

WELCOME FRESHMEN



DAVE BRUBECK Piano
PAUL DESMOND Alto Sax

GENE WRIGHT Bass
JOE MORELLO Drums

Pictured above is the Dave Brubeck Quartet, feature of Saturday night's concert at Baldwin Pavillion. From left to right: Paul Desmond, Joe Morello, Gene Wright, and Dave Brubeck.

OU Swings Tonight: Jazzman Brubeck Here

Perhaps one of the most well-known names on the jazz scene, nationally and internationally, is Brubeck.

The Dave Brubeck Quartet, feature of this Saturday's concert at Baldwin Pavilion, is acclaimed world-wide as a group which definitely swings.

Composed of Dave Brubeck, Paul Desmond, Joe Morello and Gene Wright, the group has won countless awards in the field of jazz in the past 12 years. One of the songs which sky-rocketed the quartet to fame was their rendition of "Take Five", a piece written in 4/5 time by alto-man Paul Desmond.

The group has won, at one time or other, virtually every poll and award in jazz.

The name of Dave Brubeck is the symbol of progressive jazz in the minds of most Americans and people the world over.

Paul Desmond, alto-sax, is considered to be the world's number one alto saxophonist. He recently won first place in "Down Beat" Readers Poll. Joe Morello, likewise honored by "Down Beat" readers, has one poll after another for drummers in the last several years.

Gene Wright, the newest member of the group, joined the quartet in January, 1958, in time for a tour sponsored by the State Department.

An outstanding bass player, Wright has been featured with Count Basie, Cal Tjader and Red Norvo before his association with Brubeck.

Atkinson Explains Tightening Draft

by Mike Honey

Be it ever so humble, there's no place like college when the draft boards across the country start chomping at the bit for warm bodies.

With the great void in Vietnam calling more and more men to fight for God and Country, how to avoid "being called" is becoming a more complex problem for the college-bound (you can take that any way you want) than some of the brutal courses they will soon be taking.

While local draft boards were once rather lax in their attitude towards young scholars, they are now becoming increasingly alert to any sloughing off.

To find out more about this pressing problem, the Observer interviewed Oakland Registrar, Thomas Atkinson. The following covers some of the points he made in that interview.

The draft boards are co-operating completely with Atkinson, and he has a good deal of leeway in his handling of individual cases.

However, the draft boards

are "running scared" because of the great difficulty in filling their draft quotas, and the boards are very alert to people who are not making the grade in school.

The student who doesn't take a draft test or send in his grades to his board will be reclassified I-A. All deferments for school run only through June, and it is not automatic that the student will be reclassified II-S (college deferment) in the fall.

To insure that his board will make him II-S, the male student should be sure to fill out the draft form supplied to him by the registrar's office.

Students who registered by mail must come to the registrar's office and fill out this form any time after September 12. Students who registered at school should have been given a form to fill out during registration.

In the past, Oakland has had very few students drafted during the school year. This was due mainly to the fact that most stu-

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M'Brook Series Opens!

Internationally acclaimed jazz artist Dave Brubeck will kick-off Oakland University's Meadowbrook series Saturday night, September 10 at 8:00 p.m.

The performance, to be held in Oakland's Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion, will highlight the fine arts series which will run from Brubeck's engagement on the tenth, through a performance by the National Shakespeare Company on November seventh.

The Meadowbrook Series, in its first year of operation at Oakland, will feature a variety of entertainment. The program will feature fine performers such as pianist Eugene Pridonoff and Conductor Albert Tipton in a series which will encompass jazz, ballet, a number of concerts, and two Shakespearean plays.

The Meadowbrook Series is the result of a joint effort by various segments of the University. One of the prime movers of the idea was the Student Activities Coordinating Committee, better known as SACC. SACC provided the initial financial backing for the program, contributing \$4,000 of the \$17,000 total needed

to back the series.

Backers of the Series are depending to a large extent on student attendance at the series to defray the overall cost of the program. 450-500 tickets have been reserved for student purchasing.

Tickets for the series, or for individual performances, can be obtained at the Student Activities

desk in the basement of the Oakland Center. There will also be an unlimited sale of tickets at the gate for the Brubeck concert, and a limited number of ticket sales for the following performances at Wilson Hall.

Season tickets are also available thru Saturday afternoon (till 6:00 P.M.) at the Activities Center in the O. C. basement.

