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THE STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY—D. B. Varner

"Oakland is changing rapidly and is in transition from the status of being a small liberal arts college to that of being a medium-size--and hopefully distinguished--university," Chancellor D. B. Varner told graduates in a "State of the University" message delivered at the Oakland Encore II reunion. "This has been a year of great increases in the fortunes of the University."

Reporting on physical changes he cited Oakland's one tradition: buildings are never finished on time. "The contractor for Dorm #6 reports to me that he's a month behind--and he's only been on the job six weeks," the Chancellor reported with tongue in cheek. Running down a list of physical changes he reported that Hill House dormitory had been added this year and Dorm #5, its duplicate, "will be occupied Sept. 1 by 200 students and finished while they live there."

The cornerstone of Matilda Wilson Hall, new 2-1/2 million dollar classroom-office building will be laid on Mrs. Wilson's birthday October 19. The skeleton of the building was apparent to those attending the reunion. The third floor of the library is to be converted to offices and the lower level will be completed.

Reporting on the growth of the faculty, Chancellor Varner contrasted the

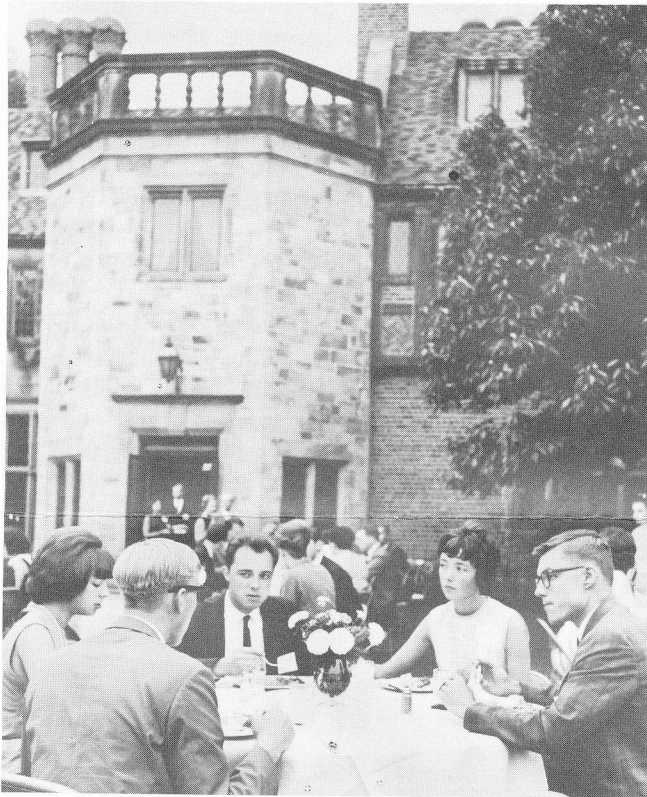
120 who are teaching this fall with the 22 on hand when the Charter Class enrolled in September 1959. With regret he announced the loss to Oakland of Professors Hucker (he'll be chairman of Far Eastern Language and Literature at the University of Michigan), Tafoya (he'll head Languages at Swarthmore), Amann, Stillman, and several staff members. He then reported on a number of outstanding new faculty appointments in biology, mathematics, engineering, history and the dean of students office.

Financially, the Oakland budget remains tight, the state legislature granted \$428,000 of a requested \$497,000 increase for Oakland.

In enrollment the anticipated growth is by approximately 500-800 students per year. 2300 are expected this fall.

In the area of curriculum the faculty senate is making a number of changes to be implemented in several steps. These will give opportunity for more elective courses and courses of varying credits. An experimental Charter College open to 150 freshmen starts this fall under the guidance of Professor Sheldon Appleton and a faculty of six or seven. Students will take half their work in their major; half in the Charter College in a return (continued on page 4)





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to a purer faculty-student relationship. Pryale House will be turned over to the Charter College. One half the students in the College will be dormitory and one half commuters.

Graduate work starts at Oakland this fall leading to an M.A. in English, mathematics or chemistry and an M.A.T. in elementary education, mathematics, English, or social sciences.

Chancellor Varner closed with reports on three new activities: The Mott Center for Community Affairs opened last winter with a grant from the Mott Foundation; the Continuum Center for Women will be started this fall with a grant from the Kellogg Foundation (both of these centers operated by the Division of Continu-

ing Education). The highly successful Meadow Brook School of Music which enrolled 415 students from 25 states and Canada gave its own report when 100 of these students sang in a youth chorus at the Meadow Brook concert which the alumni attended following a reception at the Varners' and dinner at Meadow Brook Hall hostessed by Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson.

TRIUMPH AT MEADOW BROOK

"Standing room only--in the woods" would be one way to describe the fabulous attendance and artistic success of the Meadow Brook Music Festival's second season. Concerts by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra drew 6000 people per evening (for six weeks, three nights per week) until the lawn behind the pavilion was covered with wall-to-wall people.

NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

Report your moves, jobs, degrees and news to the Alumni Relations Office for inclusion in this column. A sampling of the letters received over the summer proves that Oakland graduates are on the move:

Louis Buchanan '64 received his M.A. in English literature and linguistics from Wayne State University after a year spent as a teaching fellow there. He'll start work for his Ph.D. this month at the University of Toronto where he has received a fellowship. Louis' specialty is Restoration and 18th Century literature.

Jerry Korte '64 and Tom Werth '63 are assistant county juvenile officers for the Macomb County Probate Court, Juvenile Division. Jerry's also attending Detroit College of Law.

Patti Koenig '63 is a District Advisor, Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council, Inc. located at Elkhart, Indiana. She went to the Girl Scout National Roundup at Faragut, Idaho this summer as a troop advisor and hopes eventually to work overseas with scouts.

Jay Rakich '64 and Tana Lee Smith '64 were married April 24th and Jay received his master's degree from the University of Michigan in August.

Lt. Daryl B. Keezer '64 is now stationed at the Webb Air Force Base in Texas. His mailing address is Lt. Daryl B. Keezer, A03150056, CMR Box 5016, Webb AFB, Texas 79721.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS DEPARTMENT

The Alumni News erroneously reported that David M. Liscomb '64 was at Gordon Divinity School. The correct information is that he attended Methodist Theological School in Ohio and will be attending Bexley Hall, the divinity school of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio this Fall. Rev. Liscomb is serving as the pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church in Gambier.

Gregg Gregory '64 is in the U.S. Navy assigned to the U.S.S. Saratoga. He spent eight months in Europe during the past year. His address is Gregg Gregory, 771-13-75, U.S.S. Saratoga (CUA-60), c/o FPO New York, N.Y. 09501.

Andrea Kay, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Dick Stier '63 was born June 10. Dick reported to San Francisco July 30 for transportation overseas to Okinawa and Vietnam. His wife Barbara represented him at Oakland Encore II. The Stiers also have a two year old son.