

Silver anniversary for OU

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Twenty-five years ago, Michigan State University Oakland opened with 870 freshmen students and 24 faculty members.

This fall, Oakland University celebrates its silver anniversary with nearly 15,000 students enrolled in classes taught by more than 400.

That's cause to celebrate. And the Avon Township college intends to do just that during September, October and November.

"We're very proud of this university and going to show our pride in a series of events starting this fall," OU president Joseph Champagne said during a luncheon to announce the plans.

"Celebrating a Quarter Century of Access to Excellence" includes a number of events scheduled for Sept. 14 to Nov. 20. The silver anniversary officially begins Sunday, Sept. 23, with an open house. Planned for the day are more than 100 activities ranging from a concert with fireworks to building tours, lectures, a kite flying contest, art show and an ox roast.

An important part of the celebration will be the Meadow Brook Seminars Revisited. Commemorating the first Meadow Brook Seminars, which were held in 1958 to map out an academic plan for the university, the educational programs start Sept. 24.



Oakland University

OPEN TO the public, the Monday and Tuesday lectures will feature scholars and citizens interested in education.

"A lot of the celebration will be fun and games and I think that's very important," said the general chairman George T. Matthews, OU history professor.

"But also very important is what I call the academic armature."

One of those who helped open the institution in 1959, Matthews said the original Meadow Brook Seminars "tried to establish an intellectual tone and sophisticated style."

While not intended to "replicate the past," the new series will explore issues which will affect the university in the future.

Built around the theme "Human Values in a Technological Civilization — the University's Role," also seminars are planned.

Each major academic component of OU has been asked to sponsor a seminar or conference keyed to the general theme.

Upcoming events include:

Thursday, Sept. 13 — a welcome back picnic sponsored by the Campus Ministry; Friday, Sept. 14 — United States Marine Band in concert; Saturday, Sept. 15 — Rochester Apple Amble Run; Sunday, Sept. 16 — Commencement Exercises featuring Gov. James Blanchard and a Recognition Reception and Dinner featuring 25-year faculty and staff; Tuesday, Sept. 18 — Anniversary Day; Friday, Sept. 21 — Hot Air Balloon Festival; Sunday, Sept. 23 — Anniversary Open House.

The Monday and Tuesday Meadow Brook Seminars Revisited are scheduled for:

Sept. 24 and 25 — "Humanity and Technology — The Challenge of Compatibility in the Modern University;" Oct. 1 and 2 — "The Arts and Sciences — An Ancient and Living Tradition;" Oct. 8 and 9 — "The Public University: How Best to Serve;" Oct. 15, 16 and 17 — "Excellence, Equity and Economy in Education;" Oct. 22 and 23 — "Research and Scholarships — Keys to Institutional Excellence;" Oct. 29 and 30 — "Humanity and Technology — The Challenge for Management Education;" Nov. 7, 8 and 9 — "Health Care Interdependence in a Changing World;" Nov. 12 and 13 — "The Technological University of the Future;" Nov. 19 and 20 — "What Have We Learned, What Should We Do?"

OCC receives Shaw College records

The state Board of Education said all records of students who attended Shaw College of Detroit have been turned over to Oakland Community College.

OCC received a \$10,000 grant from the Hudson-Webber Foundation to pay the cost of moving the records from Shaw College to its offices on Opdyke Road in Bloomfield Hills and to catalog the school's student records, which cover a period of nearly 15 years.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Phillip E. Runkel said OCC has agreed to keep the records and issue transcripts to former Shaw students who request copies of their grades.

Shaw College, which at one time had an enrollment of more than 1,200 students,

closed after the 1922-23 school year.

Former students of Shaw and Michigan Lutheran colleges wishing to obtain a copy of a transcript should write for an application form to: Office of the Registrar, Oakland Community College, Box 812, Bloomfield Hills 48013. The telephone number is 540-1535.

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Preparing to celebrate Oakland University's 25th anniversary are Chancellor Duward B. Varner (left), Donald O'Dowd, George Matthews and OU President Joseph Champagne.

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