

# Growing-Up Pains For The Ridge

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PROVOST

Oakland Community College's first six years have produced a student body of 15,000, an outstanding faculty, three major campuses, 22 extension centers, a wide range of academic, technical and career studies, extensive community services and an enviable nationwide reputation for innovation.

The response of the community has been tremendous. The size of our student population reflects this.

Oakland Community College has grown from a student enrollment of 3,860 in 1965 to its present size, making it not only the second largest community college in

the state (second only to Macomb Community College), but also the fastest growing institution of higher education in Michigan.

Its growth is reflected also in the increasing number of graduates who are writing their own—and the college's—success story in business, industry, and civic affairs.

WE HAVE had our problems. We have them now. And we will continue to have them. But we have developed mechanisms to cope with these problems as they have arisen. These mechanisms of working together are never static. They are constantly changing as the nature and

severity of the problems change.

We anticipate that the problems and demands of the '70s will be very different from those of the first six years. The growing pains of the first years will be supplanted by the growing-up pains of the '70s. There will be no pat answers but, by continuing to maintain a flexible and fluid position both as an institution and as individuals, we hope to be able to solve some problems and avoid others.

I think, and I am sure the Board of Trustees and President Joseph E. Hill fundamentally agree, we would have to say that we exist to

serve the students and the community. And if we say nothing else in terms of really basic, gut-level philosophy, this is it.

Some of my colleagues may not be too happy with such a statement, possibly, but their jobs and my job exist and will continue to exist only so long as we all keep this particular fact in mind.

LOOKING more specifically at the Orchard Ridge Campus, the largest of the three campuses comprising Oakland Community College, for the '70s, makes me feel tremendously optimistic.

The campus presently houses approximately 6,200

students and expects to reach 7,000 by the fall of 1971. At this point, the maximum enrollment of the campus is expected to level off at somewhere near 8,000 students, which should be reached by 1975.

The Orchard Ridge Campus was developed and exists to provide certain kinds of services to our students and to the community. It follows that as the needs of the students and of the community change, it is incumbent upon us to be able and willing to make these necessary changes.

In order to meet this basic responsibility to serve the students and the community, it will be our endeavor to bring to the area surrounding this campus as many educational opportunities or are reasonably within our financial means.

To me, this means not only a willingness to admit a wide range of abilities and interests and kinds of individuals, without respect to age or sex or previous academic achievement, but also to offer a wide range of opportunities within the institution—and off campus.

Prentice Ryan, who is serving as the coordinator of

community services programs for the Orchard Ridge Campus, will be meeting with many local groups in an effort to identify the kinds of activities which may be of a non-college credit nature and yet provide an educational and cultural need of the community. These activities may be in the way of short courses, seminars, colloquiums, and cultural events.

THE ORCHARD Ridge Campus has an outdoor amphitheater which hopefully will have a full schedule of summer activities.

Presently, plans are being made by Charles Yeramian, associate dean of students in charge of student activities, for a full complement of activities for the summer months.

Some of the kinds of activities that are being considered for a summer events program, Wednesday through Sunday, are pop, rock and folk concerts; film festival; plays and/or lectures; and other varied entertainment, such as popular bands, orchestras, and individual popular performers.

I am tremendously encouraged by the first four years of activities and growth of

the Orchard Ridge Campus and Oakland Community College. I look forward to a more dynamic and viable institution in the next decade.

The constant fear of disruption and violence which has plagued our college campuses across the nation lives with us daily. Many people have given up on our college students, but we at Orchard Ridge have not given up and do not intend to give up.

In spite of a few isolated incidents along the way, our students have demonstrated that they can take positions without becoming irrational, that they can reason with us, that they can compromise, and that they can render mature judgment.

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JAMES G. SADLER  
Observer Salesman

## Observer Salesman Dies At 32

Funeral services for James G. Sadler, an Observer Newspapers advertising salesman, were held Saturday morning in St. Monica Catholic Church, Detroit.

Sadler, 32, of 14429 Grandville, Detroit, died Tuesday evening in a Pontiac hospital. He joined the Observer staff last July after working for the Detroit Free Press and Macomb Daily.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sadler, and a brother, Charles.

## Glover Named Sales Manager

David E. Glover, of Livonia, has been named general sales manager by Sivier Construction Corp., an Oak Park based firm which handles contracting work in metropolitan Detroit, Flint and Saginaw.

Before his appointment to the new position, Glover, 30, served as chief estimator of the engineering department.

## Pender Gets Fisher Post

Paul D. Pender of 19044 Whittly, Livonia, has been appointed group director of manufacturing engineering at GM's Fisher Body Division in Warren.

## NBD Reports Income And Asset Rise

Consolidated income before securities profits or losses of National Bank of Detroit for the year 1970 were \$39,080,312 or \$6.51 per share, the bank reported. This compares with \$33,984,235 or \$5.86 per share in 1969, and represents an increase of 15 per cent.

Consolidated net income was \$36,446,579 or \$6.07 per share in 1970, compared with \$33,372,396 or \$5.60 per share in 1969.

Total capital funds of the bank were \$342,601,603 on Dec. 31, reflecting an increase of \$23,638,496 for the year.

Consolidated assets at December 31, 1970 were \$5,175,321,310. Total deposits were \$4,000,462,724, up \$362,962,967 from the December 31, 1969 level. Domestic savings and time deposits were \$1,797,099,959 compared to \$1,476,593,627 a year ago.

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