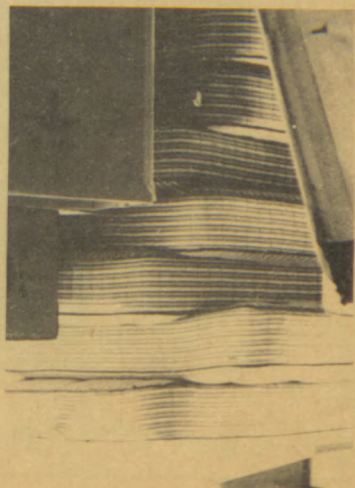
Dave Brubeck Quartet
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Meadowbrook Chamber Orchestra
September 21
November 18

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September 30
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Eugene Pridonoff
October 12

National Shakespeare Company
November 5
November 7



No sleep in sight till the construction ceases. See page 10.

Next Week: Rights Of The Student

Draft...

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dents lost to the draft volunteered before they could be commandeered.

The real problem, Atkinson said, lies in the area of graduate studies. Many graduating seniors assume that because they are going to grad school, they do not have to notify their draft boards of their class standing or take a Selective Service Test.

This can be fatal.

Atkinson said he felt the system he is using is the most

equitable plan he can formulate for OU students within the confines of the Selective Service Act.

The registrar uses the cumulative grade-point average of the student when he sends in grades to the draft boards.

-That is, the student's overall record is averaged out and given to the draft board (rather than giving the boards the student's last semester grades).

This allows for fluctuations in the student's academic record and provides a better total picture of the student's academic prowess.

OU Enrollment to Soar

Since its inception in 1959, Oakland has been a university on the grow. And it certainly has grown. Over 3,400 students are now roaming the campus where just 7 years ago only 570 could be counted.

And still no end is in sight for our population inflation. State legislators, who control the finances and therefore indirectly most of the answers to questions of this nature, realize that OU is located within an hour's drive of most of the state's population, and would like to see Oakland blossom in size to help educate the masses crying for knowledge.

According to Troy Crowder,

Director of University Relations, the projected enrollment for the next 12 years goes like this:

1969 -- 5990 students

1974 -- 10,990

1979 -- 20,090

An Oakland the size of Wayne State? Not only possible but entirely probable.

But what about the immediate future? Plans for dorm 7 have been temporarily shelved for lack of sufficient financing. Vandenberg Hall has been nearly filled with this year's bumper crop of students, and no new dorm is in sight, so just where are next year's kids going to sleep? Crowder hinted that the 1967-68 enrollment might have to be limited according to available dorm space.

He also mentioned that it more or less a foredrawn conclusion that Oakland would grow rapidly. The challenge was not the rapid growth but rather retaining a non-large-school aura while doing so.

"It is possible," says Sheldon Campbell, of the San Diego Zoo, "that our grandchildren may never know a live cheetah."

For Freshmen-SACC Explained

Undoubtedly the most active and powerful student group on campus is the Student Activities Coordinating Committee.

Better known as SACC, the committee is involved in a variety of phases of life at Oakland University.

The committee was appointed in 1964 by Chancellor Varner as the Student Finance Committee. Since then, the group has evolved into its more influential form as SACC.

New Members of the committee are appointed by Chancellor Varner, with the advice of present members. The group is advised by Jim Petty, Director of Student Activities.

SACC is financed by the \$5.00 activities fee paid with tuition by OU students and numerous activities by which it raises money to develop a broader scope of student activities on campus.

Student groups formed on campus must be approved by the committee, which allots each group a set amount of cash per semester.

A good deal of influence over student life on campus is of course implicit in the organization of SACC. Currently the group is involved in the handling of the Meadow Brook Series, (and the Brubeck Concert in particular), student handbook, the Wilson Birthday Party Ball coming up later in the semester, and a concert by the Ramsey Lewis Trio in February.

Aware of their powerful position in the university community, many of SACC's members expect to be replaced sooner or later by a group elected by the student body rather than appointed by the Chancellor.

Mr. Petty expresses the hope that SACC will naturally be "phased out" by some sort of more representative form of student body.

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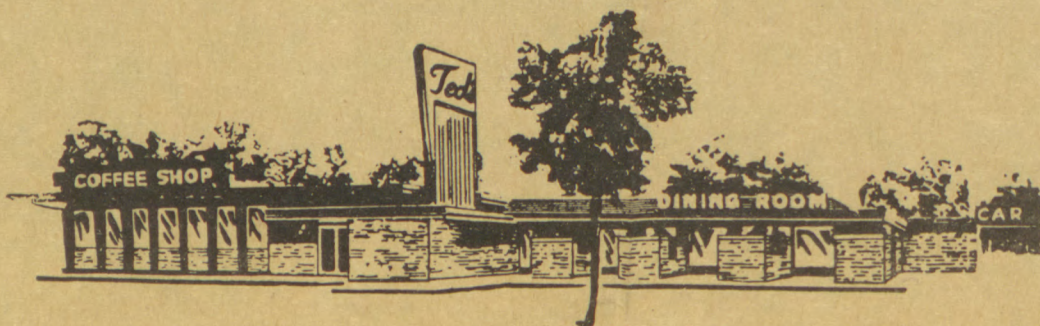
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Forecast: Storms In Kresge Library

Despite the general sunny appearance of orientation day and the frantic crush of freshmen girls to meet upperclassmen and vice versa there are a few dark clouds in the sky.

