



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 15, 1970

Program

Processional

Invocation

The Reverend Doctor Clyde H. Reid
Associate Director
Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies
Bloomfield Hills

Commencement Remarks

Ernest Mazey, Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan

Conferring of Master Degrees

Donald D. O'Dowd, Chancellor of Oakland University

Conferring of Bachelor Degrees

Donald D. O'Dowd

Remarks to Graduates

Donald D. O'Dowd

Benediction

The Reverend Doctor Clyde H. Reid

Recessional

A reception for graduates, guests and faculty sponsored by the Senior Class, will be held at Trumbull Terrace immediately following commencement.

On Academic Regalia

An Edifying Note Contributed by a Certain Anonymous Doctor of Philosophy

On at least two solemn occasions during the academic calendar — Spring Commencement and Fall Convocation — the faculty of the University publicly displays its full academic regalia and participates in the liturgical measures of processional and recessional. The purposes of commencement and convocation are well known, but the reasons for the peculiar garb of the celebrants and their odd order of march are often as obscure to the audience as they are, in fact, to the faculty itself. This note may serve to explain academic dress and the professorial pecking order it costumes.

Contemporary academics are descendants of clerical schoolmen in the universities of medieval Europe. Like the clergy, members of the bench and bar, and other learned professionals, the medieval scholar clothed himself in heavy robes to keep out the draught from unheated, windowless buildings. Like all members of a hierarchical society, the medieval faculties rejoiced in visible insignia of rank. These outward signs of accomplishment and authority were tailored into the robes. The need for such voluminous garments to keep the scholar from catching a cold is long past; the use of them to symbolize the dignity of the wearer remains.

You will observe that all caps and gowns worn by our faculty are black, with certain disturbing exceptions. Black was the color adopted by mutual agreement among American universities at the end of the nineteenth century. In Europe each university has its own distinctive gowns, varying in color and cut with each institution. A European academic assemblage is a far gaudier occasion than its counterpart in America. Recently, a few universities in this country rashly broke the agreement and authorized robes in their own colors: the crimson of Harvard and the blue of Yale may be seen in our ranks. This unsuitable spontaneity has been frowned on by sister institutions, but Harvard and Yale persist in their madness.

There are three basic academic degrees: the baccalaureate or bachelor's degree, the master's degree, and the doctorate. A special

style of robe is prescribed for each. The bachelor's gown is sparsely cut, neat, but a bit skimpy and unadorned, as befits apprentices. The master's gown is still simple, but fuller, sports a sleeve of extraordinary design impossible to describe, and has a hood draped from the shoulders down the back. Once used to keep the tonsured heads of medieval clerks from freezing, the hood now is solely a badge of a degree of scholarly achievement. The master's hood is small and narrow, but displays the colors of the institution that awarded the degree. If you knew the colors of American universities, you could easily identify from whence came our masters. The doctoral robe is the most handsome of academic raiment. Generous of cut, of fine aristocratic stuff, it is faced with velvet and emblazoned with velvet chevrons on the ample sleeves. You will note that most of the velvet facings and chevrons are black, but that some are of other colors. According to personal taste, the doctor may display the color of his doctoral degree on his sleeves and facings: royal blue for philosophy, green for medicine, purple for law, scarlet for theology, and many more. The royal blue of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the most commonly seen in a liberal arts institution such as Oakland. The doctor's hood is the most elegant of all academic appurtenances. Large and graceful, it is lined in satin with the colors of the university that awarded the degree and is bordered with the color of the degree itself. All academic costumes include the square cap called a mortarboard; the doctor's tassel may be either black or gold — tassels of all other degrees are black and a bit stringy.

