

Linguist to Talk On 'Substance Of Tragedy'

By the OU Information Service

Lester G. Crocker, dean of the graduate school and chairman of the department of romance languages at Western Reserve University, will present a public lecture on "The Substance of Tragedy" at 1 p.m. Friday, November 8 in 156 NFH.

He is a distinguished scholar and author of books on writers of the French Enlightenment.

Crocker's best known works are "La Correspondance de Diderot" (1939); "Two Diderot Studies" (1952); "Diderot, the Embattled Philosopher" (1954); "An Age of Crisis: Man and World in Eighteenth Century French Thought" (1959); "Nature and Culture: Ethical Thought in the French Enlightenment" (1963). Crocker has also edited the "Confessions" of Rousseau, the "Essays" of Montaigne and Cervantes' "Don Quixote."

Crocker was a Guggenheim Fellow and Fulbright Research Scholar at the University of Paris from 1954-1955 and a member of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton from 1958-1959. He received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of California in 1936 and earned the Certificat de litterature francaise at the University of Paris in 1933. He has taught at Queens, Sweet Briar and Goucher Colleges.

Horse Victim of Ass

South African public libraries have been busy burning hundreds of books on the government's banned list, including such authors as Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Hemingway and Faulkner. On the list, until a non-reading censor was told it was about a horse, was the children's classic "Black Beauty."

—The Militant, May 13, 1963

Music Clinic To Be Held Here Tomorrow

By the OU Information Service

Over 300 high school students in southeastern Michigan will participate in an all-day music clinic to be held in the Oakland Center tomorrow, Saturday.

Walter S. Collins, chairman of OU's music department will be the clinician for the event which is sponsored by the Michigan School Vocal Association for the best singers from every high school in the state. Robert Facko, instructor of music, will be piano accompanist.

The meeting at Oakland is one of five clinics being held throughout the state under the direction of Clarence Luchtman, MSVA executive secretary and chairman of the music department at Bloomfield Hills High School.

Tomorrow's program will include instruction in sightreading, development of choral techniques and an introduction to new music.



Charles Hucker

Hucker to Attend New Delhi Congress

By the Observer Staff

Dr. Charles Hucker, professor of history and chairman of OU's history department, has been awarded a travel grant by the American Council of Learned Societies to attend the twenty-sixth International Congress of Orientalists, being held from Jan. 4 to 10 in New Delhi next year.

Hucker, who is also director of the Oakland's Area Studies Program, will address the Congress on certain aspects of governmental evolution in China.

The Congress is held roughly every third year in a major city. The twenty-fifth Congress, which Hucker also attended, was held in Moscow.

The grant will cover plane fare and a certain per diem allowance, Hucker said.

Women's Basketball

Women interested in practice and play in basketball may participate with Carol Cotter and Karen Ulseth at 3 P.M. on Fridays in the Intramural Building.



Walter Collins

Administrators to Discuss Student Pay Rates Monday

By Don Roe

Of the Observer Staff

Top University administrators will meet Monday to discuss "modifications in the student wage system," Chancellor Varner announced this week.

He said that, "Mr. (Carlos) Corona, director of personnel and security, raised a question some time ago as to the adequacy of the present wage system for students. We are meeting to discuss some possible proposals for modification."

John Corker, director of housing, stated that he would "favor some sort of classification of wage scales in accordance with the amount of responsibility involved in the job."

George Karas, director of the physical plant, said he would favor "a classification of wage scales determined by responsibility, skill, and experience."

Corker especially emphasized the aspect of responsibility in determining student wages.

"You get what you pay for," Corker pointed out. "It is difficult to demand a high level of responsibility with the present wage rate, particularly when there are other jobs with less responsibility for the same pay."

Corker also said it is hard attracting top people to responsible positions (such as student managers) when they are offered a better wage elsewhere.

However, "some positions are hard to fill even if the pay is high," he said.

"If students were to perform at the ideal level expected, then students are underpaid in some areas," Corker stated.

"We should write a job description, determine the wage scale, then find people who want to work. Students should know the job requirements before they begin work."

Donald O'Dowd, dean of the University, and Corker agreed that going to school and working is difficult. Corker thought this was particularly true at Oakland.

"The most valuable thing a student has is his time," O'Dowd said. "In fact, it would be better for students to not work at all. They would be better off spending their time studying instead of working."

He thought that working 10 hours would not likely hurt some students, "but it is a minority who can work a full 20 hours while attending college."

