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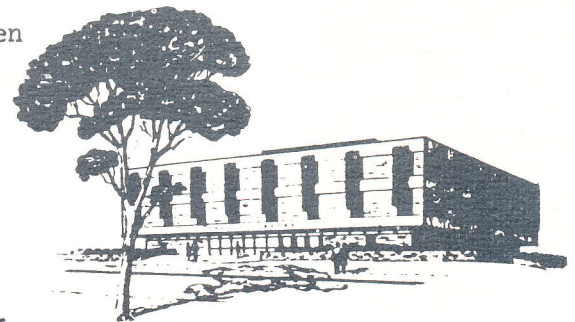
In the last issue of this Newsletter Professor Matthews stressed the differences between the college campus and high school. He said that the initial experience of college may come as a surprise to new students. Freshman orientation is designed to acquaint the student with the educational setting at Oakland.

During orientation the student has the opportunity to learn about Oakland, and the University learns something about the student. New students are shown the campus, meet their fellow students, meet various members of the faculty and administration, register for the Fall Semester, etc. In short, Oakland becomes a familiar place, and the student is prepared to enter a new situation with some knowledge of pertinent landmarks and procedures. At the same time the University gets to know something about the individual student via the testing and the academic advising programs. This two-way process makes orientation a vital part of a student's academic career. Without orientation the new student may be lost in an educational maze. With orientation the student is prepared for a meaningful educational experience.

A detailed program of Regular Orientation appears in this issue of the Newsletter. The program for the first day is a standard one, and each student is expected to participate in all the morning and afternoon events. During this time the student will meet his academic adviser for the first time, take a variety of tests, and become familiar with the campus. The testing program is of vital importance, for the results will be used by the academic adviser in aiding the student to develop an appropriate program for the Fall Semester.

The remainder of the first day is devoted to fun and relaxation. It provides an opportunity to participate in another aspect of college life and to meet upper classmen. The social program starts with a splash party in the Intramural Building. This is followed by a cook-out (all you can eat) and then a planned social activity. Then the students who have not made reservations to remain on campus overnight will leave and return by 8:00 a.m. the following morning. Those students who will spend the night on campus will then move to Pryale House for a midnight snack and general mixer. The evening program will end before midnight.

By the morning of the second day it is assumed that students will be able to find their own way on campus. The activities of an individual student will depend on which of the testing sessions he must attend and when he has arranged to meet with his adviser. There are two special testing sessions scheduled. All students planning to enroll in a mathematics course in the fall must take the mathematics test at 8:00 a.m. Language placement testing in French, Spanish and German will take place from 10:00 - 12:00 a.m.



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These tests are required for all students enrolled for the first time who plan to take a language previously studied and for those students who plan to defer their language work beyond the Fall Semester. The program ends at noon, and the students are encouraged to spend additional time on campus visiting the library, bookstore, or using facilities of the Intramural building.

We have found that students who attend one of the Regular Orientation sessions are able to make the transition from high school to college with little difficulty. All students are required to attend an orientation session, and it is the student's responsibility to make sure he fulfills this requirement. The University considers Orientation more than a requirement, however. It represents an opportunity.

David G. Lowy
Co-ordinator of Freshmen Orientation

REGULAR ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Morning - first day

7:30 - 8:00	Registration	South Foundation Hall
8:00 - 8:45	Meeting with academic adviser	To be announced
8:45 - 9:00	Welcome to the University	195 Science Building
9:00 - 12:30	Testing (all students) [Lemonade break at 10:30]	190 and 195 Science Building

Afternoon - first day

12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Oakland Center - Sunset Room
1:00 - 2:00	Dormitory registration	Pryale House
2:00 - 2:15	Dormitory orientation	Pryale House
2:15 - 2:45	Library orientation	Kresge Library
2:45 - 4:00	Testing (all students) [Lemonade break at 4:00]	190 and 195 Science Building
4:00 - 4:30	Orientation to fall registration	190 and 195 Science Building

Evening - first day

5:00 - 6:30	Splash party	Intramural Building
6:30 - 10:00	Cook-out and evening social program	Oakland Center
10:00 - 12:00	Dorm mixer and snack (for overnight students only)	Pryale House

