

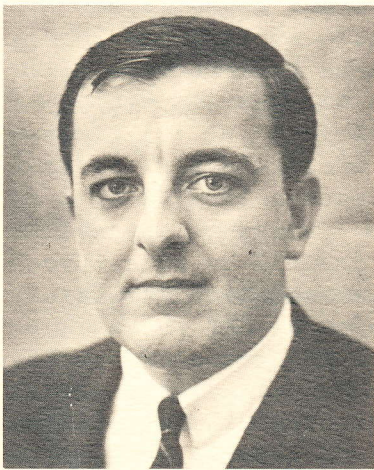
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EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT OAKLAND



"The program of extra-curricular activities at Oakland University is designed to reflect changing student interests. These interests determine the strength and scope of existing campus organizations, the initiation of new clubs and organizations, as well as the nature of ongoing all-campus programs.

Individual interests in new and different experiences are encouraged and supported and we stand ready to assist you in any way possible in helping to achieve a more meaningful and productive university experience."

Edward E. Birch
Associate Dean of Students
Director of Oakland Center and
Student Activities

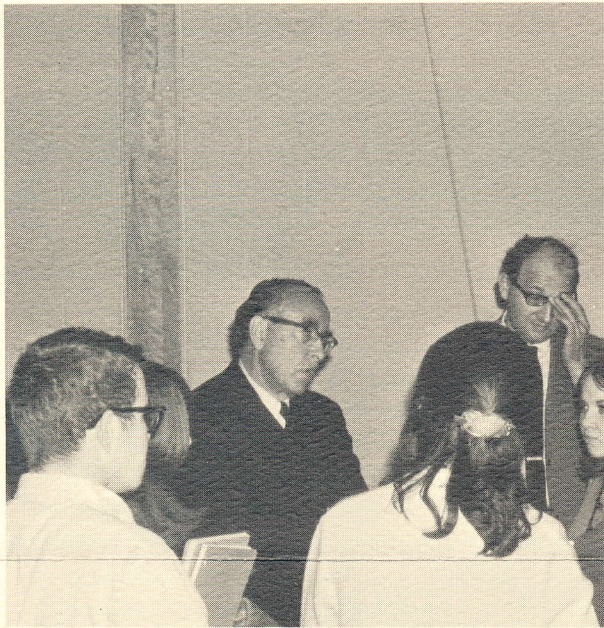
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

A large part of an Oakland student's life centers around out-of-class activities designed to supplement the University's academic program. These activities include both annual social and cultural events and spontaneously organized programs. Among the more popular all-campus social events is the traditional celebration of the birthday of the University's benefactor, the late Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson. The fall event combines the semester's major semi-formal dance with a popular concert featuring nationally known entertainers. The winter semester offers a number of major social activities for the Oakland student. The Winter Carnival Weekend, held in mid-February, culminates with the annual Miss Oakland pageant. The Fine Arts Festival, extending over a series of weeks, incorporates a full spectrum of the performing arts including foreign language plays, poetry readings, filmed programs, art exhibits and photography displays. The Chancellor's Ball, a formal dinner dance held at a Detroit area night club, annually concludes the regular academic year.



Finalists For The 1969

Miss Oakland Pageant



Noted Sociologist, David Riesman,
After University Speakers Lecture

FILM SERIES, SPEAKERS, AND UNIVERSITY CONCERTS

Throughout the year, there are film programs, foreign, popular and underground offered on the campus. In addition, nationally and internationally prominent speakers are frequently featured while participating in the University Speakers Series and in specific academic departmental programs. Programs involving these prominent speakers in informal dialogue with students and faculty are considered an integral part of the educational program offered at Oakland. The University Concert Series offers throughout the year a program ranging from light to heavy classical music. The summer semester is highlighted by the Meadow Brook Music Festival with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Roger Wagner on campus for eight weeks.

PROGRAM IN PERFORMING ARTS IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

The University Orchestra, University Chorus and Oakland Singers conduct regular concerts. Opportunity to participate in student theatre is extended by SET which operates its own indoor theatre during the year. The plays, which are presented each semester, range from modern musicals to classics. As the name of the organization implies, The Student Enterprise Theatre, with the assistance of an adviser, is totally coordinated and managed by students who participate in all phases of theatre work.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Experience in creative writing, editing and publishing are provided through three student publications: The Oakland University Observer, The Ascendent, and the Oakland Review. The Oakland Observer is published once each week in newspaper form during the regular academic year. The Ascendent is published once each year. These publications are written, edited and published by students with general guidance being provided by appointed advisors. The Oakland Review publishes Oakland student analytical research, and critical articles on any scholarly topic. In addition, individual residence halls and student organizations frequently publish various forms of special newspapers and literary journals.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT IN CAMPUS DECISION MAKING

