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## City College Registration Soars to 9000

Attendance at Oakland City College this year reached an all-time high in the ten-year history of the College. This large student body of 6000 day students and 3000 college evening students reflects the rising importance of the junior college's role in higher education in the state of California.

Begun in 1953 as Oakland Junior College, the institution was actually an outgrowth of two established and respected schools.

The Laney Trade and Technical Institute, founded in 1927 as Central Trade School, became the Laney Campus of the College. It continued its emphasis upon trade-technical education, but it has added basic liberal arts subjects to insure a broad educational background for its students.

The Merritt Business School, established in 1929, became the Merritt Campus of Oakland Junior College. In 1954 and 1955, however, extensive liberal arts courses were added to the curriculum. Although Merritt Campus continues to offer a variety of business education courses, college parallel courses and semiprofessional curricula have become major aspects of the Merritt Campus program.

Present day offerings on the Laney Campus reflect the widespread needs of modern industry and commerce. They range from building and construction areas, automotive occupations, and various technological fields (see story page 3) to drafting and graphic arts. Training in a number of other specialized occupational areas also is available. Women's fields are well represented with cosmetology, fashion arts, commercial food preparation and service, dental and medical assisting, and vocational nursing.

The Merritt Campus program encompasses the entire range of undergraduate liberal arts courses. Some courses parallel the first two years

grams have been upgraded or newly developed for students who desire occupationally centered college study (see story page 4). In addition, students may complete preparatory work for several professional fields such as accounting, law, medicine, optometry, architecture, and engineering.

Extensive guidance and counseling services are provided by both



of university or state college work while others are more terminal in nature. The various academic areas such as English, foreign languages, mathematics, the sciences, philosophy, and the fine arts are extremely well represented in the curriculum. Business and semiprofessional pro-

grammes have been upgraded or newly developed for students who desire occupationally centered college study (see story page 4). In addition, students may complete preparatory work for several professional fields such as accounting, law, medicine, optometry, architecture, and engineering.

Recent announcements from the University of California and San Francisco State College indicate that students from Oakland City College are establishing excellent records at these institutions. Grade point averages of City College's transfer students are significantly higher than the statewide average of junior college transfers. Worth noting also is the fact that 7% of the students at Merritt campus were eligible to attend the University of California and 28% eligible for one of the state colleges but elected instead to attend Oakland City College.

Opportunities for student activities are many and varied. Academic, service, and social clubs and organizations at both campuses offer abundant possibilities for student participation. The student body association (ASOCC) affords interesting work for those desiring student government activity.

High school students who plan to obtain full-time employment after graduation should explore Oakland City College evening courses. A full range of college level classes is conducted according to general college standards, and full college credit is granted to students successfully completing such evening classes. In fact, the evening program at Merritt Campus generally parallels day offerings while several programs at Laney Campus duplicate the day schedule. In addition, certain programs at Laney are offered on a part-time basis during the day.

## First Registered Nursing Class to Graduate

An historic group of students will be awarded diplomas by Oakland City College at the end of this year's summer session. They are the 16 students who make up the first registered nursing class at Merritt Campus.

Beginning their study in the fall of 1961, this group of students has come to have special significance to the residents of Oakland and Alameda County. The professional nursing program which they are completing has made it possible for graduates of East Bay high schools to study nursing while living at home. And because of the persistent shortage of registered nurses, hospitals and other medical facilities in the area have shown great interest in this educational project.

In addition to completing college level courses in science, mathematics, English, and other basic subjects, the students have had intensive instruction in nursing procedures and practices. The facilities of East Bay hospitals, clinics, and child care centers have been utilized to provide this clinical experience so necessary to the student nurse.

An Associate in Arts degree is awarded upon successful completion of the Professional Nursing Program and the graduate is then eligible to apply to the State Board of Nurse Examiners to take the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse (R.N.)

The course of study covers two academic years and two six-week summer sessions. Applicants for the course must be high school graduates within the age range of 17 to 45 years. They should have taken a college preparatory course in high school and a specific requirement is chemistry. Such courses should have been completed with a "C" average or better. Since interpersonal relationships play a significant role in nursing, good physical and emotional health and a genuine interest in and a concern for people are essential for the nursing student.

A distinctive feature of the program is the opportunity it has offered for the professional nursing student to participate in college experiences with students of other major fields and with other interests. Many of the



graduating students have been active in a variety of academic, athletic, social, and student government activities.