Most of these problems are caused by the increase in enrollment from approximately 2,200 in 1965-66 to 3,400 in 1966-7. Housing the extra 500 dorm students will be no problem with the completion of Vandenburg Hall. Feeding them will also be no problem with the new food services.

The major problem will be in those areas that have not increased the size of their facilities since the school opened. With the recent jump in enrollment, these facilities will clearly become problem areas.

Kresge Library will quickly emerge as a problem area. Nearly impossible to study in last year, the library will become inaccessible. Individual study areas do not exist and the new student may

find, unfortunately, that the quietest place to study is anywhere but the library.

A remodeling of the library's basement and third floor has failed to materialize and soon 3,400 will crowd into places where even 2,200 had a hard time fitting.

In addition, little has been done to alleviate classroom crowding, although the new faculty offices in Wilson Hall will release the top floor of North Foundation for art classes and others.

The bookstore and grill areas are in desperate need of expansion as is (or soon will be) evident to everyone.

This gap between facilities and enrollment is always serious in a small growing school and is to be expected to a degree. Our hope is that the inconvenience can be minimized as much as possible, especially in the most important area of the Kresge Library.

N. Hale

High Ticket Sales a Must for Series Success

A joint effort by university personnel and students appears to have produced what should be some of Oakland's finest entertainment of the year: the Meadow Brook Series, led off Sept. 10 by the Dave Brubeck Quartet's concert at Baldwin Pavilion.

Through the efforts of SACC, Deans Houtz and Dutton, Messrs. Birch, Hicks, Petty and Aston, Oakland will be sponsoring some of the finest entertainment in the Detroit area this fall.

The catch is that this little trick was accomplished only because the university community was able to scrape up \$17,000 to pay for the series.

\$4,000 of this was paid by SACC, but the rest of the money must come mainly from ticket

sales. And there's the rub.

Because the Meadow Brook Series is university backed, and especially because SACC has committed \$4,000 to the project, 450-500 season tickets were held out from general sales to be sold to OU students only.

These season tickets have to be sold for the program to break even.

Also, the Brubeck concert has to pull enough audience to pay for itself without the aid of intake gained thru season ticket sales.

Needless to say, the university could have its butt in a sling if the cost of the series is not defrayed by student sales.

As the Meadow Brook Series is in its first year of operation,

this could conceivably be its last year of operation as well if the student body fails to show enough enthusiasm to warrant such a program.

It would seem that the series could be a great annual contribution to the scene at OU. Need I say more?

Get out and buy.

M.H.

Van Wagoner, Vandenburg Invade OU

Those of us who lived in Phyve last year were a little surprised to find upon returning that it is now Van Wagoner House. And that the new Dorm 7 was named Vandenburg Hall. Both are named after local politicians, Murray D. Van Wagoner, former Democratic Governor, and Arthur Vandenburg, Republican Senator from Michigan for many years.

The naming comes as a slight disappointment, for who can love a cold Van Wagoner or Vandenburg after a warm, cuddly Phyve?

The action of the naming was taken by the board of trustees who, it was announced, will do all naming of dorms in the future. Student suggestion will be considered only if they are serious in intent (Brawl Hall or Gus Hall do not qualify). But the board suggests that the dorms be named after Michigan dignitaries.

A good suggestion, but just how many Michigan dignitaries are there? The Observer will poll students to find out just exactly who is who in Michigan.

Notes from the Editors

Here's to You

It's illness that counts for most high-schoolers. Get a group and fight a world which idolizes youth but screams on the young. A do this, do that, shut up and stop-that-infernal-bouncing-do-you-have-to-go-to-the-bathroom-or-something? world.

College is different. The thing is to be "on", not "in"

Eager or not, you are here and your parents, advisors, the chancellor, and even UPI -- i.e. the world -- sit and wait while you fumble with the start button. It doesn't matter that you still collect bubble-gum cards, and would like more than anything to be a fireman. College'll make you a man. Go-boy-go. Everything you do, be it computer-dating or protesting will be observed and pondered from above -- again your parents, advisors, the chancellor, and even UPI.

