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DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT 1977

The annual midyear Commencement will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 11, 1977 at 2:30 p. m. in Memorial Hall. Dr. George W. Knepper, University Historian and Professor of History, will speak on "Something Old, Something New." The traditional reception for graduates and their families and faculty will take place on Saturday afternoon, December 3, 1977, from 2 to 4 p. m. in the Summit Lounge of the Gardner Student Center.

FOUNDERS DAY 1978

Founders Day will be observed on Thursday, January 12, 1978. The theme of the annual Faculty Educational Conference, which is arranged again by the Educational Research and Development Center, will be comparative philosophies of general education. Dr. John Watt, Assistant Provost, will moderate a panel, and open discussion will follow. The format of Founders Day will follow that of last year, with morning classes being held from 8 a. m. to noon, and resuming with the 4 p. m. classes. There will be the customary faculty/staff luncheon in the Gardner Student Center Hilltop Dining Room from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. The all-faculty conference will take place in the Summit Lounge from 2 to 4 p. m. The traditional Wreath Ceremony is planned for 11 a. m. in the Student Center. Details of the day's events will be circulated later.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The University Council at its regular meeting on November 17, 1977, voted not to hold its scheduled meeting in December. The next regular meeting of University Council will be held on Thursday, January 19, 1978, in Leigh Hall 307, at 3 p. m.

UNIVERSITY DATES

December 2	President's Holiday Open House, Student Center, 3-5 p. m.
December 2-3	University Gold Series, "The Nutcracker Ballet," Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
December 3	President's Senior Reception, Student Center, 2-4 p. m.
December 6	University Blue Series, Spanish National Dancers from Madrid, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
December 10	First of four Madrigal dinners (11th, 13th and 16th), Student Center, 6 p. m.
December 11	Commencement, Memorial Hall, 2:30 p. m.
December 12	22nd Annual Meeting of Akron University Associates, Student Center, 12 noon.
December 13	Akron Symphony Orchestra, with violinist Paul Biss, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
December 16-17	Ohio Ballet, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.
December 20	Akron Symphony Orchestra presents "The Sounds of Christmas," with Akron Symphony Chorus, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, November 17, 1977

The regular meeting of the University Council was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel L. Leathers, at 3:05 p. m. on Thursday, November 17, 1977, in Leigh Hall Room 307.

Fifty-five of the 66 members of Council were present (including two ex officio). Those absent with notice were Dr. L. DeYoung, Miss M. Graham, Miss J. Haspeslagh, and Mr. R. Weber. Others absent were Mr. H. Allan, Miss L. Ayers, Miss K. Homeier, Dr. I. MacGregor, Dr. C. Major, Mr. M. Mitwol, and Dr. S. Samad.

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the October 20, 1977 meeting of University Council as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle of November 1, 1977. Dr. Gerlach asked to have the ninth paragraph corrected on page 6, so that the phrase, "when his classes were cancelled," would read "when a course was cancelled." With the incorporation of this change, the minutes were approved as printed.

President Guzzetta had two items to bring to Council. First, he said that he was pleased to announce that the speaker at the December Commencement would be the University Historian, Dr. George W. Knepper, Professor of History. He considered the choice most appropriate during our tenth anniversary year of achieving state status, and because Dr. Knepper had served his Alma Mater so effectively in various high level assignments. The President commented that this would be the last Midyear Commencement, because the University will go on the semester system next fall, and only June graduations will be held, at the Coliseum. He expects every department to be represented in the academic processional, and hopes that additional members of the faculty will wish to participate on December 11, 1977 at the ceremony in Memorial Hall.

