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Spring enrollment shows increase

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The graduate student enrollment increase is the result of increases in both new and returning graduate students, according to Laura Schartman, director of Institutional Research and Assessment.

"There is a 4-percent overall increase in new graduates, which reflects a 23-percent decrease in new professional development students and a 34-percent increase in new masters level admitted students. This is a good sign for next year's enrollment," Schartman said. "Also, because of recent increases in graduate students admitted to masters and doctoral level programs, the enrollment of returning graduate students is up 12 percent as compared to last year."

Oakland has added more than 25 new academic programs during the past four years. Currently, there are 114 bachelor's degree programs and 72 graduate degree and certificate programs.

The spring 2003 semester ends Saturday, June 21. Classes for the summer 2003 semester begin Tuesday, June 24.

SUMMARY

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