According to these young people, nursing is a challenging and stimulating career, well worth the two and one-half years of study and preparation.



**A new and modern library was opened recently on the Laney Campus. In addition to the usual reference and general education collections, the library has extensive periodicals and reference materials in the trade-technical field.**

## Election Scheduled for New Junior College District

If present plans materialize, residents of Northern Alameda County will be asked this fall to approve the formation of a junior college district in the area. The new district would provide community support and responsibility for junior college education throughout northern Alameda county.

The six existing East Bay school districts in the area (Albany, Emeryville, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, and Piedmont) have approved petitions to form the district, and the State Board of Education has been requested to grant approval for the election.

The new, larger district would afford a greater degree of coordination of junior college education, according to City College President Clement A. Long. With the need apparent for one or even two new junior college campuses in the area, something must be done to correlate the many specialized courses that junior colleges are called upon to offer. Oakland City College would become an integral part of the new district.

Students in the area will benefit most, according to Dr. Long, for the added scope of such a district will permit the College to offer a wider range of programs which can be developed on several college campuses.

## Conference Co-Championship Won by OCC Team

Setting a new conference scoring record, Thunderbird basketball player Charles Luster led his team to a conference title this winter in the Golden Gate Athletic Conference. The team's hope for a berth in the state junior college tournament was quashed by co-champion City College of San Francisco when they defeated the Thunderbirds in a play-off game.

The basketball team's distinction was one of the several that City College athletic teams have won in the 10-year history of the College. Fielding teams in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, swimming, tennis, track, and wrestling, the College athletic program offers excellent opportunity for the student who wishes to combine athletic competition with his scholastic education.

This spring for example, the Thunderbird swimming team finished a surprising second to the nationally ranked Foothill swimming team. In spring track and field competition, City College cindermen have walked away with many top honors.

In addition to this extensive program of intercollegiate athletics, a wide variety of intramural sports are available to both men and women at Oakland City College. Many students participate in recreational activities and club sports competition.

# New Technical Program at Laney Campus

Continuing its development and expansion of course offerings in the trade-technical field of education, Laney Campus of City College this year opened a program in Business Equipment Technology. The course, offered in day classes only, is four semesters in length.

According to the campus director, J. E. Brookins, the advancement of automation into all phases of business and industry has demanded the utilization of a great variety of business equipment. And not only have the demands for different types of machines increased, but the nature of their operation has become more complicated.

Thus, there has developed a need for technicians who possess not only the mechanical skills necessary to service and repair these machines but who have also considerable knowledge of theory involved in machine operation. In order to provide this background, students in the program study technical mathematics, technical physics, electricity, and electronics.

According to Director Brookins, employment surveys from both the U.S. Department of Labor and the California Department of Employment indicate that as more segments of American industry utilize automated equipment and machines, the need for more highly trained and skilled technicians and craftsmen increases.

Throughout the nation and especially in California, industrial leaders and building and construction groups are looking for men with technical education beyond high school, Director Brookins added. Many trade union leaders now suggest, for example, that young men interested in an apprenticeship program in the machine and metals area obtain some technical education at an institution such as Laney Campus, Oakland City College before entering their apprenticeship program.

High school graduates interested in a career in the trade-technical fields should note that students who complete programs at Laney Campus may take advantage of the free placement office operated by the College in conjunction with trade and industrial organizations.

Director Brookins notes that this new program is an example of the varied technical offerings at Laney Campus. In the past 10 years, programs have either been upgraded or developed in such areas as electrical and electronic technology, aeronautics, diesel mechanics, machine and metals technology, plastics, and air conditioning and refrigeration technology.

**Oakland City College's marching band won top honors last fall at the Junior College Rose Bowl competition in Pasadena. They were judged**

Brookins encourages young men who have an interest in technical or mechanical occupations to visit the campus and investigate the opportunities available.

## Fall Registration Begins July 22 at OCC

High school graduates should begin thinking now about their educational plans for the fall semester. From the fourth week in July on to the beginning of instruction in September, students may register for any of the courses offered at Oakland City College. Students who plan to work fulltime should explore the opportunities available in college evening classes at both campuses of the College.

Students who wish to enroll in either day or evening classes at City College for the fall semester should follow this basic procedure: 1) take college classification test (dates listed below); 2) forward transcripts of all high school work since the eighth grade to the college; 3) file an official application for admission at the campus of their choice. The classification test is used by the counselor, of course, to assist the entering student to develop a sound and rational college program rather than as an entrance examination.