To instructed eyes, the order of march in the processional and recessional reveals the standing of individuals in the institution's formal hierarchy. In the processional the order of entrance into the hall, is, quite fittingly, from most junior to most senior. The baccalaureate candidates enter first, separated from the faculty by a decent interval. In the faculty order, the instructors precede the assistant professors who in turn are followed by the associate professors. The august full professors bring up the rear. After a respectful distance, come the deans who in turn are separated by significant space from the awful majesty of Chancellors, Presidents, and members of the Board of Trustees. All remain standing until the Board is seated. After the ceremonies the order of recessional is the reverse of the processional. The greatest dignitaries stream out of the hall first, with the artfully organized ranks of priority following in their wake.

It is hoped that these notes may make more intelligible the spectacle you are witnessing today. A discerning intelligence may detect in it many clues to an understanding of the academic profession as it confronts the ambiguities of the future with ancient wisdom and dignified confidence.

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts

Mary Geoghegan Bolton
Barbara Joan Dittrich
Judith Ann Dowdal
Joseph Lawrence Klotz
Gabriel Phillip Martinez

Michael Donald McClure
Verna Charleen Price
Mildred A. Steere
Douglas Avram Voydanoff

Master of Arts in Teaching

Donald Jay Aikins
Rosemary Helen Althoff
Ruth S. Bardes
Sheryl Lynne Bashore
Douglas Robert Bastian
Nola Fairchild Beecher
Harriet Ann Belson
Joseph Breines
Karen Lynn Burk
Eric Barnett Burton
Carl Dean Bussey
Diane Elizabeth Butler
Connie Thompson Caldwell
Barbara Cogswell
Alice B. Crew
Carol Ann Cummings
Catherine A. Cunningham
Helen Hasmig Dabanian
Sadie Marie Davis
Dorothy Jane Decker
Rhonda Renee Doughty
Nancy Rice Erickson
Diane Barbara Farkas
Cathy Maree Ferguson
Sue Ann Fisher
Gwendolyn Margaret Hanafée
Phyllis Joan Hecht
Leslie Ann Heslip
Catherine Marie Hussey
George Louis Jackson
Marla Lee Jackson

Annette Lee Johns
Robert Blair Johnston
Barbara Ann Krogsrud
Hattie Mae Lester
Richard Lynn Litzler
Virginia Beth Maker
Carolyn Elsa Mavis
Mary L. McCurn
Mattie E. McKinney
Betty Jeanne Michalski
Geoffrey William Miller
Katherine Rickard Miller
Brenda Lee Mitchell
Theodore Timothy Nast
Kathleen Mary Neff
Roger Frank Neff
Patricia Nowell
Barry Singer Rubin
Paul Baxter Sandford
Magene Telotte
Helen Edith Thomas
Michael William Thorpe
Diana Jane Urbas
Dola S. Vaught
Gregory Allen Walker
Dorothy Alexander Wilkerson
Carl Thomas Willis
Jackie Wilson
Kay M. Woodall
Margaret Jeanette Yarbrough
Doris Marjorie Zerby

Master of Science

Roderick Allen Barke
Thomas Richard Faulkner

Leroy James Pritchard
Tamar Youninah Susskind

University Honors

Summa Cum Laude

Thomas Richard Faulkner

Magna Cum Laude

Michelle Goldman
Carol Rodgers Gove
Gina Kaye Granke
Greg A. Howells
William David Morris
Mathilde Johnson Palmer
Carole R. Royer
Merdell Kaye Schooler

Cum Laude

Eva P. Maxwell Battey
Mary Ellen Beach
Melvin Phillip Berg
Bonnie Kay Cecchini
Jacquelyn Cousens Gatewood
Mary Jane King
Gloria Jean Meuser
Melanie Anne Panas
Christine Dean Precourt
Elisabeth Luise Reuther
Daniel Thomas Scott
Muriel Ella Thomas
Rosanne Elaine Wright