The second announcement, which is customarily made by the President at the November meeting of University Council, concerned the salary scales for the current academic year. Dr. Guzzetta contrasted the range of salaries with those paid last year: from \$10,650 minimum for instructors, to \$34,110 maximum for professors in 1976-77 with \$11,200 minimum to \$35,992 maximum in 1977-78. The comparison of the scales of compensation (the additional benefits cost the University an average of 20.5 percent), shows a minimum of \$13,121 for instructors to a maximum of \$39,797 for professors, in 1976-77 and a minimum of \$13,450 for instructors, to a maximum of \$43,765 for professors in 1977-78. The all-University average salary last year was \$18,971, and this year is \$20,038. The compensation average was \$22,493 and now is \$24,138. Last year there were 576 teaching faculty in the AAUP report; and this year 595 distributed as follows: 126 professors, 205 associate professors, 197 assistant professors and 67 instructors. In the national AAUP rating scale, The University of Akron, which is in Category I (a category determined by having granted an average of 15 doctorates annually within the last three years in three nonrelated categories), is rated at 2, 1, 1, 1—the only other institution in Ohio with equal rating is Ohio State. The summary of Akron's salaries in all the current ranks is now in the mail to the full-time faculty.

Taking advantage of the President's willingness to answer any questions, Dr. Roberts asked about the implementation of the newly instituted faculty leave program. The November 1 deadline for applications had passed, but he wondered whether any leaves had been granted and announced. Dr. Guzzetta said that the deadline of November 1 was for the applications to be in the Deans' offices. None has yet been forwarded from the Deans with any recommendations. The number to be granted this year was flexible, as it was the first time the program was under way and there was no previous experience as a guideline. Upon questioning the Deans at Council it was ascertained that applications were received in Buchtel College, Engineering, Fine and Applied Arts, Law, Community and Technical. Dr. Roberts wondered whether any definite invitations other than the announcement previously about the approval of the program had been circulated. Although no general University invitation went out, it was printed in the Chronicle of September 14, 1977, and it was assumed that each college gave the program appropriate publicity.

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Under the next agenda item, "Special Announcements," the Chairman told the Council that he had requested a report from the Honors Council, and that Dr. Lepke's current summary would be included in the next issue of the Chronicle as it was last year.

Dr. Leathers also relayed the information from Dr. R. J. Gigliotti, chairman of the campus United Way-Red Cross campaign, that as of yesterday 96 percent of the \$43,200 goal had been pledged, for \$41,473. Contributions are still coming in and he urged everyone who had not responded to help the University reach its goal. Dr. Leathers reinforced this request.

The Provost then stated that Mr. Frank Thomas, Director of Computer Services, had notified him that grades will now be recorded with the "+" and "-" designation where indicated.

For the first report of a Standing Committee, Dr. Schultz said that the Procedural Committee had met on November 8 to set the agenda for today's Council meeting. The Committee also recommended that the University Council not meet in December, 1977, but resume its deliberations at the regular January meeting, 1978. He moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach reminded the members of Council that the Council Bylaws provide that "meetings of Council shall be held at least once a month during the fall, winter and spring quarters." He felt that it was not the sole prerogative of the Procedural Committee to make such a determination.

The motion to accept the report of the Procedural Committee, including the elimination of the December 1977 meeting of University Council, was put to a vote and carried conclusively.

Dr. Poston presented the list of potential graduates for the December 1977 Commencement. He moved that the list of all candidates, now before Council, for degrees at the December 1977 Commencement, be approved without addition, pending completion of all requirements, approval by their respective collegiate faculties, and approval by the University Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded and carried.

Speaking for the Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee, Dr. Poston directed attention to the recommendations of the Committee which had been circulated on November 20, 1977, citing the proposed amendments to the Graduate Faculty Bylaws which would include the College of Nursing since it now has a master's program and which could not be disenfranchised, and the addition of certain recognitions of the Graduate Student Council, etc. He moved that Council approve the recommendations. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Bee raised a point of order and opined that the Faculty Manual gives the Graduate Council the power to formulate its own Bylaws and that it is beyond the right of University Council to act on them.

The Chair ruled against the point of order.

Dr. Bee appealed the ruling of the Chair.

