

Class Council Elections Held Yesterday

By the Observer Staff
Elections for next year's Senior Council were held yesterday. Members of the junior class selected a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and seven committee chairmen to organize senior class activities during the coming year. The Council is the first formal class organization at Oakland.

Candidates for president were Ed Marosso, Robert Linseman, Wolf Metzger and Robert Plec. Charles Fredley, Vic Jarosz, Ann Schultes, and Jim Bound ran for vice-president-treasurer. Secretary candidates were Phyllis Wilson and Betty Sherman.

Dave Brockmann ran for ring chairman, Betty Sherman for Banquet chairman, and John Marshall for yearbook chairman.

The publicity chair was sought by Denis Arvidson and that of commencement by Carol Hane. The office of gift and activities chairmen were unfilled.

Election results as received immediately before publication showed Linseman winning the presidency with 28 votes, followed by Metzger with 23 votes.

Miss Schultes received 35 votes for the vice-presidency to top Fredley, who had 30.

Miss Sherman was elected secretary by an 11-vote majority.

Election turnout was good, according to present Senior Committee Chairman Don Roe. 92 out of some 150 eligible voters cast their ballot.

Grading Scale Changed by Senate

By Bill Connellan

News Editor

Members of the Academic Senate voted Tuesday to adopt a change in the University letter grade conversion table to the 38-point grading system.

The proposal for the refinement in the system was brought to the Senate by the Committee on Instruction, headed by Paul Tomboulion, associate professor of chemistry.

Almost no opposition was offered in the Senate to the proposal, which is based on an original idea of Edward Heubel, associate professor of political science.

.3 Shift

Effective immediately, the change will effect a difference of about .3 in the grading scale.

One of the reasons for the refinement in the system, Tomboulion explained, is that with the old conversion table, a C-, e.g., was a 1.7, which does not meet graduation requirements. Tomboulion said that several professors, accustomed to the old letter grades, did not take this into account.

With the new scale, B's, C's, and D's, formerly counted as 3.0, 2.0, and 1.0, are now registered as 3.3, 2.3, and 1.3. 4.3 however, will still be the A plus ceiling, leaving a straight A as 4.0.

Rumors that the measure was administration-backed were spiked Thursday morning when Chancellor Varner stated that he had not heard of the proposal until Tuesday at the Faculty Senate meeting.

To Raise Grades

Varner was not sure how much the new scale would affect grades this semester, but felt that it would raise them somewhat.

Asked what affect this change would have on the idea of a prescribed grade curve, Varner stated that he saw no relation in the two ideas.

First student reactions to the change were mixed. Some felt that it would lower the academic standards of the school, others thought it was a necessary adjustment in the grading scale.

Varner to Appear on ECD Panel

By the Observer Staff

Chancellor Varner will participate in a panel discussion on higher education at an Economic Club of Detroit luncheon Monday.

The discussion will center on the problem of higher education in Michigan in the next eight years as a result of the post-war baby boom.

Bentley to Moderate

Moderated by Alvin Bentley, former Michigan congressman, the panel will include Robert P. Briggs, executive vice-president of Consumers Power Company; Hon. Wade H. McCree, Jr., a United States district court judge; Warren M. Huff, member of the MSU Board of Trustees; and Leonard Wookcock, vice-president of the United Auto Workers.

Along with the panel on higher education, a salute to the Detroit Tigers will be included at the luncheon.

OO on Vacation Too

Because of next week's final exams and the ensuing semester break, the Observer will not be published April 17 or 24. It will resume publication on May 1.



Paul Turk



Wolf Metzger

Metzger Succeeds Turk As Observer Editor

Wolf Metzger, a Rochester junior majoring in economics, has been appointed editor of the Observer to succeed April graduate Paul Turk who has occupied the paper's top spot since January 1963.

Announcement of Metzger's appointment came last week after the University's Publication Committee and the Observer Staff had voted approval of his nomination as new editor by Turk and Nat Simons, Jr., committee chairman.

Metzger, a native German who came to the United States in

August, 1962 with a scholarship to Oakland, joined the Observer in September of that year. He first served on the paper as a reporter, then as news editor, and, since last fall, as managing editor.

Lone Graduate

Turk, the only graduating senior on the staff, has been with the Observer since September, 1960.

In assuming his new duties, Metzger announced several openings on the paper. Places exist for reporters, photographers, advertising salesmen and staff assistants.

Metzger's chief editorial assistant for the summer will be Bill Connellan, a Grosse Ile freshman, who will become managing editor. John Marshall will remain as business manager and Pete Garcia as advertising manager.

Sat. Review Editor to Lecture Here

From News Releases

Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, will present a "World Report" lecture Tuesday, April 21, in the Gold Room.

Sponsored jointly by the Rochester area and Oakland County chapters of the American Association for the United Nations, the address will be open to the public. A question and answer period will follow the lecture, scheduled to start at 8 P.M.

Returns from Far East

Cousins, an internationally known lecturer and political analyst, has just returned from an extensive tour of the Far East.

A renowned author and recipient of many honors, Cousins has visited the Soviet Union under the auspices of the Soviet Cultural Exchange program.



Norman Cousins

Frosh Instruction Changed In New Committee Proposal

By Wolf Metzger

Managing Editor

A proposal to alter Oakland's freshman instruction method is expected to be passed by the Academic Senate before the end of the semester.