O'Dowd also preferred a wage scale according to responsibility and skills involved. He said he favored "a student being paid in accordance with what he can do."

Students Comment On Pay Rates

By the Observer Staff

A random sampling of student opinion was conducted by the Observer staff this week in an effort to give the pay raise issue additional perspective. Students contacted are by no means representative; only personal comments are published here.

Wallace Liley, senior from Oxford, bus boy for the Grill: "I'm satisfied, but who wouldn't like a raise? I'm leaving soon, but if it would help out others, I'm for it."

David Brockmann, junior from New Baltimore, same position: "I don't think there is that much difference between 95c and \$1."

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Engineers Win Again, Meet Clansmen Today

By Bill Connellan

Of the Observer Staff

Engineers ran their winning streak to four games last Wednesday, defeating the Moonshots, 23-12. It was the Moonshots second straight loss, and virtually eliminated them from a league title.

Jim Anderson tossed touchdown passes to Ron Toles and Phil Williams and ran one himself to lead the Engineers to victory.

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One of the most exciting and crucial games of the 1963 Intramural Football League pits the second place Clansmen against the undefeated Engineers this afternoon. The game starts at 4:15 on the football field in back of the Intramural Building.

The Engineers have an explosive offense led by Jim Anderson. They have racked up 138 points in winning four straight games. The Clansmen, although not as explosive, have a powerful offense. Mike Tennor is the leading passer in the league, and directs the Clansmen offense.

Both teams have good defenses. The Engineers have given up 18 points in the four games. Lewis' record is slightly better, having only allowed 15 points, in shutting out three opponents.

If the Engineers win the game, the Clansmen will be virtually eliminated from the race. The Engineers play the winless Jetfires next week, and finish the season against the Colt 45's. If the Clansmen win, there is a strong possibility of a title tie.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Engineers	4	0
Clansmen	3	1
Colt 45's	3	1
Moonshots	2	2
Suicide Squad	2	2
Young's Com.	1	3
Meng Bros.	1	3
Jetfires	0	4



John E. Maher

Maher Appointed Oakland's Navy Representative

By the Observer Staff

Associate Professor of Economics John E. Maher was recently appointed liaison officer of the United States Navy at Oakland.

Maher, who is a lieutenant-commander in the Naval Reserve, served aboard destroyers in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II and the Korean War.

His functions at Oakland University will include advising of students interested in commission service with the Navy about the opportunities for training.

Maher's appointment by the commandant of the Ninth Naval District (Midwest) was approved by the University.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critics Criticized

To the Editor:

I note that the Observer is again out for the head of Chancellor Varner, the drama being played out in a tully wood of orotund prose in the lead editorial of last Friday's issue. Frankly, this gets a bit tiresome. I urge that the right of criticism be held sacred, but also that critics and their audience distinguish between acute and sophomoric criticism. There is a great deal of difference between a vorpal blade and a tin-foil dirk.

Valuable criticism rests on an informed, objective analysis, and not on a simple case of dyspepsia. If I may add to the stock of information held by the writer of the editorial, Mr. Varner has constantly asked for and encouraged the generation of novel and constructive ideas about Oakland's educational system. He has never, to my knowledge, blocked or disparaged such an idea when presented to him. It is true that he is realistic about difficulties of instituting changes, but he has never used such difficulties to defeat an idea.

On the other hand, the main obstacle to profound changes seems to lie in faculty inertia and apathy. Not all the faculty, by any means, is inert, but neither are all vitally and practically concerned with improvements. True, apathy among individual faculty members is a more elusive and obscure target than are the chancellor and dean, but surely a genuinely beamish journalist would ardently wish to smell it out, and discover whether or not it is the real Jabberwock. Is that overstuffed couch in the Observer office the inducement to armchair journalism?

Even a precise analysis of just what proposals and goals have been garroted, and just what sort of "daring policy" ought to be instituted (we assume that this is the word the writer really intended instead of "instigated") would be a help. On the other

hand, in the adjacent column, Mr. Polsby reveals that he is adjusting manfully to the loss of Cuban cigars, without calling for invasion instant; perhaps the editorialist could take his cue from the Minority Report.

But as it is, the editorial is only another case of the gyring and gimbling that has become a tradition in the pages of the Observer. Frankly, chaps, there is nothing easier than emitting hollow groans; the hard, but worthwhile thing is to produce either stimulating suggestions or an analysis which can be the basis for such suggestions. Complacency is bad, but complacent critics are worse.