However, before a vote on this appeal could be taken, Dr. Walton, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, then distributed a resolution which had been passed unanimously by the Graduate Council in objection to the University Council's Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee "considering, amending, and approving the Graduate Faculty Bylaws":

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"WHEREAS neither the Regulations of the Board of Trustees (1975), Division A6, nor the Faculty Manual (1976), pp. 15-16, explicitly states that University Council has jurisdiction over the Graduate Faculty Bylaws; and

"WHEREAS the School of Law is in an analogous position and its organization is not within the purview of University Council; and

"WHEREAS it is an anomaly for persons who are not members of the Graduate Faculty and who will not be affected by the Graduate Faculty Bylaws to establish procedures applicable to the internal governance of the Graduate School and its faculty; and

"WHEREAS the proposed amendments by University Council and its Committee will not be considered by the Graduate Faculty but will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees without approval of the Graduate Faculty itself; and

"WHEREAS items are forwarded to the President to be transmitted to the Board of Trustees without University Council approval, such as academic and curriculum matters of the School of Law, which are not subject to University Council approval: Therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That approval of the Graduate Faculty Bylaws and amendments thereto be in accordance with the procedures stated in the Graduate Faculty Bylaws and that they are not subject to approval or further amendment by University Council; and be it

"RESOLVED further, That the Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty, after approval and amendment by the Graduate Faculty, shall be forwarded to the President for transmittal to the Board of Trustees."

Dr. Walton told the Council that the purpose of the resolution was to clarify matters of procedure rather than to take issue with anything substantive.

Dr. Poston cited the Graduate Faculty Bylaws of 1969 which had been approved by the University Council and forwarded to the University Board of Trustees.

Dr. Maio observed that Buchtel College Bylaws had not been presented to University Council.

Support for the position of Dr. Walton and Dr. Bee was expressed by Mr. Finan. Dr. Gerlach also agreed with them and added that if there was any power of review by University Council it should be confined to either a "yes" or "no," with no authority to make alterations in substance.

Dr. Walton moved that Council adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded.

When Dr. Noble asked for a recording of the vote to appeal the ruling of the Chair, more than the required 20 percent of Council voted to have the vote recorded.

The Secretary polled the members of Council, and the ruling of the Chair was sustained by a vote of 28 to 23. The vote was

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<u>FOR the appeal</u>		<u>AGAINST the appeal</u>	
Bee, J.	McGucken, W.	Barker, H.K.	Maley, M.
Burford, A.	Noble, A.	Black, V.	Monroe, J.
d'Amico, M.	Roberts, Richard	Brittain, T.	Newbern, V.
Farona, M.	Seubert, P.	Bruns, S.	Poston, C.
Finan, J.	Siloac, K.	Carrino, C.	Robinson, D.
Gerlach, D.	Slaughter, H.	Drennon, C.	Sandefur, R.
Griffin, C. E.	Stuyvesant, P.	Dunlap, J.W.	Scherba, B.
Holland, B.	Sweeney, G.	Dye, C.	Schrank, H.P.
Jamison, D.	Taylor, H.	Focht, L.	Schultz, F.
Kendall, R.	Walton, J.	Guzzetta, D.	Thompson, S.
Knepper, G.	Wingard, P.	Hansford, R.	Watt, J.
Maio, E.		Hibbs, J.	Webb, W.
		Leathers, N.	Weyrick, R.
		Makar, G.	Williams, R.

Dr. Siloac objected to Dr. Poston's motion, which was then on the floor for consideration, on the basis of his assumption that Council could only vote "yes" or "no" and not to amend.

The Chair ruled that Council could amend.

Dr. Gerlach then moved to substitute Dr. Walton's resolution for Dr. Poston's motion to amend the Graduate Council Bylaws. The motion was seconded.

On a hand vote, the substitute motion failed, 24 to 26.

Dr. Noble moved that University Council refer back to the Graduate Council its Bylaws and the proposed amendments for further consideration and refinement. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Poston then told the Council that the use of the word "seminar" in courses at the undergraduate level had been discussed in the Academic Policies Committee, and it was suggested that the Provost discuss the subject with those departments offering such courses (about 20 in all), so that the matter could be resolved easily. The Provost would then report back to the Academic Policies Committee.