So here you are. What can we say? Just that it's human nature for all those out there to expect you to save the world (someone will someday, we hope) and for you to feel just as strongly the absurdity of their presumptions. Do the best you can and Go-boy-go.

A Student Is . . .

Putting out a freshman issue of the *Observer* poses, at least for yours truly, some fairly staggering problems.

To begin with, a whole summer has passed since these hands have touched pen upon paper. With sloth-like ease I viewed the summer's passing, my typewriter falling into disuse, my ambition wilting in the summer heat, my brains rotting.

It was a good summer.

To begin putting words on paper in somewhat less than a meaningless manner after such heroic dissipation is no easy matter (as you, dear freshmen, will soon find out). When one faces two semesters of arduous labor behind a typewriter, it is almost too much for the soul to bear.

However, duty calls, and one who has cast his lot with journalism has little choice but to obey. -Which finally brings me face to face with my real problem.

What does one say to a college freshman?

Surely I could give you the standard advice and be done with it: work hard, budget your time (how often have you heard that one?), and you will be successful.

However, I won't give you the standard advice. -For all I know, you may work till your earlobes turn blue and be a momentous flop.

I can't tell you that college is a gas and you're sure to like it. You may hate it.

I can't tell you that Oakland is the close-knit intellectual community which our salesmen would have you believe it is (it isn't).

I can't even tell you that Oakland will have everything you want in a college, for it surely won't.

My lack of optimism for the value of college stems not from my own disenchantment, but from my observations of how the experience affects others.

Personally, I think college can be an extremely rewarding experience of tremendous importance to the individual.

On the other hand, a great many college "students" would do just as well taking up space elsewhere for four years.

For this reason, I am a bit reluctant to sing you the praises of the good life at the university. We all know that many "students" are here just because they feel they have to be.

Lest you hide your head in apprehension of an ensuing brow-

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beating, let me assure you I realize college is a "must" for this generation, and that many of you had little or no choice in the matter.

So feareth not, reader. I don't begrudge you your four years in limbo.

But neither do I concede that a college degree makes a successful or particularly worthwhile person.

This year's freshman class, like last year's, will have its do-gooders, evil-doers, and its vast mass of do-nothings.

It will have its sex-maniacs and its drunkards, its pseudo-intellectuals and aspiring capitalists.

Undoubtedly, it will have a good share of flunk-outs. Hopefully, it will also have its share of for-real students.

And what, you may ask (and quite justifiably at this point), is a for-real student?

He is one, dear reader, not necessarily found on the college campus, but he is one who is most susceptible to the value of a college experience.

A student is a person who is open-minded enough to recognize a glimmer of truth when he sees it. He is not necessarily intellectual and he does not necessarily get good grades.

He is a student, not merely of books, but of life. He is the one who bothers to ask why, and then questions the answer he gets. He does not assimilate the pabulum which is fed to him by the "organization" (any organization).

He finds things out for himself.

The student is one who is worried, about himself, and about the world around him. He is worried because he has asked why, and has gotten no definite answer.

Although he has found that the only certainty in life is uncertainty, he finds the courage to strike out and choose a side.

However, his stand is not irrevocable, and his side occasionally loses.

It has been said that people sometimes go to a university to seek the truth. If you are a good student, you will find that there are very few ultimate truths.

If you are a good student, you will leave yourself open to more emotional turmoil than you have perhaps ever experienced before, for you will have to leave your certainties behind with your high school souvenirs.

It is a shame that many of you will choose to ignore the doubts which your professors (the good ones, at least), will fling joyously at your ears.

But some of you, I am sure, will take the trouble to discover the intrigue of those doubts which will make you want to find out more about the world, your fellow students and yourself.

To you, I tip my hat.

To all of you, I wish you happiness during your stay at Oakland University.

Mike Honey
Feature Editor



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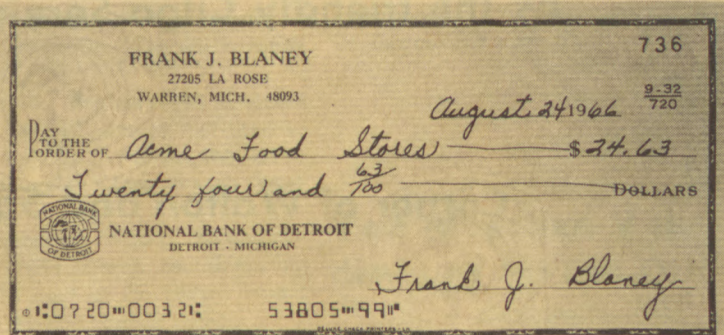
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Stage Group Draws Support

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Ford have joined four other prominent Detroit area couples as co-chairmen of the newly organized Meadowbrook Theater of Oakland University.