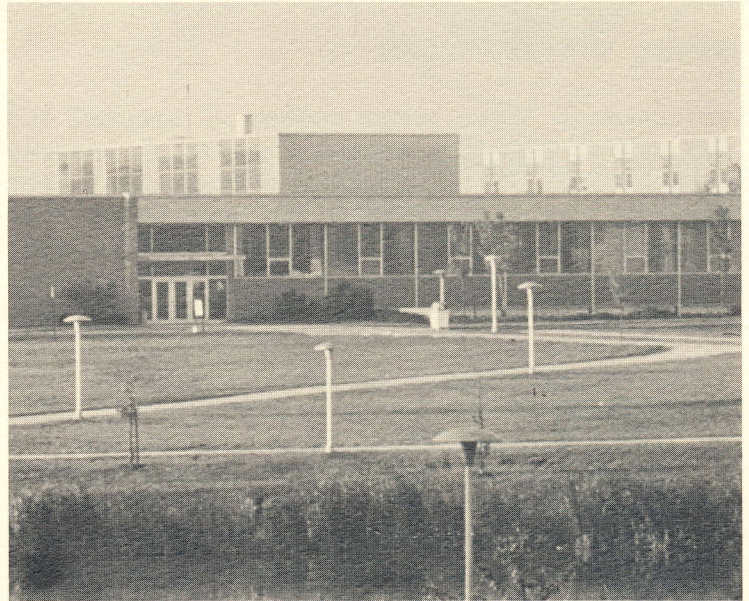
Although Oakland presently does not have a central student government in the traditional sense, student involvement in decision making is provided through participation in the Student Activities Board, the Inter-Hall Council and the Commuter Council. Each unit is autonomous and deals with a specific area of university life. In addition, students may participate as full voting members on the Commission on Student Life, an advisory committee making recommendations on all matters concerning student

affairs, and on the University Senate which is concerned with all matters relevant to the general welfare of the University including academic policies and programs. Students living in residence halls participate in various activities such as mixers, discussions and lectures. These activities are sponsored by Inter-Hall Council and the various house councils throughout the year.

OAKLAND CENTER FOCAL POINT FOR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

An integral part of the student life program at Oakland University is the Oakland Center. The Center has traditionally served as the focal point of activity on the campus. The social, recreational and cultural programs conducted in the Center intimately support the interests of students, faculty, alumni and friends of the University while also serving as an informal meeting place for members of the University community. The Activities Center located in the Oakland Center serves as a coordinating bureau for extra-curricular programs. Miss Lynne Howe, Coordinator of Student Activities, works closely with student organizations

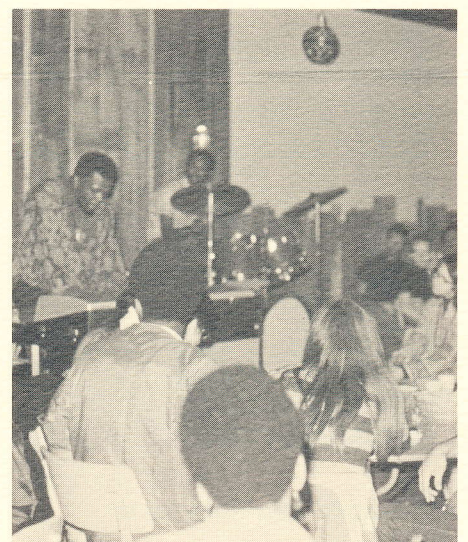
in planning and implementation of their programs. The Activities Center also houses offices for official student groups, a music listening room, meeting and conference rooms, offices for student publications as well as a master calendar of campus wide social and cultural events. A ticket desk for a variety of events (theater, sports, music, etc.) being conducted in the greater Detroit metropolitan area is also an integral part of the Activities Center. Closely tied to the Activities Center is the student operated Pickwick Room which houses billiards and general game facilities and the Off-Campus, a non-profit coffee house, which provides a wide variety of musical entertainment in an informal atmosphere.



Student Activities Office



Taking A Break In The
Pickwick Room



Entertainment In The
Off-Campus

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Oakland has six religious groups which act to coordinate and strengthen religious activities on the campus. These organizations sponsor numerous social events as well as speakers, discussions and lectures which are aimed at enriching the members. The activities of the groups are coordinated by the Inter-Religious Council.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Oakland has a large number of special interest groups, ranging from the Flying Club, which provides flying lessons at reduced rates for its members, to the Muzzle-loaders Club, which promotes a historical interest in the Civil War period of American history. Clubs also serve students interested in bridge, radio, varsity sports, skiing, politics, foreign films and social programs. Membership is generally open to all students. Any students who cannot locate a club which serves their particular interest are urged to form their own club through the Student Activities Office.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Volunteer projects provide students with opportunities for meaningful and educational involvement with the surrounding community. The major volunteer program at Oakland is known as POEAT, the Pontiac-Oakland Educational Assistance Team. In POEAT, children from several elementary schools in Pontiac are bussed to the campus several afternoons a week. Individual students then serve as tutors, friends and confidants for these children.

Other programs and projects function at various times throughout the year as clubs and organizations assume responsibility for volunteer efforts or as schools, churches, volunteer bureaus, etc. call in to the volunteer office to identify needs. Aside from the rewards which come through helping others to grow and learn, students receive training and experience for teaching, child rearing, counseling, social work, etc.

For further information on POEAT, contact Mr. David Bricker, room 112 Dodge Hall, ext. 2012. For information on other volunteer projects, contact the Office for Volunteer Programs, room 113 Oakland Center, ext. 2213.

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