Dr. Gerlach moved that the University Council direct the replacement of the term, "seminar" in all undergraduate course titles unless such usage can be justified to the Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee, and that this principle applied to the current revision of the curriculum from quarters to semesters be henceforth applied in the approval of other curricular changes. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Gerlach offered reasons to substantiate the motion, citing the definition in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, "a group of advanced students studying under a professor with each doing original research and all exchanging results through reports and discussion"; and also citing support from Dr. Duke whose source (Oxford University Dictionary on Historical Principles) noted that in German and in certain British and American universities, a seminar meant "a select group of advanced students associated for advanced study and original research under the guidance of a professor."

A motion to refer this matter to the Academic Policies Committee was not seconded.

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Dr. Poston expressed the concern of the Academic Policies Committee that this could open the door to dictating content of courses as well as titles, and would be a bad precedent.

Mr. Jamison advocated the procedure Dr. Poston proposed above which would encourage the Provost to meet with those departments involved. He thought that this was not the time for asserting a purist stand. Dr. Burford and Dean Weyrick also favored the role of the Provost, while Dr. Dye agreed with Dr. Gerlach.

On a hand vote, Dr. Gerlach's motion failed by 20 to 22.

Continuing with the reports of the Standing Committees, Dean Barker said that the Athletics Committee had met on November 2 and approved the athletics schedules, and reviewed the plans for the new physical education facility with classrooms, etc.

Mr. Monroe reported that the Campus Facilities Planning Committee had convened twice, considered the proposals for traffic pattern control around the campus, and will meet next quarter. Dr. Bee inquired whether the pending plans for the new Physical Education Building had been brought before the Committee. Mr. Monroe said that the group had been informed, but had not taken any action. Dr. Bee was of the opinion that the Campus Facilities Planning Committee should be involved in the broad phases of campus planning, and questioned the necessity of an ad hoc committee for such a building.

Dean Barker explained that it was customary here for the faculties of the departments directly concerned with new structures to act in an advisory capacity.

Dr. Focht, last year's chairman of the Campus Facilities Planning Committee, observed that its purpose was long-range, but he felt that it should be utilized to a greater extent. A number of errors in construction have been perpetuated in different buildings which have had to be corrected; these could have been avoided with proper advice and use of experienced personnel as counselors.

Dr. Poston reminded the Council that the Regents impose certain requirements which have to be observed in planning, and the occupants of the building must have some input. Mr. Jamison added that some campus facilities have wider use by nonresident departments than other buildings, which give broader responsibility to its planners.

As chairman of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, Dr. Taylor reported that a grievance had been received by the Committee and assigned File Number 77-1. The Committee had completed its consideration of the grievance and rejected the complaint.

On behalf of the Reference Committee Mr. Finan stated that it was reviewing the load policy and Article II of the University Council Bylaws. He will meet on November 23 with the President, as the Provost had suggested, concerning the interpretation of that Article. He added that the Committee is also considering the implications and applications of H. B. 25. Dr. Leathers suggested that the Reference Committee check the Board Bylaws and Regulations and the Faculty Manual for any ambiguities.

Dr. Walton said that the applications for the faculty research grants submitted by last November 11 were being evaluated, the awards to be announced in January. The deadline for the applications for next Summer Faculty Fellowships is November 18.

Dean Hansford announced that the first meeting of the Student Affairs Committee for the 1977-78 academic year was held on November 7. The chairmen and members of the Extracurricular Activities and the Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans Subcommittees were confirmed. The chairman

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informed the Committee members of the areas of responsibility of the Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Robert Hahn, Director of Student Financial Aids and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans, gave a report of the various kinds and amounts of financial aids available to students for this year. Mrs. Kathryn Vegso, chairman of the Extracurricular Activities Subcommittee, informed those present of the activities of that subcommittee.

Dr. Makar, Akron representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, circulated the report of the October 1977 meeting, and it is incorporated in the Appendix to these minutes. Dr. Makar finds these meetings helpful in learning what is happening at other state institutions in Ohio.

Dr. Taylor, Akron representative on the Ohio Faculty Senate, said that the next meeting of the body would be on November 19, which he expects to attend.

