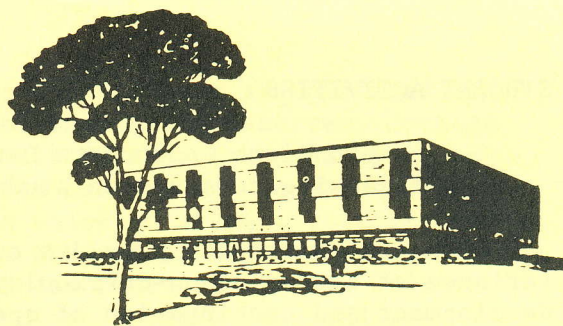


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Freshman Newsletter - #1

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CHANCELLOR'S GREETING

Next to meeting you next September, my happiest annual assignment is to welcome you warmly to Oakland in advance of your arrival. On behalf of the students and faculty, I congratulate you--for we are proud of the University--and I pledge our every talent and resource to assist you in successfully beginning your college education. You will find that it will fulfill your best hopes and aspirations directly in proportion to the best energies you give it. We hope you will also find the period between next fall and your graduation among the happiest years of your life. As a faculty and an institution, we are dedicated to helping you realize these mutually supporting and inseparably satisfying goals.

YOU HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO OAKLAND . . .

. . . and during the next months before fall enrollment, you will undoubtedly have many questions regarding the University. To answer some of your questions and to keep you informed of the latest happenings within the University, you will receive a series of Newsletters at monthly intervals.

In the issues to follow general information regarding academic programs, student activities, and student services will be discussed from the freshmen point of reference. The Newsletter will also introduce you to faculty members and give you some information concerning research and special programs they and their colleagues are carrying out on Oakland's campus.

One of the first things you will discover as a student at Oakland is that the faculty and staff here are dedicated to making your learning experiences within the University complex successful ones. Your understanding of the many programs and services described to you in succeeding issues is important in our fulfilling this goal. We hope these previews of what to expect next fall will help you achieve a successful transition from high school to college.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Edward Birch, Associate Dean of Students, has organized the following comments on student activities at Oakland University:

Oakland University provides opportunities for student involvement in a variance of extra and co-curricular activities through encouragement of the development and continuation of special interest committees as well as all-campus governing groups. Moreover, it is felt that participation and exposure to such programs can be an integral part of the educational process and that each individual student should be afforded the opportunity to participate.

The Oakland Center traditionally has served as the "Center" of activity on the Oakland University campus. The social, recreational and cultural programs conducted in the Center intimately support the interests of students, faculty and 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 which serve to enrich the social life on campus. Mr. James Petty, Student Activities Coordinator, works closely with student organizations in the planning and implementation of their programs. The Activities Center also houses offices for official student groups, a music listening room, exhibit area, and student publications office as well as the master calendar of campus wide social and cultural events. A ticket desk for a variety of events (theatre, 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 Club which presently operates the billiards and general games facilities in the Oakland Center.

In addition to the Activities Center and its facilities, the Oakland Center includes the University Book Center, a grill, meeting rooms, a lounge, two main cafeterias and a faculty-staff guest dining room, barber shop, dry cleaners and an information desk where miscellaneous items such as candy and cigarettes are available. The Book Center serves as the campus source for books and general supply needs while the grill with its own outdoor patio offers students and faculty an informal atmosphere where short orders, fountain items and snacks are featured. Adequate facilities are provided for your use, both while you participate in the many activities organized in the Center and as you take part in the committee work involved in presenting the wide variety of activities held each year.

Although Oakland University presently does not have a central student government in the traditional sense, student involvement in decision making is coordinated by three major governing boards: the Student Activities Coordinating Committee, Dormitory Council and Commuter Council. These governing boards are actively involved in the affairs of the University. In addition, many special interest and social groups, religious groups, and service clubs function on a regular basis. Office facilities for these groups are located in the Activities Center. Students living in residence halls participate in various activities such as open houses, mixers, discussions and lectures. These activities are sponsored and presented by Dormitory Council and the various house councils throughout the year.

Experiences in creative writing, editing and publishing are provided through three student publications: the Oakland University Observer, Contuse and the Ascendent. The Oakland Observer is published once each week in newspaper form during the regular academic year while Contuse and the Ascendent are published once each year. Contuse contains selected student literary works and seeks to encourage literary merit among the Oakland student body, while the Ascendent serves as the University yearbook. These publications are written, edited and published by students with general guidance being provided by appointed advisors.

A diversity of cultural events are provided for University students, faculty and administrative staff through such groups and programs as the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild and the Fine Arts Festival and Poetry Festival. The Meadow Brook Theatre Guild while presenting several student productions during the course of the year provides opportunities for students interested in the dramatic arts. The Fine Arts Festival consists of a week long program of lectures, readings, foreign language plays and musical productions. An additional exclusively student production is the annual Poetry Festival. The Festival traditionally presents at least one nationally prominent poet and features readings by members of the faculty and student body. The Meadow Brook Music Festival with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Robert Shaw is on campus eight weeks during the summer. The Meadow Brook Concert Series presents concerts by prominent performers throughout the year. Moreover, nationally and internationally prominent speakers are featured during the course of the year while participating in the University Speakers Series. Programs involving these prominent speakers in informal dialogue with students and faculty are considered an integral part of our speakers series and general student life.