The announcement was made today by Charles F. Adams who will direct a blue-ribbon committee of area civic leaders to augment Oakland's mounting reputation as a leader in the world of performing arts.

The new theater leaped into public focus last month when it was announced that John Fernald, an outstanding British theatrical director and former head of England's famed Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, plans to open a professional resident theater company here this year.

To be known formally as the John Fernald Company of the Meadow Brook Theater, the company has set a target date of early January for its first production, and will begin rehearsals in mid-November.

Fernald will also head the Oakland Academy of Dramatic Art which will begin operations in the fall of 1967 as a highly selective program for training professional actors & actresses.

Previously announced as co-chairmen were Mr. and Mrs. John S. DeLorean and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nederlander of Southfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Schwartz of Detroit.

Adams said that the indications are that the community wants and is "ready to support serious theater."

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Dorm Seven

Gets The Ax

Probably the most difficult thing in the world is writing a letter of greeting to a group of college freshmen. There is literally "no new thing under the sun" as I am sure you have experienced in the past week. You have been threatened, cajoled, placated, humored, and I'm sure you will feel later that you have been deceived somewhere along the line by an overzealous promoter. But these are all transient images, temporary insanities to be kept in reserve and modified by warm feelings of charity when you finally do graduate from the university. Because we all know that today's disgruntled, homesick freshman is tomorrow's proud alumnus.

To destroy a popular misconception: the type of quiescent intellectual community you may expect to find here does not exist. It probably never did. Perhaps it is regrettable that it never did. But Oakland, like any other university of any importance is involved in the rather disheartening struggle to endow a man's life with meaning. The era of the ivy-covered, ivory tower of escape has ended. A watchword of the modern university is, or should be, involvement, action, dissent and struggle. And the process of involving, acting, dissenting, and struggling must necessarily involve uprooting and destroying popular sentimental fantasies.

To destroy another popular misconception: While action is vitality, activity is not to be equated with productivity. While the American university struggles to achieve its own hierarchy of values it tends to adopt those methods of getting and spending, buying and bartering of that world that is too much with us. The buying and selling of knowledge, books and loans, government grants, and athletic scholarships. Appeasing the board of trustees, building new dorms, and sponsoring dances. All of this adds up to endless franticity, a physical and spiritual exhaustion.

However, one cannot stand off and merely speculate on all this. In all fairness to himself, a person must participate and be bruised in the process. What this all boils down to is to say that freshmen bruise more easily than all others. But that the bruising is inevitable and healable. Not all of the university is like a noisy supermarket. There are quiet, valuable moments, but at times they seem too few and far between.

The only advice to be offered: Persevere and ignore. Eventually some of it will begin to make sense. Then you can also be a well-adjusted, contented senior with a bubble gum mind.

N. Hale
Editor

Plans for Oakland's new seventh dorm have been temporarily scrapped because of financing costs.

According to James Appleton, Dean of Housing, a higher interest rate than usual has added appreciably to the cost of the new dorm.

Original construction costs submitted earlier in the year exceeded budget estimates by about one half million dollars. Adjustments were made to bring the cost down, and now all the new building lacks is financing.

The new structure was to have been started this summer and completed in the fall of 1967.

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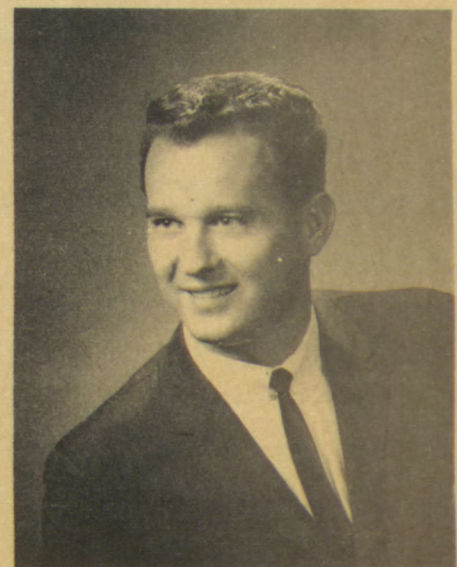
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As you well know, you are embarking on a most important and influential period of your life. Our purpose at Oakland, and

the University's only reason for being, is to provide you every resource and every opportunity to make your college experience as meaningful as possible. The major educational resource an institution can offer is an outstanding assemblage of teachers-scholars. It is a pleasure to assure you that Oakland University's faculty is equal to any liberal arts faculty in the country. I say this without reservation,



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efforts to create a stimulating, active community of learning, you will be involved in a rigorous program intended to develop curiosity, understanding, critical judgment, and values. Perhaps equally important, you will find both the faculty and administrative staff interested in you as an individual -- a characteristic of Oakland which we intend to preserve even as the institution becomes larger.