Dr. Bee presented a resolution concerning payment to retiring faculty of accumulated sick leave:

WHEREAS the law of the State of Ohio provides that public employees of the State shall, at the time of their retirement, be paid for some portion of their unused sick leave; and

WHEREAS the Attorney General has ruled that University faculty members are included under this provision; and

WHEREAS other state universities are now providing this benefit to retiring faculty; and

WHEREAS The University of Akron seeks to maintain its high position among state universities in the benefits it provides; Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The University of Akron commence this academic year paying retiring faculty for unused sick leave to the maximum permitted by law.

Vice President Leathers said that the state universities have in some cases done this, but that the Inter-University Council policy has been held up through some pending action by one of its members.

Dr. Bee moved that University Council refer the above resolution to the Faculty Well-Being Committee for further study. The motion was seconded.

Dr. Poston observed that the state law is not clear in its provisions on this subject.

The motion to refer the resolution to the Faculty Well-Being Committee was put to a vote and carried.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p. m. , with the Chairman extending best wishes for the Thanksgiving and Holiday seasons.

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, November 17, 1977

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS—Dr. George Makar, Representative, and Dr. Kenneth Siloac, Alternate.

The following report is a summary of the topics discussed at the October, 1977, meeting of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. Mr. William Coulter, Vice Chancellor, represented the Board of Regents in lieu of Chancellor Norton.

Management Improvement Program

The Ohio Board of Regents has \$500,000 to finance a study carried out by consultants under the direction of the MIP Task Force. The Ohio Board of Regents does not want the task force to "revisit" old MIP manuals. It is hoped that the task force will be looking for specific projects, will encourage continuation of well established practices, and try to build on what has already been accomplished.

Merit Scholarship Program

A Merit Scholarship Program is in the process of being established for the State of Ohio. There will be 1,000 scholarship awards of \$1,000 each with at least one award going to each high school. The program will be administered by the Office for Basic Opportunity Grants with awards of \$1,000 a year for each of four years to attend any institution of higher education in Ohio. Details for this program are now being completed.

Social Security Mandatory Retirement

The Ohio Board of Regents professes no knowledge of likely impact of the retirement measure. With respect to Social Security, the estimate is that if the STRS and Social Security coverages were integrated for contract personnel, an extra .5% to 1% would be required to produce the same benefits currently available under STRS. Vice Chancellor Coulter noted that the states aren't uniformly affected by the proposal. (Of the 50 states, 38 currently provide Social Security coverage for 75% or more of their public employees.) Note: Cincinnati grandfathered its on-going employees in TIAA/Social Security; new employees come under STRS.

Branch Campuses

Vice Chancellor Coulter confirmed that serious consideration is being given to a change of status for the following institutions: (1) the Belmont Branch of Ohio University and the Belmont Technical College are under pressure to merge into a single community college; (2) the Western Ohio Branch of Wright State University to become a community operation; (3) Wayne Branch of The University of Akron to become an independent institution.

Payment of Accrued Sick Leave Upon Retirement

State law effective summer, 1974, provides for payment of a maximum of 25% of unused accrued sick leave up to a total of 120 days—25% of 120 days permits a maximum payment for 30 days.

REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

By Dr. Arno Lepke, Executive Secretary to the Council, November, 1977

The University Honors Program, now in its third year, has a 1977 fall quarter enrollment of 82 full-time students, including 23 juniors, 25 sophomores and 34 freshmen. Distribution by college and major department is as follows:

Arts and Sciences
(31 students)

	<u>Junior Class</u>	<u>Sophomore Class</u>	<u>Freshman Class</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Biology	1	4	4	9
Chemistry	1	1	1	3
English	1	3	0	4
Geography	0	0	1	1
History	1	1	0	2
Mathematics	0	1	4	5
Modern Languages	1	0	0	1
Physics	0	1	1	2
Political Science	1	0	0	1
Psychology	0	1	0	1
Sociology	1	0	0	1
Statistics	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	7	13	11	31

Business Administration
(11 students)

Accounting	2	1	0	3
Business Administration	1	0	6	7
Management	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	3	2	6	11

Education
(3 students)

Elementary Education	1	0	0	1
Secondary Education	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	2	1	0	3

Engineering
(26 students)