We feel it important that Oakland students be provided every opportunity to participate in meaningful extra and co-curricular activity. Moreover, individual interests in new and different experiences are encouraged and supported and we stand ready to assist you in any way possible in helping you to achieve a more meaningful and productive University experience.

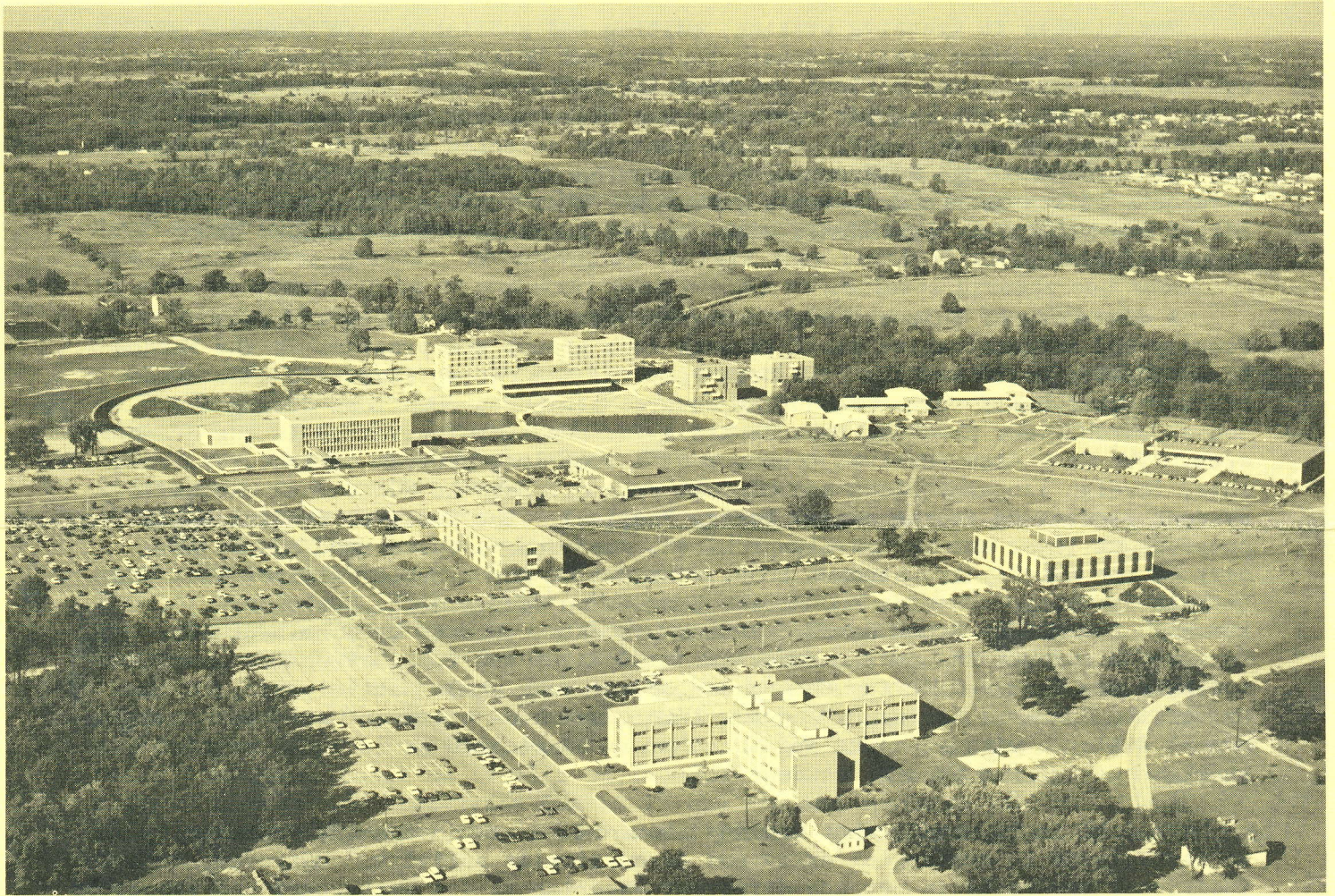
COLLEGE IS HERE --- A CAREER IS NEAR!

Next September will mark only the beginning of your formal undergraduate education, but time will pass swiftly and soon you will be faced with making career decisions. The Placement Office at Oakland University is the place to seek advice in this regard and the freshman year is not too early to take advantage of placement services.

The Oakland University Placement Office provides occupational guidance and counseling services for undergraduates who seek help in choosing a career. Students are encouraged to become acquainted with the placement library which contains descriptive materials on career opportunities in most fields and professions.

In addition to career counseling and research, off campus part-time job opportunities are co-ordinated in the Placement Office as well as summer career-oriented employment opportunities.

Mrs. Dorothy Hope, Director of Placement, invites you to stop by the Placement Office any time, introduce yourself, and become familiar with the placement facilities. You will find the office in Room 201 of Wilson Hall.



From two buildings when it opened in 1959, the Oakland University campus has expanded quickly to a complex of 18 buildings, 13 shown in this aerial view of the northwest corner of its 1600-acre campus. The University plans a \$46 million five-year capital outlay program, which will add 13 academic and service buildings plus the dorms needed to accommodate its rapidly growing student body.

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