And by way of a final remark, even before the Observer comes galumphing back with a real Jabberwock head, I would enjoy seeing an editorial which explains adequately why the Observer itself is no departure from orthodox school journalism. Surely the famous "clean slate and free hand" slogan was meant to include the journalistic side of the University also. And acid indigestion is no substitute for harsh, abrasive edges, though both are uncomfortable.

James Haden

More Flak

To the Editor:

The author of last week's editorial "The State of Oakland" says in his second sentence: "We have long since ceased to weep for the burnished slogans of our MSUO days." He then proceeds to beat his breast, rend his garments, gnash his teeth, tear his hair, and give other evidence of imperturbability. Would that he had not allowed his "promise" of sentence two to "sour into a lie."

Constructive criticism is always welcome. Destructive criticism is often necessary. Dyspeptic eruptions are easier to emit, but they hardly help to clear the air. They intensify the pollution problem. What are "the things we were going to try", the "goals we were going to achieve" (in 4 years)? Our editorialist seems prepared to state that daring should be our goal, and that innovation is what we should try. These are his burnished slogan, his onyx fetish.

Of course we do a lot of "walking in already-made tracks". Some of those tracks were made by minds wearing pretty big shoes (block that metaphor). Also, he reminded that numbers of students are running, not walking, in those tracks; that we have made it possible for them to break the four year mile. Innovations have been made, and will continue to be made, but never, I hope, for their own sake.

Institutions do not have imagination or daring. The university exists in order to make possible the meeting of students and faculty. To be daring when daring is called for, to innovate when old ideas and methods are found wanting is the responsibility of students and faculty in classes and seminars. If the administration stifled such innovation it would lose its reason and its right to exist. This has never been the case here.

A final objection to what was referred to as "the worst lie": Oakland is different from other universities. It may not be El Dorado college (affiliated with Topia U.), but if our editorialist ever learns anything about the state of higher education in Amer-

ica, he may come to wear his old O.U. sweatshirt with pride at the annual debauch and softball game of the Yellow Journalism Society.

Norman Susskind

Material in all three of this week's Letters to the Editor indicates to the staff a direct challenge to answer. Due to space limitations this week, we print all three letters, and will answer next week, in full detail each of the criticisms offered to us. We will outline further our criticisms of the direction of the University and suggestions for its redirection.

Football

(Continued from P. 1)

Dave Lewis' Clansmen stayed in close pursuit of the Engineers with a whopping 31-0 win over the seventh place Meng Bros. Mike Tenner, the league's leading passer threw three touchdown passes for the second place Clansmen. Jan Jaworski intercepted two passes for touchdowns against the Pryale House team.

A touchdown pass by Roger Ward gave the Colt 45's its third straight victory and a second place tie with the Clansmen. The one touchdown was all the 45's needed as their defense held Young's Commuters scoreless.

The Suicide Squad evened its record at 2-2 as they beat the hapless Jetfires 28-0. The loss was the fourth straight for the Jetfires, and all four have been shutouts.

Student Comment

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Only if it was raised to \$1.10 would it be useful. I like the idea of working 100 hours and getting a raise, but I don't think there should be a limit."

Bill Shea, junior from Berkley: "I'm just happy working here." Shea is a library assistant.

Carol Remer, senior from Utica: "The wages are under the minimum wage law of Michigan, but an unskilled laborer couldn't ask for more. We aren't overworked." Miss Remer works in the language lab.

John Kelb, senior from Fern-dale: "I think a raise would be a good deal. I don't care about the hours." Kelb is the student supervisor in the Oakland Center.

Dawn Koestecke, freshman from Milford, thought that her own pay was reasonable, but that over-all it was "kind of low." Miss Koestecke is a receptionist in the Activities Center.

Frank Lyons, junior from Utica, felt that the minimum rate should be raised to \$1. People in places like the physical plant "should be paid according to the amount of skill they use." Lyons works in the library.

Les Moran, senior from Royal Oak, life guard, said that he has earned both his Senior Life Saving and Water Instructor's certificates and usually gets \$2 per hour and more. "It is definitely a good idea to raise the minimum wage and scale the wages to the work, especially for qualified jobs."

Pay Raise Scramble

Funny thing, this pay raise scramble. Funny it hasn't happened before, that is.