Chemical Engineering	2	3	7	12
Civil Engineering	1	0	0	1
Electrical Engineering	3	0	4	7
Mechanical Engineering	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
Totals	8	6	12	26

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Fine and Applied Arts
(5 students)

	<u>Junior Class</u>	<u>Sophomore Class</u>	<u>Freshman Class</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Mass Media	1	0	0	1
Music	1	0	2	3
Social Work	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	2	0	3	5

Nursing
(5 students)

Nursing	1	3	1	5
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Undecided
(1 student)

	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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Grand Total	23	25	34	82
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The 82 students now participating in the program include 44 women and 38 men. Thirty-four of them are recipients of Presidential Scholarships which require a 3.50 accumulative quality point ratio, while 48 receive Honors Scholarships requiring a 3.25 accumulative grade point average. All scholarships are renewable annually.

The 48 members of the sophomore and junior classes exceeded the required grade point average by achieving an average accumulative quality point ratio of 3.72 last spring. However, 13 returning students failed to meet the minimum grade requirement and they were therefore withdrawn from the University Honors Program. Any one of these students whose next annual accum registers well above the required 3.25 may apply for readmission.

The average ACT and SAT scores of all students admitted to the University Honors Program within the last three years are tabulated below, with Percentile Ranks:

ACT Scores
(Ohio Sample, 61,314 Students)

	<u>English</u>		<u>Math</u>		<u>Social Sciences</u>	
	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average Score/Pctl.</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average Score/Pctl.</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average Score/Pctl.</u>
1st Class	(21-31)	26/96th	(22-36)	31/97th	(22-32)	27/89th
2nd Class	(21-33)	27/97th	(21-36)	30/96th	(23-32)	28/93rd
3rd Class	(21-31)	26/96th	(23-36)	29/93rd	(26-33)	28/93rd
	<u>Natural Science</u>		<u>Comp</u>			
1st Class	(28-32)	31/94th	(27-31)	29/97th		
2nd Class	(27-34)	31/94th	(26-32)	29/97th		
3rd Class	(27-35)	31/94th	(27-31)	28/95th		

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SAT Scores
(National Sample, 996,428 Students)

	<u>Verbal</u>		<u>Math</u>	
	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average Score/Pct.</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average Score/Pct.</u>
1st Class	(310-820)	593/upper 6%	(520-690)	639/upper 8%
2nd Class	(440-660)	588/upper 7%	(560-760)	681/upper 5%
3rd Class	(500-670)	590/upper 6%	(560-700)	639/upper 8%

Number of Students Tested

1st Class (1975-76)	ACT - 19 students)	SAT - 11 students
2nd Class (1976-77)	ACT - 30 students	SAT - 14 students
3rd Class (1977-78)	ACT - 34 students	SAT - 11 students

Selection of Participants

All honors students were selected by the seven members of the University Honors Council from 240 applicants who had applied for admission to the program within the last three years. These 240 candidates had met the following eligibility requirements:

1. A minimum high school grade point average of 3.50;
2. SAT or ACT scores which place the applicant above the 90th percentile of freshman college norms in the field of interest;
3. A respectable class standing in the senior class;
4. An interview with one or two of the seven members of the University Honors Council.

Requirements

Honors students meet the special requirements described below in addition to the regular requirements for a departmental or divisional major.

Distribution Requirement

At the beginning of the freshman year the student meets with the preceptor for honors students in his major department. Together they plan the course components of an individualized distribution requirement which, in lieu of General Studies, includes a balanced amount of diversified course work in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences. The major objective of this requirement is to expose the student to a broad spectrum of knowledge which is both reasonable and appropriate to his major field. Distribution requirements are subject to the approval of the University Honors Council.

