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WHERE THE ALUMNI ARE

Analysis of the placement distribution of Oakland's first 441 graduates (April '63 to August '64 classes) was made last month by the Placement Office and Alumni Relations Office which are both under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Hope.

Summary showed that 194 graduates (44%) are teaching in local school systems from Rochester, Michigan to Los Angeles and Long Beach, California; 116 (26.3%) are employed by business, government and social agencies; 93 (21%) are fulltime graduate students. (Another 30% are taking graduate work evenings on a part-time basis while employed.)

Eight alumni are in military service; 12 are fulltime homemakers; the current occupation of 16 (3%) is unreported and 2 are back at Oakland working for teacher certification.

The 93 fulltime graduate students are attending more than 40 universities with the largest group of 12 at the University of Michigan. MSU has 6; Wayne State 5, and 3 each are at Bucknell, University of Indiana, and University of Wisconsin. Other graduate students are scattered among most of the major Eastern and Midwestern universities, the Universities of California and Hawaii and outside the U.S. at Munich, Madrid and Valle, Colombia.

Oakland graduates who went into business and industry are at General Motors, General Electric, IBM, Burroughs, Ford Motor, J.L. Hudson's, North American Aviation, Detroit Bank and Trust, Chrysler, Sylvania Electric, The Boeing Co., Bank of America, Michigan Consolidated Gas, ExCello, Dow Chemical and many other well known companies from coast to coast.

Those in government service include Peace Corpsmen in Africa, India and Turkey. Others are with the Atomic Energy Commission, Social Security Administration and U. S. Army Language School in San Francisco.

Oakland graduates are now employed at libraries, art museums, market research firms and social service agencies. So many teacher education graduates are on the faculties of local school systems that their distribution will be the subject of a separate article in a future issue of the Alumni News.

The placement distribution report has been circulated to faculty department heads, members of the University administration and was summarized for the current sophomores at Declaration of Major Day (see page 2) as an example of the opportunities open to them.

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DECLARATION OF MAJOR DAY

Sophomores were given an opportunity to learn what it means to major in mathematics, psychology, philosophy, teacher education et al at Declaration of Major Day held the afternoon of November 19.

Meeting together in the Gold Room, those eligible for admission to major standing heard first from Dean Donald O'Dowd. His general remarks were followed by Mrs. Dorothy Hope discussing career possibilities and in particular reviewing for sophomores where Oakland's graduates of various majors now are employed. Dean George Matthews spoke on graduate study and Professor Laszlo Hetenyi on the teaching profession. Students then divided among classrooms in South Foundation Hall where department representatives were available to discuss majors and answer questions about their respective fields. Students are required to apply to departments for admission to major standing.

BIOLOGY ADDED TO CURRICULUM

Future Oakland students will have the opportunity to study or major in biology, with the addition of a program designed for liberal arts and secondary teaching majors.

Dr. Clifford V. Harding is chairman of Oakland's new Biology Department. He came to the University this fall from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons faculty. Also appointed as a professor of biology is Dr. Walter L. Wilson from the University of Vermont's College of Medicine. Both Harding and Wilson have worked extensively on research in cellular physiology and will be working on a study of wound healing under a $27,000 grant from the Atomic Energy Commission. This grant was made to Oakland for continuation of research done previously by the two professors. In particular they will be studying the biological mechanism that produces new tissue following an injury.

The University has also received a grant of $10,000 from the National Institute of Health for a project on the electrical charge found in cellular inclusion directed by Dr. Wilson.

Both biologists have been affiliated with the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. for several summers and will continue this affiliation.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Meadow Brook Theatre Guild presented "The Birthday Party," by British playwright Harold Pinter as its second production of the season December 3-5. The Guild is now casting for "Dark of the Moon."

Oakland University Chorus has expanded to 140 voices and presents the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah with the Pontiac Symphony Orchestra again on December 13. The women volunteers under Mrs. Stephan DuBrul who made the original white sheath evening gowns for the women choristers presented the Chorus with 26 more in time for the Christmas concert.

A Trans-Siberian Road Rally billed as running from Oakland to nowhere was conducted Dec. 6 by the Oakland Motorsport Club. Michigan weather cooperated in one of its most Siberian moods.

Concert-Exhibit-Lecture Series has brought concerts on campus more than twice a month all fall. December performances include soprano Roma Riddel, Messiah and soprano Diana Henery.

SHORT TERM STUDENT LOANS

Alumni who made use of emergency loan funds during their undergraduate years will be interested to learn that the total of $7,745 in working principal in Oakland's seven available funds turned over four times last year. This turnover made $33,468 available to 497 individuals during the 63-64 fiscal year. Average loan was for $67.

Merry Christmas
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