Student library employees, in an effort to better remuneration, began organizing a union about two years ago. The idea was dropped. We know not why.

The union idea has started again, with the wage raise at MSU-EL, and the announcement of a cut in grounds maintenance wages at Oakland.

In the past, the student pay scale has been the same in all departments. Talented short-order cooks were paid 95 cents per hour, as were temporary janitors. Stevedores were paid at the same rate as skilled machine operators.

With more and more language lab monitors, student librarians, and other technicians needed, it's about time some thought was given to rating pay according to job as well as university scale.

Pay scales and working conditions cause quick turnover in student help, especially in food service and maintenance. Student employment becomes a drag, academically as well as physically.

A union for students would be one method of establishing better pay scales and working conditions. But it would be a long and bitter struggle.

Rather, we prefer a pay scale graded by the personnel office as to type of employment as well as length of service. Policy should also be standardized for merit raises and for longevity. The union would then be unnecessary, and the student employee made to feel that his job contributed directly to the progress and operation of the university.

Oakland's Scholarship Funds Total \$200,000 For Five Years

By the Observer Staff

Over \$200,000 in scholarship grants has been received by the University during its first five years of operation, OU's Scholarship Committee reported last week.

In a four-page brochure it stated that "over half of the original 123 members of the graduation class 1963 received scholarship assistance while attending Oak-

land." Of the fifteen charter class students designated by the faculty for academic honors, twelve were scholarship students. The three top University students of that class were also participants in the aid program.

Citing the increasing role that scholarships are playing in financing the education of Oakland students, the booklet said that "the freshman classes will be awarded approximately 30 per cent of all University aid."

Over 180 grants have been made to freshmen this fall.

891 OU Kids have received financial aid at some time or another during the past five years. With just 66 receiving some kind of financial aid in 1959-60, the committee reports that the figure has risen to 203 in 1963.

According to the bulletin, very few students receive only scholarship aid, but a combination of scholarship, loan, and work opportunity.

Financial need is determined by an independent agency, the College Scholarship Service, from the parents' confidential financial statement.

The amount of aid also varies. Some grants cover tuition as well as room and board, others only constitute small honorary stipends.

OU scholarship aid has shot up from \$16,790 in 1959-60 to \$45,828 this year. With more than \$200 collected to date, the Scholarship Committee's proposed budget for 1963-64 is \$90,000.

Placement Office

The following companies and school systems will interview on campus the week of November 4:

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November 8: Cleveland, Ohio Schools

TEACHER EDUCATION

All elementary teacher education majors who are planning to intern in the winter will meet with June Gabler Tuesday at 4 p.m. in 190 Science. The meeting is mandatory.

In addition, a teacher education placement seminar will be held for all December, April and August graduates Thursday at 4 p.m. in 190 Science.

Comprehensive Exam Drop Recommended

By the Observer Staff

Faculty Senate's ad hoc committee on comprehensive examinations submitted its report to the senate last week recommending "that comprehensives not be made part of the graduation requirements (in any major) at Oakland University."

The Senate endorsed the committee's recommendation, said Donald O'Dowd, dean of the University and Senate president this week.

In 1962 the Senate passed a rule stating that comprehensive examinations could not be a part of the graduation requirements. The Senate at that time also established a committee to investigate the possibilities of having special examinations.

Although the committee's report

recommended against comprehensive examinations required for graduation, it did state that these examinations "may well serve useful functions" when used to determine awards, privileges, and honors in the various departments.

The committee also recommended that "standardized examinations may profitably be employed on a university-wide basis in order to gain information about the effectiveness of policies and procedures of the institution."

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Senior Committee Organized For Graduation

By the Observer Staff

Members of the steering committee of the senior class met Tuesday, to organize activities and projects for the graduating class.

Don Roe of Huntington Woods was chosen chairman of the 15-member group, which will concern itself with selection of class ring design, fund-raising for a senior gift, and general planning for senior social functions.

According to Roe, questionnaires will be distributed to seniors, asking for ideas, projects, and other items to be considered by the committee. About 250 students are included in the class of 1964.

Present at the meeting were Rick Morrison, John Kelb, Ron Toles, Phil Williams, Gaer Guerber, Gary Allen, Karen Hefner, Lynne Smiley, Joel Levinson and Roe. Toles was chosen chairman of the gift committee, and Kelb, chairman of the planning committee.

Next meeting of the senior steering committee will be held at 7 p.m., November 12, in the activities center.

