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CAMPUS SWINGS INTO FALL WITH A LIVELY NEWS BEAT

The first week of the new semester turned out to be rather a bombshell of hot news, from which the following is offered as a Page One sample:

Tentative word was received that Vice President Hubert Humphrey may be on campus this Wednesday to kick off a three-stop presidential campaign swing through Michigan. Although not firm by our press time, the quickie tour reportedly would find Humphrey speaking in Baldwin Pavilion in the forenoon, followed by similarly brief stops in Flint and Saginaw. (Ed. note: engagement canceled Friday afternoon.)

In a series of top-level shifts of assignments, Varner announced that Troy Crowder, director of University relations, has assumed the additional responsibility of assistant to the chancellor. Lewis N. Pino is relinquishing his assistant chancellor's title and joining the staff of the provost, with his new duties and title to be announced. Pino's new office will be in Dodge Hall of Engineering. When that shift is made, Crowder will move into the office now occupied by H. N. Stoutenburg, assistant to the chancellor for administration, who will move next door into Pino's present office. Varner also announced that Provost Donald D. O'Dowd will serve as acting chancellor if an immediate decision has to be made from the chancellor's office during Varner's temporary absence.

The chancellor also decided that the time was ripe to counter continuing criticism of the department of public safety by announcing major policy changes that will (1) replace the regular police uniforms with slacks and blazers, (2) abandon the wearing of weapons during daylight hours and the carrying of tear gas or mace entirely, and (3) curtail patrol of perimeter roads and the faculty sub. Varner outlined the nine major changes in a two-page letter sent to all employees and students.

Of lesser importance, but only by comparison, is the news that overflowing wastebaskets apparently will be the next sign of campus austerity caused by the reduced level of state support. Stoutenburg has notified physical plant that hallways and classrooms will be cleaned two or three times a week and faculty offices only once a week, as compared with the recent practice of nightly cleanings. "This action is designed to reduce the required work force in order to stay within the cleaning budget provided for this fiscal year," Stoutenburg noted in his memo. He added that there will be no reduction in the cleaning of toilets.

OU AUTHORS FEATURED

Kresge Library has on exhibit a display of books and articles written by current faculty members. The exhibit was set up in conjunction with faculty orientation, which was held in the library on Friday.

PROFESSORS ASSIST IN STUDY OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Three OU faculty members spent much of the summer working in Washington, D.C., as part of a task force of professors recruited to study the job being done by the Office of Emergency Planning and to suggest ways to improve it. Roger H. Marz (political science) reviewed 20 years of federal legislation in the field of government responsibility to natural disasters (tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes), and Robbin R. Hough (economics and business) made an economic study of the office's strategic materials stockpile system. Harvey A. Smith (mathematics) served as a consultant on the mathematical aspects of both of these studies.

A third study, which did not involve anyone from OU, was an analysis of network theory as it applied to the flow of munition, transportation and natural resources during periods of disaster or other major emergency. Marz estimates that the Office of Emergency Planning called in 15 to 20 faculty members from colleges and universities, including the University of Chicago and Cal Tech, to help with the studies.

Marz developed a system for using data collected by various disparate agencies, such as the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Census, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Weather Bureau, to estimate damages that might occur under certain hypothetical disaster situations. His system would then allow the Office of Emergency Planning to estimate what costs would be incurred by federal, state and local governments, and by people involved in the disasters. He says the system is being used as a basis for evolving various types of federal programs, with special attention given to new flood insurance program which is part of the Omnibus Housing Act of 1968. His report is still in process.

Hough's economic study of the strategic materials stockpile system was aimed at (1) analyzing what effect the selling of nonstrategic materials now stockpiled would have on the industries involved, and (2) figuring out how future stockpile materials can be bought and sold without disturbing the market. The strategic materials stockpile, created as a result of the various shortages encountered during World War II, includes a wide assortment of goods ranging from platinum to whale oil, bales of chicken feathers (for arctic troop sleeping bags, among other things), hemp and wattle (a tanning extract).

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Ronald B. Kevern, who has been with the Rochester Community Schools for 13 years, is the new assistant director of placement and alumni relations in the Division of Continuing Education. He succeeds Jerry L. Dahlman, who has been named director of off-campus study programs for New College. Kevern has been director of personnel, principal and teacher in Rochester. He holds an A.B. degree from CMU and an M.A. from the U-M. His primary responsibility will be the placement of education majors. Continuing Ed also has a new public relations director in the person of William G. Foster, Jr., who recently completed his M.A. in advertising and marketing at MSU. He has been an advertising space salesman with the Youngstown Vindicator for nine years and was a lecturer in advertising at Youngstown State University 1965-67. He received his A.B. from Allegheny College.

PROGNOSIS IS GOOD

Construction work on the new Student Health Center is about five weeks from completion, according to H. N. Stoutenburg. Current plans are to use only part of the one-story building and to put it into full operation when more funds are available. Eventually it will provide 22 hospital beds, offices for doctors and a medical director and living quarters for round-the-clock medical attendants.