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Regular Orientation Program (continued)

Morning - second day

7:15 - 8:00	Breakfast (for overnight students only)	Oakland Center - Resident Cafeteria
8:00 - 12:00	Meet with adviser (time to be arranged on morning of first day)	To be arranged
8:00 - 9:00	Testing (for all students taking math course in fall)	190 Science Building
10:00 - 12:00	Language placement testing (French, German and Spanish)	Science Building
12:00	Conclusion (lunch available at your own expense)	Oakland Center

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Previous letters to you have emphasized that to be successful your college experience must be considered a mutual commitment between you and the University. While it is true that the obligations you must assume are great indeed, the University also has an obligation in assuring both your personal and professional development. Part of your responsibility will be to take advantage of all of the opportunities provided by Oakland for your advancement, and much of your success will reflect how seriously you do this. Two such aids are available to you even before classes begin in September. They are the Freshman Advising Program and the Orientation Program.

Within the next few weeks, you will be assigned to an academic adviser. This faculty member has agreed to work closely with you in designing the most meaningful academic program which is in accord with your interests and capabilities. He will know you better than any other one person on our campus and will give invaluable help to you as you proceed to the status of a departmental major. He will be available for general academic counselling during your first two semesters at Oakland, and, I suspect, will remain a personal friend during your entire college career. His role is a crucial one in your success, and you should get to know him early.

Meeting your academic adviser is only one of the many important opportunities of the summer orientation program. In addition, you can become better acquainted with the Oakland campus, meet other faculty and staff members, participate in informal discussions with students, take aptitude and placement tests, and pre-register for the Fall Semester. All new students -- both freshmen and transfer students -- have to be advised before they can register. Elsewhere in this issue, the summer orientation schedule is described in detail, and I cannot urge you too strongly to consider registering for one of the Regular Orientation sessions.

Frederick W. Obear
Associate Dean of Students

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION 1964

REGULAR ORIENTATION

Session	Dates	Registration Deadline
1	Thursday, June 25 Friday, June 26	June 18
2	Tuesday, June 30 Wednesday, July 1	June 23
3	Tuesday, July 14 Wednesday, July 15	July 7

SPECIAL ORIENTATION

4	Saturday, July 25	July 20
5	Tuesday, Sept. 8	Sept. 2

In a separate mailing you will receive an Orientation brochure. You must fill out the registration form and send this with your payment of fees in order to reserve a place in a specific session. Students have the option of staying on campus overnight during the Regular Orientation sessions. Since dormitory space is limited, rooms will be filled in order of receipt of registration blanks.

The registration fee is \$10 for the Regular Orientation. This fee includes lunch, evening cook-out, midnight snack, and breakfast the following morning. The fee also covers the cost of dormitory accommodations, special activities, testing service, and enrollment for the Fall Semester.

The registration fee for the Special Orientation and for all students who do not stay in the dormitory overnight is \$7.50. This fee covers all services except overnight accommodations and breakfast.

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Welcome to the Residence Halls

During the three Regular Orientation sessions you will have the opportunity to stay in the residence halls overnight. We hope you will choose to do so, and thereby become acquainted with residence living and experience some of the meaningful contributions it makes to University life. You may check into the residence between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. the day of your arrival. A Resident Assistant (RA) will also point out the various facilities of the building--study room, lounge, laundry, ironing, etc. The RAs are student members of the Dean of Students' staff who will supervise the hall and answer any questions you may have. An adult Head Resident couple will also be in the building. Mrs. Alice Haddix, Director of Residence Program, will discuss the residences with you, describing the government, social, cultural, and athletic programs, and the purpose of the residence program.

The University provides bedding and towels. The social program will be informal, and you will want to bring a bathing suit (girls should bring a bathing cap), casual sports clothes, and clothes suitable for an outdoor dance or folk-sing.

When you check out of the residence, between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. the next day, RAs will again be present and able to tell you anything further about the halls you wish to know. We are sure you will enjoy your stay and use the opportunity to meet other entering freshmen as well as older students. The best way to learn about dormitory life is to try it.