Honors Colloquia

These one-quarter, two-credit programs provide opportunities for all honors students to meet together and to explore the breadth and interrelations of academic studies. Two colloquia, one in the

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Honors Colloquia, continued

humanities, the other in the social sciences, are offered this year. The junior level program features contributions by nine members of the Social Sciences Division whose presentations gravitate around the theme, "Methods for Understanding Human Behavior." Weekly lectures are followed by discussion periods. The sophomore level colloquium in the humanities, which is similar in format, focuses on the theme, "Human Life—A Search for Meaning." Seven members of the Humanities Division and of the Fine and Applied Arts faculty serve as guest speakers this year. A third colloquium on "Science and the Media" is currently being developed by the Natural Sciences Division. Preliminary plans call for the inclusion of the following topics: energy policy, nuclear power, use and abuse of statistics, use of mathematical models and computers, preservation of natural resources, bio-engineering, ethics and biological experimentation, chemical additives and plastics and their hazards. It is hoped that these colloquia will provide significant insights, especially in areas which lie outside the student's major field and may have been excluded from his previous sphere of intellectual curiosity.

Departmental Honors Offerings

A student majoring in a department which offers departmental honors work will normally complete one or more departmental honors courses. Currently, honors work is available in the departments of Art, English, History, Political Science and Psychology. Requests have been sent to all other departments to explore the feasibility of adding honors components which would serve the best interests of superior students, both inside and outside the growing University Honors Program.

Senior Honors Project

The honors student must complete a senior honors project which may be a thesis or an original or creative work appropriate to the major field. Study abroad or suitable field experience may be accepted as part of the project. As soon as the student and the preceptor have agreed upon a topic, they request a faculty member to serve as sponsor and to direct the development of the project. A qualifying examination may be required before the project is authorized by the department. The University Honors Council is responsible for the selection of a committee to evaluate the project. Depending on the scope and the depth of the project, four to nine quarter credits may be granted.

All honors students have received special Library borrower's cards which entitle the holder to unlimited renewals of regularly circulating materials, if no one has requested the material, the use of closed carrels, and the privilege of borrowing materials on interlibrary loan. They may also attend any undergraduate class or lecture for which they are not formally enrolled. It is hoped that this privilege will offer a strong incentive to explore subject matter areas which had either been omitted or neglected in previous schooling.

Convocations

Two honors convocations highlighted the 1976-77 academic year. On September 22, 1976 Dr. George Knepper of the History Department discussed "The Pursuit of Excellence at The University of Akron." His audience included all honors students, their preceptors and the members of the University Honors Council. A second university-wide honors convocation was held on April 12, 1977. Dr. Russell Nye of Michigan State University, a prominent scholar in the humanities, presented his philosophy on the roles of literature and of history in exploring and understanding the past. The evening convocation was preceded by an afternoon open colloquium with students and faculty from the English and History departments. Both sessions were followed by discussion periods which included a wide range of topics within the humanities spectrum.

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Convocations, continued

The next convocation will focus on issues in the social sciences. Dr. Walt Rostow, Professor of Economics and History at the University of Texas, has accepted our invitation to serve as guest speaker. His topic will be "History and Economics," disciplines to which he has contributed significant publications. Specific announcements will publicize this event as soon as all final arrangements have been completed.

University Honors Council

The members of the University Honors Council are:

Adams, Ron	Community and Technical College
Bee, John	Fine and Applied Arts
Godfrey, Patricia	Nursing
Keister, Orville	Business Administration
Lepke, Arno	
Executive Secretary	Arts and Sciences
Moseley, Fred	Honors Student majoring in Business Administration
Scavuzzo, Rudolph	Engineering
Schultz, Fred	Education
Wirfel, Cynthia	Honors Student majoring in Nursing

The University Honors Council meets regularly to review the progress of the University Honors Program and to take action on all matters which fall under its jurisdiction.

Publicity

Literature on the University Honors Program is being disseminated throughout the state to prospective students whose high school records and test scores make them eligible for admission. In addition, the Admissions Office distributes promotional brochures to all Ohio National Merit Commended and Semifinalist students. High school guidance counselors and administrative personnel throughout the University's recruiting area receive copies of all pertinent announcements and publications.

For further information on the University Honors Program, call Dr. Arno K. Lepke, East Hall Room 106, extension 375-7423.

Any comments concerning the contents of The University of Akron Chronicle may be directed to the Office of the President or to the Executive Director of University Relations and Development.

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