Each of you brings to the task of learning the academic qualifications and, apparently, the necessary desire. It is now your responsibility to take full advantage of the opportunities awaiting you.

Until I have the opportunity of expressing this greeting personally, and to talk with you about our institution and other subjects of interest to you, let me say again that we are pleased to have you join us.

Chancellor D. B. Varner

knowing personally of their impressive educational backgrounds, their zeal for learning, and of their keen interest in teaching.

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Contuse Here

After several bouts with the self-appointed censors, Contuse demonstrates its unique vitality and still ranks high on the best seller's list.

Contuse is Oakland's intellectual magazine. Its 40 pages contain a varied fare of prose, poetry, photography and graphics.

We might add that some of the prose is quite graphic also.

Several bearded people will be wandering the campus selling the magazine for a fairly reasonable price during registration.

Our suggestion is that they make very nice souvenirs of your semester on campus and with the help of a dictionary are quite suitable for pressing orchids.

The Observer will sponsor a coffee hour Saturday morning for freshmen who are interested in working on the paper during the next year.

Positions are now open for news editor, typists, reporters, business personnel, feature writers, artists, public relations, and certain janitorial positions.

Saturday morning's festivities will be held in the Observer office at the end of the Student Activities corridor in the basement of Oakland Center, which sounds a bit ominous.

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Romney Aid Parking Rules Is Self Aid Upheld at OU

by Ron Kladder

Whether or not Governor Romney seeks the 1968 GOP Presidential nomination is still uncertain. His decision could depend on a myriad of factors, not the least important being the fate of Michigan Republican candidates this fall. Unless the Governor can win re-election with a large margin as well as carry into office a US Senator, a Republican majority in the state Senate, and several members of his sub-ticket, the GOP national leaders may conclude that Romney's appeal is not broad enough to aid the party. This conclusion when coupled with the fact that Romney didn't support the national ticket in 1964 may cause the delegates to look elsewhere for their nominee.

The Governor's first interest in the campaign is, of course, his own re-election. But Romney, who has largely ignored the rest of his party's statewide candidates in the past, is finally placing a great deal of importance on electing other Republicans. The Governor will base his appeal on his accomplishments during the last four years. He will probably assume total credit for Michigan's recent economic growth but, at the same time, he will tell the voters that with more Republicans in Lansing he can do better.

Romney, long condemned as a political "loner", will do his best to demonstrate that at last he is a "party man". His personal appeal will be broadened to include other Republicans. He will call for a GOP state Senate because "Michigan needs a check on the Democrats", he will ask the voter to accept Griffin because he "is more qualified than his opponent" and he will support his sub-ticket on the basis that closer cooperation between the Governor and other statewide office holders is needed.

Like most politicians, Romney is not the dedicated, unselfish public servant he seems. His real reasons for wanting more Republicans elected this fall are far less noble and more selfish than they appear.

The election of Robert Griffin to the Senate will add a new feather to Romney's vote-getting hat.

The control of the state Senate is perhaps most vital to a Governor who wants to relax the duties of office in the interests of ambition.

If a GOP state Senate is elected, Romney can count on them

to be more passive than the Democratic controlled House.

The Democrats however are confident that they can retain at least diluted control of the state Senate, maintain strong control of the House, re-elect James Hare as Secretary of State and Frank Kelley as Attorney General, elect their nominees to other state-wide offices and regain the US Senate seat they held until Pat McNamara's untimely death. The Democratic hopes to stem the Romney tide depend to a large extent, on Zolton Ferency, the little-known Democratic state chairman. If the Ferency (Zorro to his friends) approach works, Democratic leaders expect to see Governor Romney spending more time reacting to the Democrat's famous barbs, thereby leaving less time for him to stump for other Republicans.

The Democrats this fall are trying to retain their present state-wide posts, elect a US Senator and embarrass Romney. If they succeed, the Governor will not be as free as he would like to be to campaign for the presidency, but if they fail, Romney's national political stock will rise and the GOP may be forced to nominate Michigan's second presidential candidate.

It should surprise no one that Oakland's expansion in the past year has put a premium on campus ground. This land grab has resulted in a strict policy announced this week by the Traffic and Parking Committee.

