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THE 1969 SUMMER SOUND OF MUSIC

THE MEADOW BROOK FESTIVAL, which has been sponsored each summer since 1964 by Oakland University and is now described by critics in America and Europe as a "cultural event of the highest rank", will provide a free musical interlude for many new O.U. students this summer. Four Thursday night concerts (July 10, 17, 24, and 25) coincide with Freshman Orientation sessions and will be open free to the orientation participants.

The Festival will feature eight weeks of concerts by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Sixten Ehrling, and one week of concerts with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

The American Ballet Theatre will return for its second season as an ensemble-in-residence to give six performances during the first week of August.

Guest soloists and conductors for the sixth annual season will include: Vladimir Ashkenazy, pianist; Itzhak Perlman, violinist; Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, soprano; Emil Gilels, pianist; Roger Wagner and Henry Lewis, conductors.



THE MEADOW BROOK ORCHESTRA, conducted by James Levine, will give five symphonic concerts in the Baldwin Pavilion on July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 as part of the Festival. The programs will include "Das Lied von der Erde" by Mahler and a complete concert performance in Italian of Verdi's "II Trovatore".

THE MEADOW BROOK CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, which will give concerts on July 8 and August 1, will emphasize the works of twentieth century composers: Milhaud, Schoenberg, Strauss, Stravinsky, and Webern.

THE MEADOW BROOK CHORUS, supported by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Roger Wagner, will give two complete performances of the Verdi Requiem Mass.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY

The Physical Education Program at Oakland is a voluntary one designed as a service for men and women students, faculty, and staff and directed to the participating individuals rather than the spectators. Opportunities for instruction and practice are offered by the Physical Education Staff in approximately twenty different sports and recreation activities. In addition, staff members are available to consult with individuals or groups interested in planning personal physical fitness or physical recreation programs. EACH PARTICIPANT MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION AND MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY INCURRED DURING PARTICIPATION IN ANY PHASE OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The Sports and Recreation Building, open seven days per week, contains the following facilities.

*150' by 110' Gymnasium	*Weight Room
*Exercise Room	*Dance Room
*Training Room	*Gymnastics Room
*Heat Room	*Table Tennis Area
*Golf Putting Green	*Men's & Woman's Locker Rooms
*Space and Equipment for Boxing, Wrestling, and Fencing	*Courts for Badminton, Handball, Basketball, Squash & Tennis
*Swimming Pool with Two 1-meter and One 3-meter Diving Boards	

The outdoor facilities include: four hard-surface tennis courts and four courts under construction, ski hill with an electric rope tow, baseball diamond, soccer field, rough track, field hockey area, and several softball and touch football fields.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS PROGRAM

Women have an opportunity for extramural sports practice and competition in basketball, bowling, golf, tennis, swimming and volleyball with women's teams from other colleges in Michigan. Men have an opportunity to participate at the intercollegiate sports level in cross country and soccer during the fall semester, basketball and swimming during winter semester, and baseball, golf, and tennis during the latter part of the winter semester and during the spring and summer sessions.

Oakland University is pleased to compete in one or more sports with MIAA Colleges, Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo, and Olivet, Aquinas College, Grand Valley State College, Ferris State College, Hillsdale College, Spring Arbor College, Lake Superior State College, Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, the University of Detroit, and Wayne State University. Contests are also scheduled with colleges or universities in states and provinces bordering on Michigan. Oakland University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

RESIDENCE HALL LIFE AT OAKLAND

For the one-third of its students who live in residence, Oakland provides staff, facilities, and activities which will help in broadening their college education beyond the classroom experience. Residence hall life at Oakland is an exciting combination of living, learning, and developing consideration and concern for others as students share academic and social experiences. Students have ample opportunity to determine the atmosphere of their residence hall by becoming involved in its government. Each hall has a council composed of elected representatives which plans activities, recommends policies, acts as a discussion forum and supervises various phases of the hall program.

Head Residents and Resident Assistants, who live in each hall, are important residence staff members. They serve as advisers to the residence hall government and student groups and assist individual students in many ways. Each Head Resident is responsible for the coordination of his hall's program and the work of his Resident Assistants. He is usually a member of the university faculty or a student personnel professional. One Resident Assistant lives on each floor of a hall.

Resident Assistants are upper class students who have demonstrated abilities in the academic and leadership aspects of university life. They are expected to promote an atmosphere conducive to friendliness, cooperation, and good scholarship. They are also expected to help students become acquainted with the cultural, intellectual, and social activities, and with the university services available to them.



Seven residence halls, built within the last eight years, offer variety in accommodations and size. Anibal House, Fitzgerald House, and Pryale House are L-shaped buildings with twenty-four double rooms in each wing; the wings are joined by a student lounge. Hill House and Van Wagoner Hall are six-story units, each containing 100 double rooms, a lobby, lounge, and recreation room. Vandenberg Hall, completed in 1966, is a seven-story, twin-tower structure. It contains 285 double rooms, kitchen and dining facilities for 1900 students, student lounges, multiple-use areas, study and seminar rooms, and recreation areas. Students enrolled in Charter or New College live in Vandenberg Hall, and the offices of these colleges are in the same hall. The newest facility, Hamlin Hall, was completed last year. This residence hall houses 676 students in attractively arranged suites for four students. A nine-story hall, it has a main lounge with a fireplace, a lounge on each floor, seminar rooms and large multipurpose areas. Facilities which are available in each hall include telephones in each room, laundry facilities, public lounges with television sets, and vending machines. Anibal House and Hill House are women's halls; Fitzgerald House and Van Wagoner Hall are men's units; and Pryale House, Vandenberg Hall, and Hamlin Hall are coeducational units.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE

When a student arrives on the Oakland University campus, he finds that many persons are interested in helping him to enter effectively into college life. Two of the special educational services and their operations are outlined:

READING AND STUDY CENTER

The Reading and Study Center is available for students who wish to improve their reading and study skills. While many students who have difficulties in meeting their reading and study obligations can benefit from the help offered by the Center, others whose skills are already well developed, but who wish to improve them further, can benefit at least as much.

The services of the Center include diagnostic testing, individual counseling, and small group instruction to improve academic competence. Two intensive six-week long Reading-Study Improvement Programs will be scheduled for the fall and the winter semester. Topics which will be treated in the short courses include: speed and versatility in reading, vocabulary development, techniques of comprehension, skimming, outlining, organizing, planning study time, studying for examinations, concentration and remembering what has been read.

The Center, directed by Harry T. Hahn, Professor of Education, is located on the first floor of Dodge Hall. For information or to register for the improvement courses, visit the Center's office.

WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center, located in 174 South Foundation Hall, is designed to assist students in improving their writing competence. Members of the English faculty and a staff of graduate and undergraduate assistants accept students who enroll voluntarily in the Center and students who are referred by Freshman Exploratory instructors or academic advisers. Students in the latter category are enrolled in English 009, Aids to Expository Writing, in which "S" (satisfactory) or "U" (unsatisfactory) grades are awarded. Because of staff limitations, the tutoring service is available primarily to freshmen.

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