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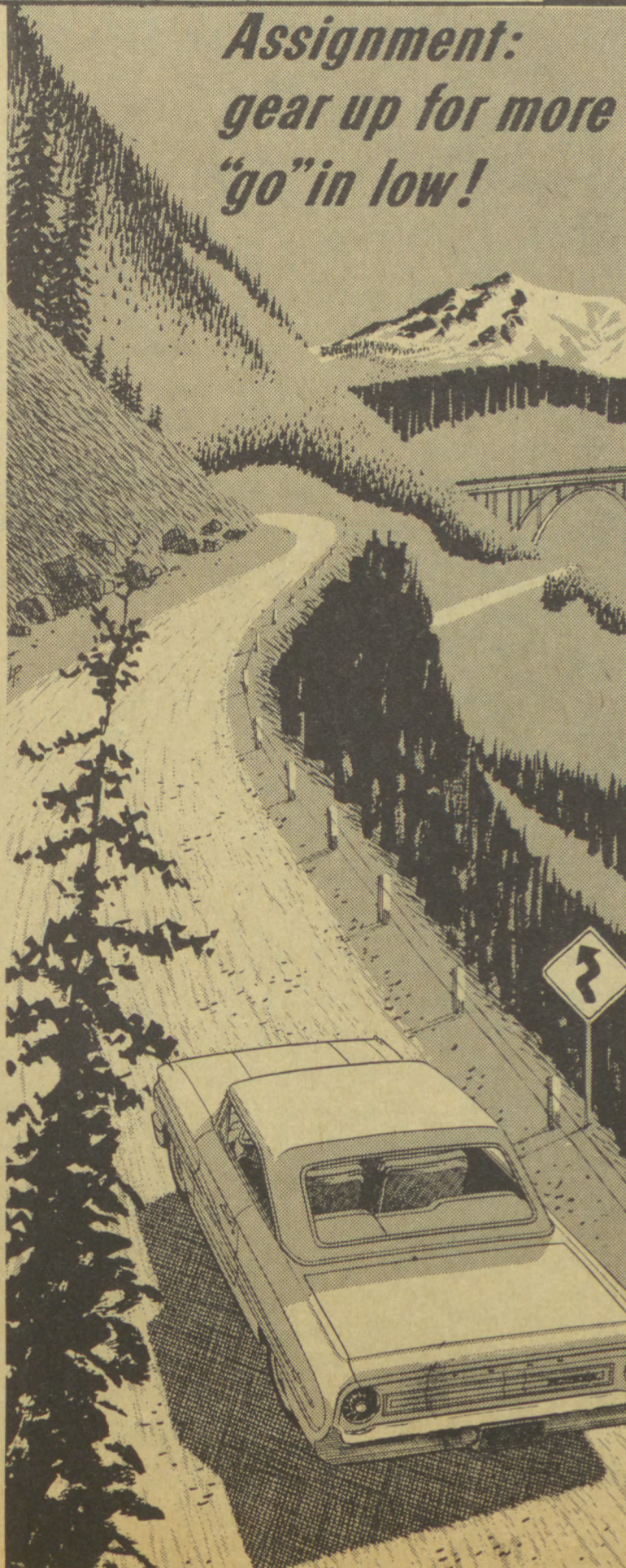
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Senate Approves Committee Changes

By the Observer Staff

Faculty Senate committee appointments and changes in committee structure were approved by the Senate this week, Donald O'Dowd, dean of the university, announced.

Changes in structure include: elevation of the committee on academic standing to a standing committee; a new committee on advanced study; separation of the committee on instruction from the academic affairs committee (the committee on instruction was a sub-committee, but will now report directly to the Senate); and a new committee on commencement.

The committee on academic standing deals with probation, suspension and re-admission to the university.

The new committee on advanced study will do the screening for the various graduate fellowship programs on the national level.

"Appointments to the committees on publication and commencement have not been completed as of yet," O'Dowd said.

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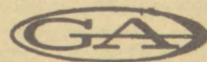
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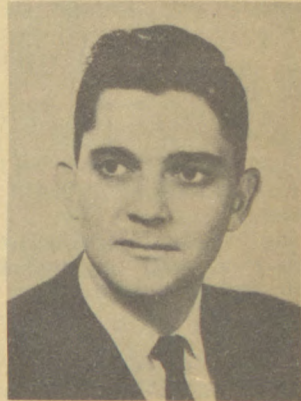
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