After completing these procedures, students meet with a counselor to plan their program. The counselor will discuss with the student basic college requirements and the various fields of study available at the College. Following this interview, the student then completes his registration by enrolling in the specific courses he has chosen.

### Classification Test Dates

**Merritt Campus**  
5714 Grove Street

**Laney Campus**  
1001 Third Avenue

**June 1, June 27, July 26, August 9 and 16—8 a.m.**  
**August 21 and 29—7 p.m.**

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# OCC Summer Session Begins June 17



A new and much larger college bookstore was completed this spring at Merritt Campus. Selling a complete line of textbooks, paperbacks, and various student supplies, the bookstore uses its profits to help finance student body activities and the athletic teams participating in Golden Gate Conference competitions.

## Semiprofessional Programs Expanded at Merritt

What is the best opportunity today for a position as a skilled worker with a challenging and exciting future? Merritt Campus director Edward H. Redford thinks it is the semiprofessional level of employment.

Citing recent occupational studies, Director Redford points out that business and industry have found a need for skilled employees in either the technical or business field to bridge the gap between research and production or between management and production. This semiprofessional level of work usually requires specific education beyond high school.

As a result of these occupational changes, Dr. Redford says, Merritt Campus has developed such programs as recreational leadership, law enforcement, engineering technology, retail merchandising, freight transportation, data processing, chemical technology, and X-ray technology. In addition, several programs have been organized in such areas as real estate, insurance, advertising, and general business.

These college-level programs have been developed to provide competent employees who have both a specific technical or business skill and a broad, general education. The courses are organized around occupationally centered areas with basic general education courses included.

Although the courses of study are designed primarily to lead to employment, credit for them is transferable to four-year colleges. Through various vocational guidance services, students are aided in understanding and disciplining themselves as well as in developing realistic vocational goals.

These occupational major programs are usually designed to be completed with two years of study; however, the time spent by the individual student varies in terms of the specific program chosen.

Because the need for information about the opportunities available in these fields is so great, Merritt Campus published this year a pamphlet, **Career Opportunities**, which outlines the training, education, and employment prospects involved in 15 of these semiprofessional occupations. High school graduates should see their counselor or write to the Merritt Campus for a copy of the publication.

Want to get a head start on your college education? Why not attend summer sessions at one of the campuses of Oakland City College? Each summer a large number of students who plan to enroll in a college or university in the fall begin their higher education at City College's summer session. Many stay on to complete their first two years of study at the College but others transfer in the fall to a four-year institution.

An extensive selection of trade-technical, liberal arts, and business courses is available in summer session. This is an excellent opportunity for students to take any remedial or make-up work which they might need to qualify for certain courses or major programs. Many other students use summer session to take courses which their schedule in the regular semester will not permit.

In general, classes are in session on both campuses from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. daily from June 17 to July 26. Most students enroll for either one or two classes. Students new to City College should take the classification test prior to registration. The test is scheduled to be given at each campus of the college on **June 1 at 8 a. m.** Prospective students need not file formal application to attend summer session until after they complete the tests; they need only be present at the time and date indicated.

### SUMMER SESSION REGISTRATION

June 14 and 17—11:30 a. m. - 3:30 p. m.

## Activities Program Brings Noted Artist to City College

Today's sculptors and artists are the ambassadors of the earth, according to Benjamin Bufano, world famous sculptor, who visited with faculty and students at Merritt Campus this spring. As ambassadors of good will, they use a common language—art—and it is only when they realize that they owe the fruits of this divine spark to the world that they become truly great artists.

Mr. Bufano's current project is a 250-foot statue cut out of granite two miles north of Fort Ross in Northern California. The statue, featuring mosaic figures of three children, will have a brotherhood theme. The sculptor's best known work, Saint Francis of Assisi, is now located in San Francisco.

Commenting on the aesthetic atmosphere of Merritt Campus, Mr. Bufano suggested that a fountain with tile and mosaic figures would be a nice touch. When the College develops its new campus, he said that he would like to work with the sculpturing classes to help decorate the site.

Mr. Bufano also appeared at the City College Art Festival in March with a film depicting some of his major works.

Mr. Bufano's visit to City College is an example of the varied activities program which brings to the two campuses of the college experts in various scholastic fields, political figures, artists, musicians, dance and drama ensembles, and representatives of business and industry. In formal group situations, students have an opportunity to meet face-to-face persons who have made important contributions to their particular field of study, art form, or profession.