NEW COMPUTER ARRIVES, WITH AN ASSIST FROM WAYNE STATE

The University's long-awaited new computer, which will operate at a speed 100 times as fast as the present equipment, was nearly a casualty of the recently settled building trades strike, Dean John E. Gibson (engineering) reports. When OU's turn came up on the waiting list early in the summer, work on Dodge Hall of Engineering had long been halted and the University was unprepared to accept delivery. Gibson said that if we had been forced to turn down the computer, it might have taken as long as 16 months to climb back to the top of the waiting list.

Wayne State University came to the aid of OU by accepting Oakland's new machine while awaiting delivery on their own. The unit was shipped to campus two weeks ago, although technically it remains in "storage in Dodge Hall until being formally accepted by the OU Computing Center in mid-September.

The red and black machine is an IBM system 360 Model 40 and will replace the relatively dated IBM 1620 now in use. Donald L. Mann, assistant director of the Computing Center, describes the 360-40 as a "true general purpose computer" and adds that for scientific use it has the most complete and exhaustive system of subroutines available. The computer is currently under wraps, to protect it against dust. It is occupying, however, its permanent site behind glass walls on the main floor of Dodge Hall. Mann says he hopes that the computer will be available for use by faculty and students by early October.

RIESMAN DUE HERE

We think his topic should be "Revolt in Developments," but the title David Riesman furnished for his Speaker Series engagement here on Thursday is "Some Changes in Student and Faculty Values." He will discuss world-wide campus unrest in a lecture at 11 a.m. in Wilson Hall auditorium and in an open discussion from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Room. Riesman, who has written extensively about Oakland University in three books and numerous journal articles, holds the endowed chair of Henry Ford II Professor of Social Sciences at Harvard University. He received an honorary degree from OU in 1967.

PHONE BOOKS COMING

The 1968-69 Faculty-Students-Staff Telephone Directory is now in the mill and due out in draft form by late September. Questionnaire forms have been sent to all departmental secretaries to check names and data from the current phone book and to supply the necessary information for new employees. The sooner the forms are returned to news service, 101 North Foundation, the sooner the temporary and final books can be published. Any errors noted in the temporary book when it is run off on ditto should be called to the attention of news service to assure an error-free final book.

VARGAS' ART SHOWN

Paintings and drawings by Luis Vargas-Saavedere (modern languages) are being shown through September 30 at the Galerie de Boicourt in the Adams Square Mall, 725 South Adams Road, Birmingham. The gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Faculty and staff looking for housing in the Rochester area are encouraged to check into houses for sale in the faculty sub on Adams Road. Lou Hunt (ext. 2108) keeps a list of those houses on the market.

RESEARCH FILES OPENED TO UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Funded research proposals, with the exception of budget pages, will be open to the scrutiny of interested students, faculty and staff, according to Lewis N. Pino. Budgetary information will not be made available unless approval has been obtained in advance from the principal investigator.

A file of active research grants and contracts, including those funded from external sources and those funded through the Research Committee of Oakland University, is available through my office," Pino reports. Pino also notes that any proposal funded by a federal agency is available within the offices of that agency on the same basis as indicated above. Neither Oakland University nor a federal agency will open a denied proposal to public inspection.

LIBRARIAN BOOKED Paul T. Jackson, performing arts librarian, has two off-campus assignments to squeeze into his fall schedule. He has been named chairman of the music history committee of the Michigan Week Cultural Activities Board, which will hold its first meeting on September 23 in Ann Arbor. He also will be guest speaker in Philadelphia during October at a performing arts workshop for librarians being sponsored by Drexel Institute of Technology. His fellow speakers include Thor Wood of the Lincoln Center Research Library for the Performing Arts in New York City, and Kurtz Myers of the music and performing arts department of the Detroit Public Library.

OH DAD, POOR DAD. . . The Student Enterprise Theatre will re-stage that black comedy with the tongue-tangling title, "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mam's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feelin' So Sad," to start off its 1968-69 season. The play, directed by Tom A. Aston, was presented during the summer term. Performances will be at 8:30 p.m. in the Barn Theatre on successive Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 20-21 and 27-28.

CALENDAR

<i>Wednesday</i> <i>September 11</i>	<i>9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Symphonic Rock Dance, Oakland Center south cafeteria</i>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>September 12</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>University Speaker Series, David Riesman, Wilson Hall</i>
<i>Friday</i> <i>September 13</i>	<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Soccer game, Delta College (away)</i>
	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Film Series, "Sunrise at Campobello," 156 NFH</i>
	<i>10:00 p.m.</i>	
<i>Saturday</i> <i>September 14</i>	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Film Series, "Sunrise at Campobello," 156 NFH</i>
	<i>8:30 p.m.</i>	<i>"PIV" Review, Student Enterprise Theatre</i>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>September 15</i>	<i>8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Film Series, "Sunrise at Campobello," 156 NFH</i>