes, Waterford.

Eugene Morabito graduated cum laude from Wayne State University Law School with a JD degree Spring, 1975. He went to law school at night, taught at L'Anse Creuse High School during the day. Previously Gene had earned an MA in Mathematics from Wayne State in 1970.

Ivy Benton Mitchell has completed seven years as an eighth grade teacher of American History and English at Lake Orion Jr. High, Lake Orion, Michigan. She spent her summer taking care of her new daughter Claudine Marie, born November 10, 1974.

Craig Paul is now employed by Advanced Computer Management as a Computer Operations Manager.

Joseph N. Kavanaugh completed a Masters degree in College Student Personnel Administration in 1969 and a second Masters in Economics in 1970, both from Ohio University. For the past five years he has been working in

Student Affairs at Ohio Wesleyan University, first in residence halls supervising programs and counseling efforts, and more recently as Director of Campus Programs responsible for student organizations, student programs, and cultural programming. Recently Joe accepted an appointment as Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs at Loyola University in New Orleans and began work in August. He married Carol Ayers, Alma College alum, and they have two children, Emily 19 months and Clay three months.

Douglas Kavanaugh is presently located in Washington, D.C. He spent three years in the Peace Corps in India teaching English on the university level. Since his return to this country, he has become very interested in horticulture and landscaping. He works as a landscaper in Washington and has active interest in organic gardening and bee-keeping. He hopes to move to Washington state in the future.

Dwight T. Lewis, Jr. was recently named an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Saginaw County. He graduated from Detroit College of Law in December. While attending Detroit College of Law Dwight did volunteer work at Records Court, Detroit, and served as pre-trial release officer for Wayne County Circuit Court.

1969

Dr. Mary L. Cheal is a research investigator in the Department of Oral Biology, School of Dentistry, University of Michigan. She is studying behavioral, physiological and morphological mechanisms of taste in fetal sheep and lambs. She is also a lecturer in the Psychology Department.

James T. and Sharon [Glus] Smith ('70) are both completing the Masters program in Teaching of Reading at OU. Both are teaching English at the junior high level.

Darlene Murawski has completed her sixth year of teaching at South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. She was chairperson for the district's Mathematics Curriculum Committee. During the past three years, that committee developed and published over 1,100 behavioral objectives for the district's use which were the basis of her Master's thesis. She received her MAT in mathematics from Oakland in December, 1974.

1970

Louis Cannella is at University of Michigan Medical School.

Linda [Rosenberg] Chess has been in Texas since September, 1971 teaching bilingual classes. For two and a half years she taught bilingual second grade in Del Rio. For the past two years she has been in Houston teaching bilingual first grade. Linda married Joel Chess in June, 1975. Her husband is self-employed in uniform and towel service.

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Stephen G. Liskow is teaching English in New Britain, Connecticut while working on his Masters in Literature from Wesleyan University. He and wife Jean (Hatheway) were joined by daughter Jennifer last November.

Genevieve Speier and Duane Moore ('72) were married May 15, 1975 in Rochester, Michigan. They honeymooned in Niagara Falls and are now living in Detroit.

Thomas R. Pentz was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree by Johns Hopkins at its May 23, 1975 commencement.

1971

Lawrence E. Baugh completed work at OU in June on his Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling. He teaches sixth grade in Utica.

Greg Mealy, his wife Wendy, and their son John (born July, 1974) are now living in Burlington, Mass. Greg is a member of the Navigation Group at the Analytic Sciences Corporation in Reading.

Steven Yedlin graduated from medical school at Washington University, St. Louis. He also won honors in surgery, the field he'll specialize in.

1972

Rex D. Algate is an Air Force Sergeant assigned to the 29th Flying Training Wing's supply squadron. His squadron has received the prestigious Daedalian Trophy. The award was created in 1962 by the Order of Daedalians, an organization founded by World War I pilots to promote supply effectiveness and efficiency.

Patrick J. Ashton is working on his doctorate in Sociology at Michigan State University, where he is a graduate teaching assistant.

1973

Nick Cannella has been a teaching assistant at Arkansas State University for two years, where he received his M.S. in Biology. He has been accepted by the University of Arkansas Medical School and began his studies this September.

Donald A. Rosen received a Master of Science degree from Iowa State University in May. His thesis was entitled "The Manipulation of Vocal Behaviors and Perceived Changes in the Counseling Relationship."

Deborah E. Hoffman received a Master of Education degree from American International College, Springfield, Mass.

1974

Richard M. Cameron is an Operations Analyst at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. His wife Elaine is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, Michigan.

Jules Bouthillet was recently appointed Assistant Administrator for Operations at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. Jules will assume responsibility for departments in the Materials Management area and will work with several medical departments.

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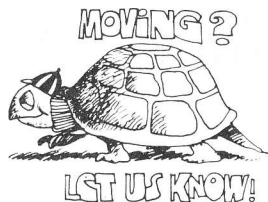
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CONTINUING EDUCATION—Fall term of evening nondegree courses begin Sept. 29, with many short courses beginning in Oct. and Nov. (For more information call 377-3120)

MEADOW BROOK HALL—Tours every Sunday 1-4 p.m. (For ticket information call 377-3140)

KNOLE COTTAGE—Tours every Sunday 1-4 p.m. through Nov. 1. (For ticket information call 377-3140)

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY (For hours call 377-3005)

Oct. 5-Oct. 31 Masterpieces of Australian Bark Paintings.

Nov. 9-Dec. 20 Selected Works from Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Conn.

Jan. 11-Jan. 31 Faculty Exhibition

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE (For ticket information call 377-3300)

Oct. 9-Nov. 2 A Midsummer Night's Dream

Nov. 6-Nov. 30 Witness for the Prosecution

Dec. 4-Dec. 28 Arms and the Man

Jan. 1-Jan. 25 The Little Foxes

STUDENT ENTERPRISE FILM SOCIETY—Films shown at 7 p.m. every Tues., Fri., Sat., and Sun. in 201 Dodge Hall. For information call 377-2247.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE THEATRE (For reservations and information call 377-2245)
West Side Story Nov. 7-23.

SPORTS

(* indicate home games. For information call 377-3190)

BASKETBALL

Nov. 29 Wright State
Dec. 8 U. of D.
Dec. 10 Olivet
*Dec. 13 U. of Windsor
Dec. 15 Akron U.
Dec. 17 Wayne State
*Dec. 19 Lake Superior
Dec. 20 Northwood Inst.
*Jan. 3 Northern Mich.
Jan. 7 Saginaw Valley
*Jan. 12 U. of Wisc.,
Jan. 14 Eastern Mich.

SOCCER

Oct. 1 U. Of M.
*Oct. 4 Northern Mich.
*Oct. 11 Central Mich.
*Oct. 15 Mich. State
*Oct. 16 Albion
Oct. 18 Huntington
Oct. 25 U. of Toledo
*Oct. 29 Eastern Mich.
Nov. 1 Spring Arbor
*Nov. 5 Alma
Nov. 8 U. of Wisc.

SWIMMING and WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
seasons begin in December

O.U. Grad New Quarterly Editor

As of this issue, the Alumni Quarterly will have a new editor—O.U. grad Kathy Keiser Parrish (Dec. 1967).

Editor of the yearbook and newspaper while a student, Ms. Parrish now teaches journalism at O.U. She wrote for the Royal Oak Daily Tribune and Detroit News before the birth of 22-month-old son Craig Thomas.

While a general assignment writer with the Detroit News, the religion page she helped edit was named the best in the nation by the Religion Newswriters Association. She took third place for individual writing in the contest.

Her husband Tom (April 1967) is a management analyst for the U.S. government.

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