The main innovations in Parking Regulations 1966-67 are a vehicle registration fee of two dollars, parking segregated by driver's occupation and place of residence, plus a system of fines for offenders.

In addition, no parking will be allowed between 2 A.M. and 6 A.M. except in dorm lots and those places for night shift employees.

The Traffic and Parking Committee was created by the Chancellor when it became apparent that there was a shortage likely with the coming semester.

In addition to the above suggestions, a recommendation was made that more spaces be provided in the face of an eleven hundred student increase.

The fine system has to be approved at the September 15 meeting of the Board of Trustees and will be put in effect on October 1.

An appeal board will be created to hear the usual gripes about traffic violations.

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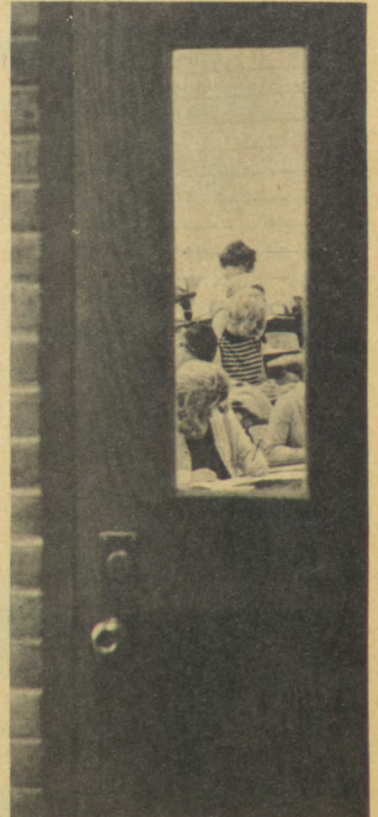
ABOVE and to right are, shown in their most virtuous state, OU freshmen receiving their first rude visitation in world of academia. (Note dark beady eyes of Prof. at top, presently cursing virtuous freshmen). Hearken ye all to precious first moments!

Get Your Annual!

For the first year in a row Oakland has produced a creditable yearbook, the Ascendent.

Or rather, to hear the editors talk, it is not a yearbook but a compendium of the sights and sounds, flora and fauna of the university, a handy guide to the wildlife, that inhabits (or inhibits) the halls of the college.

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Vandenberg Hall: Almost

Work Runs Amuck

Labor disputes and shortages of workers in the skilled trades have combined to set back completion date of Oakland's newest housing unit, Vandenberg Hall.

The twin-storied, multi-million dollar residence, at one time at least six weeks ahead of schedule, is now several weeks behind.

Workers in nearly every building trade had labor difficulties but when disputes were settled, contractors found themselves with inadequate crews.

As upperclassmen begin moving in their dorm this week, workmen continue to pour concrete, set floor tiles, and wire electrical circuits.

The building, expected to house 572 students, is itself roughly completed. Student living areas, except for two floors lack only lights in the connecting lavatories and minor articles.

The remaining floors lack everything including the floors themselves. Floor tiles, radiator shields, and ceiling tiles are still not in place.

Some of the top floor residents have been temporarily placed on other floors.

The situation is a familiar one to many upperclassmen who, last fall moved into uncompleted Van Wagoner House.



Vandenberg Hall comes to life as returning students arrive

According to James Appleton, Dean of Housing, Vandenberg is in as good shape as was Van Wagoner when it opened in 1965.

Living among a construction crew has its exciting and dangerous moments. Also its frustrating ones, says Appleton, for a job that may ordinarily take one week to complete may now take two or more because workmen have to dodge the residents.

"... we really do believe in social revolution..."

- Dean Rusk

Food Service has New Dinner Check

One of the innovations in Vandenberg Hall is the new way food services will handle resident feeding.

Housing will no longer require each student to produce a meal ticket or ID card. Instead, all ID cards are duplicated and on file at the end of the food line.

Attendants can compare by quickly checking the duplicate card on file for each student.

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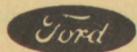
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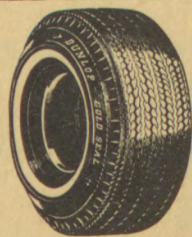
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New Dorm Looks Good

Young Dems Open Season

Months of reworking blueprints and consultations with architects have produced in Van Hall a compact intelligent use of all facilities and space.

Yet, despite its Moby-Dick-the-white-whale-type size, the hall retains a livability, retaining a more intimate and cohesive living unit on each floor.

When fully completed, the new hall will have study rooms and lounges on every floor of the towers. Each lounge will contain comfortable modern furniture in an informal atmosphere.

In addition, the first floor contains the spacious carpeted main lounge.