Bachelor of Arts—June 1970

Nancy Jo Allen
Carolyn Ann Archbold
Carolyn Kay Auten
Heston Bates III
Eva P. Maxwell Battey
Mary Ellen Beach
Patrick Thomas Beaupre
Henry John Beck
Sharon Lee Benic
Mark Stephan Bennett
John Hans-Jurgen Berousek
Kathleen Bingman
Lester Forrest Blagg
Dorothy Nina Boardman
Catherine Irene Bolton
William August Breitmoser, Jr.
Raymond Harris Buch
Robert Edwin Bullock
Juanita Lee Cocking
Louise Kay Deneweth
Blythe Marie Doane
Daryl Sherry Dolderer
Robert Burton Drake
Jane Elizabeth Ensley
Robert Frank Eskie
Ruth Ellen Fair
Norma Ruth Farmilo
Thomas Richard Faulkner
Jacqueline Ann Fields
Gerald Allen Forsythe
Thomas Andrew Franks
Marcia Jean French
Thomas Michael French
Jacquelyn Cousens Gatewood
Janet Elaine Gilchrist
Susan Elizabeth Gilling
Lois Annette Glazer
Michelle Goldman
Sharon Katherine Goodenow
Carol Rodgers Gove
Gina Kaye Granke
Jane Ann Hall
Garry Duane Harris
Judith Ann Herman
Marie V. Herrmann
William Benjamin Hine
David L. Hlavac
Beverly Jean Hopkins
Greg A. Howells

Nancy Ann Jacewicz
Frances Lynne Jackson
Barry Neal Johnson
Thelma G. Johnson
Nathan Allen Jones
Shirley V. Jones
Guy Joseph Jordan
Mary Jane King
Stanley Walter Kloczek
Paul Lloyd Knox
Erik W. Kuiler
Paul Glenn Kushiner
Anna Elizabeth Kusnierz
Sandria Kate Lavallis
Michael Lee Levitt
Lana Rae Litwin
James Caral Long
Carol Sue Ludwicki
Ronald Richard Marek
Charles Craig McArthur
Barbara Lee McSkulin
William Wesley Meuser
Robert John Michalewicz
Therese Marie Michell
Micheal Joseph Mikusko
William Alan Millerd
Mary Ellen Moran
Harriett Carol Lynn Muenk
James Gregory Novak
Robert John Nowak
Walter George Osmond
Melanie Anne Panas
Rodney James Pirie
Barbara Brigid Prattinger
Richard Alan Prewitt
Penelope June Purta
Sue L. Putnam
Karen Louise Reese
Gladys Goelz Reid
Carole R. Royer
Linda Gail Rudd
Marilyn Sarafian
Jeanne Ann Schairer
Charles Micheal Schamanski
Christine Marie Schoof
Alger Gene Schoonover
Doreen Ann Smith
Greg Brian Smith
Adam Jacob Stasik

Nancy Ann Stormont
Jo Anne Strother
Susan Frances Sugai
Kenneth Wayne Sullins
Howard A. Taylor
Gary Lee Texley
Muriel Ella Thomas
Thomas Lee Townsend
Freeman Watkins

Marilyn J. Weaver
Kathleen Sue Weingarden
Joan Dolores White
Sarah Jane Williams
Aumon Woods
Frances Elaine Wortman
Rosanne Elaine Wright
William Douglas Young
Jeffrey Marc Zabner

Bachelor of Arts—August 1970

Judith Atthey Allen
John Lynn Bagrosky
Roderick Allen Barke
Melvin Phillip Berg
Pauline Donna Blanka
Robert James Branch II
Lisbeth Susan Brody
Linda Jean Brogan
Deborah Ruth Brooks
Diana Frances Brown
Kay Loraine Browning
Christie Ann Carlyon
George Robert Carlyon
Bonnie Kay Cecchini
Maceo Alonzo Childs II
George William Ellenwood II
Sandra Lynn Elliott
Sharon Jean Fediachko
Kenneth Martin Frenkel
Linda Gail Godfrey
William Howard Goldenberg
Sandra Lee Haddad
Geraldine Mary Hanspard
Nancy A. Harris
Lucy Marie Hawkins
Jean Kennedy Hinton
Edward Lee Holloman
Laura Helene Hummel
Frank Hunyady
Jean Margaret Indyk
Robert Douglas Joy
John Dale Kampsen
Carol Elizabeth Kenaga
David H. Kepley
Eugene William Kersey

Martha Ann Killiane
Craig Maynard Klaver
Michaelene Mae Kleha
Mary Jean Kogelmann
Glenn Cortland Kriese, Jr.
Kim R. Krusik
Dana Trew Lance
Barbara J. LaPrado
George Arthur Leach
John Theodore Lemanski
Steve Robert Lichtenfelt
Ruth Elizabeth Louisell
Richard Kenneth Lyons
Michael Roy Machnik
Dzintra Magone
Ida Marguerite Malian
Judith Ann Mann
David Russell Martin
Mary Carol Matrille
Cheri Lynn McGuire
Gloria Jean Meuser
Murney Kay Molnar
Mary Elizabeth Morris
William David Morris
Carol Ann Nash
Joseph Gary Niestroy
Dennis Michael O'Neill
Mathilde Johnson Palmer
Elizabeth Pearson
Tom Mark Perring
Jolene R. Perry
Eric Colin Peters
Patricia Lynn Portwine
Christine Dean Precourt
James Edward Puzio

Anthony Archie Quinlan
Jane Ellen Radtke
Elisabeth Luise Reuther
Mary Ellen Anderson Schipper
Merdell K. Schooler
Dorla Jeanne Schulze
Mavis Charlene Shanks
Margaret Anne Smith
Marjorie Lois Socks
Michael Kearn Souden
V. Frank Stone
Brian McVicar Swain

Suzanne Cape Teague
James McKenzie Thomas
John Warren Thomas
Roger William Thompson
Christine Elizabeth Thorndill
Bruce William Tonkin
David Andrew Trousdale
Suellen Harris Waag
Janis Lynn Wagner
Lee Kent Wenk
Sandra Patricia Zeller

Bachelor of Science—June 1970

Bruce Edward Anderson
Richard Allan Bishop
Mitchell Thomas Buczynski
Louis Joseph John Goderis, Jr.
Anthony Nardone
Timothy Patrick Picraux
Daniel Thomas Scott
John Paul Shaughnessy II
Thomas Alfred Sweder
Gordon Louis Tebo, Jr.
Marvin James Teske
James William Zwada

Bachelor of Science—August 1970

Jeffrey Allen Baker
Mark Leslie Carpenter
Burton Robert Dunning
Nelson Edward Fabian
Lawrence J. Goffney, Jr.
John Anthony Hallman
Patrick Eugene Hart
Hector Adrien LeBlanc
David John Preece
Sharon Eileen Trenton
Robert Lee Williams
James C. Wu

Departmental Honors

Art

Jeanne Ann Schairer

Biology

Greg A. Howells

Chemistry

Thomas Richard Faulkner
Gina Kaye Granke

Economics

Christine Dean Precourt

Elementary Education

Kay Loraine Browning
Sandra Lynn Elliott
Carol Rodgers Gove
Nancy A. Harris
Frances Lynne Jackson
Shirley V. Jones
Melanie Anne Panas
Jolene R. Perry
Suellen Harris Waag

English

Mary Ellen Beach
Bonnie Kay Cecchini
Jacquelyn C. Gatewood
Carol Elizabeth Kenaga
Carole R. Royer
Merdell K. Schooler

History

John Lynn Bagrosky
Mary Elizabeth Morris

Mathematics

William David Morris
Bruce William Tonkin

Modern Languages and Literatures

Rosanne Elaine Wright

Physics

William August Breitmoser, Jr.
Tom Mark Perring

Political Science

David Russell Martin
William David Morris

Psychology

Mathilde Johnson Palmer

Social Studies

Michelle Goldman

School of Economics and Management

John Anthony Hallman
Daniel Thomas Scott
Sharon E. Trenton
James Wu

School of Engineering

Lawrence J. Goffney, Jr.
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Gordon Louis Tebo, Jr.

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