To each side of the main lounge are ping-pong rooms, seminar rooms, study rooms, and refreshment areas with hot sandwich machines.

At midnight the residents of each tower are separated but each tower retains its own lounge, refreshment area, etc.

Oakland's Young Democratic club today announced that the November elections will be the center of their interest this academic year.

The organization, which has already sponsored campaigns on campus, intends to invite Zolton Ferency, dem candidate for governor to speak at a local meeting.

The club also intends to support area Congressman Billie Farnum and state representative Bob Singerlend.

Spokesman Ken Weingarden says the club has not forgotten the local campus issues and says the group intends to announce plans for an organizational meeting.

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I would like to welcome you to Oakland University and to express the hope that your educational work will be most productive and rewarding. I am sure you will find that members of the University community are most willing to help you receive the maximum benefit from the curriculum and to have an enjoyable and satisfying learning experience at Oakland.

Education constitutes a precious resource essential to the fulfillment of the needs of individual citizens and to the attainment of our national goals. Students participate in the educational process to gain the knowledge necessary for a productive and rewarding life. The American people look to colleges and universities to produce an enlightened and effective citizenry, to expand the frontiers of knowledge, and to help solve our various problems.

Oakland University has responded to the needs of students and society by providing a quality educational program. This program, which is designed to facilitate learning, involves the imparting of knowledge through research. To maximize learning, the University has made provision for small classes, close student-faculty contacts, high quality instruction, and personalized education. Furthermore, the University has been willing to experiment with new approaches to student development as illustrated by the Charter College program, the freshman exploratories, independent studies, and study abroad.

In planning educational programs, we have had to take into account that individual differ-



Dean Dutton

ences exist among students, that the diverse qualities of students develop in interaction with each other, and that all students do not develop in the same way or possess the same readiness to learn. This has resulted in provision for individual treatment of students, a wide range of educational activities and varied approaches to learning.

In addition to the formal curriculum, the University has established an extracurricular program through which students can gain valuable educational experiences. For example, in the fall, an excellent speakers program will be offered. Bernard Fall, William Stringfellow, Roy Wilkins, Hans Suyin, John Kenneth Galbraith, and other speakers will be on the campus for lectures and discussions as a part of the University's new speakers program. The purpose of this program is to enrich the educational process by offering opportunities for mem-

bers of the University community to hear, discuss, and evaluate different points of view on subjects of major significance.

A very fine cultural program also has been established for students. This program consists of ballet, chamber concerts, popular entertainment, drama, and recitals. Moreover, there are excellent opportunities for development in the physical education and athletics program, student government, student activities, student publications, and other extracurricular activities.

The University strives to provide the best possible education for you. In the final analysis, however, the quality of your education will depend on your willingness to take advantage of the curricular offerings and on the clarity of your educational objectives. You can have a rich educational experience at Oakland University if you have a sense of direction and make a strong commitment to high standards of attainment.

In addition, it is vital that you learn how to organize your time effectively. You will find quickly that there is a wide range of activities in which you might become involved. Some of these activities will be more valuable educationally than others. It is important, therefore, that you devote your limited time to those activities which have the

greatest educational worth. Of course, you should realize that your first priority should be to meet your academic responsibilities.

During the course of your educational career at Oakland you will probably need assistance. Please keep in mind that there are many services available to you. These are described very well in the University Catalog and the Student Handbook. You should read these documents carefully, so that you are aware of the services provided.

I encourage you to contact,

whenever necessary, staff members in the Office of the Dean of Students and Dean of Freshman, are responsible for the advising program and for the coordination of freshman activities, and he is an important source of counsel. In addition, Dean Houtz (Dean of Women) and Dean Appleton (Associate Dean of Students and Director of Housing) and other personnel of the office, are most willing to assist you.

I wish you success in your work at Oakland.

Thomas B. Dutton
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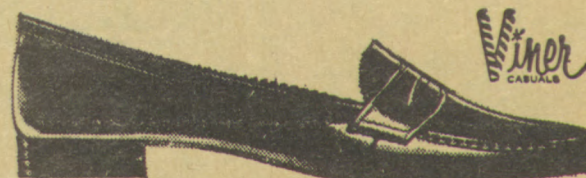
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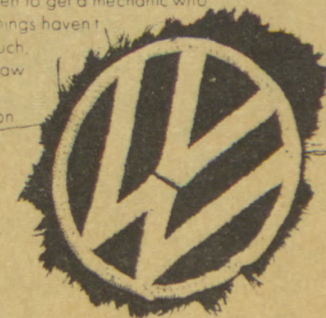
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