According to Associate Dean George Matthews, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, a plan designating University Course sections as seminars, discussion sections and lectures will be presented to the Senate at its April 14 meeting.

After a favorable reaction of OU's department chairmen to the plan last Friday, Matthews this week seemed confident that the Senate would vote for adoption.

S-D-L Plan

Based on Professor of Teacher Education Laszlo Hetenyi's idea of last fall, the scheme—known as the S-D-L plan—is designed to have students, primarily freshmen, experience various types of education.

According to Matthews, next fall's freshmen will be required to balance their UC schedule in 18-member seminars, 32-member discussion groups and lecture classes with no membership limit. Apart from area studies, the math, science and language requirement, all UC courses will be offered in these three formats, Matthews explained.

He said the University had received much student criticism that, contrary to its admissions propaganda, the school had not provided instruction of freshmen in small discussion classes.

Frosh Experience

The dean said he felt all freshmen should experience at least one small, seminar-like class in their education. Balancing large lecture classes with small discussion groups, the S-D-L plan would facilitate this, he felt.

The scheme left the Academic Affairs Committee last week after faculty opposition had caused a little college proposal to be

dropped temporarily. Matthews said this week that the little college plan will probably be reconsidered in fall.

Tackles Problem

Though the S-D-L scheme is not as broad as the little college plan and does not preserve a built-in advising system, it does tackle, Matthews pointed out, another problem; many students' inability to express themselves in writing.

If the S-D-L plan goes into effect in fall, all faculty members teaching seminar classes, not just the English department, will be responsible for students' writing ability.

Library Material Due April 15

All library materials are due next Wednesday, April 15, Larry Sgro, assistant librarian announced this morning.

New Head Residents Appointed

By the Observer Staff

Alice Haddix, director of resident halls, announced Monday the appointment of two couples as new dormitory head residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cornelier will replace Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper in Fitzgerald House beginning in the Spring semester. Cooper has accepted a position at DePauw University.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson are to replace Mrs. Evelyn Norup as head residents of Anibal House in Fall. Plans call for a change of Anibal House into a men's dorm.

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Money Troubles Have Yearbook Suspended

Yearbook editor Daniel Polsby announced Tuesday that operations on the 1964 yearbook have been suspended. Financial troubles were cited as the reason for the action.

Polsby made the following statement: "We regret to announce that this year's yearbook must suspend operations indefinitely. After consultation with the chairman of the Publications Committee, this step was decided upon as the only action possible at this time.

"Neither the student body nor the business community were will-

ing to support the yearbook, and the University is unable to undertake sponsorship of the project as it has in years past.

"Therefore it has been deemed necessary to freeze operations until such a time as the construction of a yearbook can be made fiscally sound."

Lagging Sales

Lagging sales and difficulty getting businessmen to advertise were the key factors in the yearbook's demise, Polsby stated. "Although our advertising sales were equal to last year's book, and our student pre-sales were well ahead of last year's grand total, the University is not at this time in a position to make good deficits as it always has in the past."

Students who have reserved yearbooks may obtain refunds on presentation of their receipts to University cashier Bernard Toutant, 101 NFH.

"Purchasers also have the option of retaining their receipts," Polsby said. "They will be awarded one dollar credit toward the purchase of the next yearbook."

"Next year there should be a yearbook certainly," Polsby continued. "Given extra time and industry, the errors and pitfalls of this year's effort will be corrected and avoided."

Hunt Fair Preview

OU's Scholarship Committee will hold a Monday preview of articles to be sold at the annual Hunt Fair in Bloomfield Hills in June.

Located outside the Oakland Room in Oakland Center, the "Scholar Shop" will be open from 12-2 Monday afternoon. Orders will be taken now for the handicrafts and sweaters which go on sale at the Fair in June.

Mrs. Charles O. Hucker and Mrs. George Matthews are in charge of the sale, the proceeds of which provide scholarship funds for Oakland students.

Krausmeyer's Alley

by Bob Linsenman

They said it couldn't be done. How wrong they were. They said one fool, plus two stalwart companions, could not defy the whole world. He did it. We were visiting a local high school in hopes of running off election propaganda on the school's duplicating machine. There we were, three giddy and debonair electioneers. One of my campaign co-managers, who we will call John Perry for lack of better sense, wore cut-off levis, a dapper blue sport coat (remarkably like the one stolen from my home), a pin-striped shirt, and a "naughty girl" tie.

The high school girls snickered at John's gorilla-like legs, while the boys whistled and made snide remarks. Perry's normally good temper and infinite patience finally succumbed, not to the giggles or idiotic whistles, but to the fashion-orientated admonitions of myself and Dave Harvie. When two girls threw a skirt at him he snapped. Poor guy. We carried the struggling, gasping, fuming, and babbling Perry outside for fresh air. For a while we were worried, but he seemed to snap out of it. So we thought. One more sophomore whistled and he was again reduced to a sniveling, groveling lunatic, then a raging mad man. He challenged the whole high school to a fight. Oh my God, my old alma mater of 800 students strong was about to be wiped out by the belligerent campaign manager I had trusted my election to! Luckily, when realizing the tender age of the 800 protagonists and when Harvie pulled the car up to provide a padded cage for our enraged friend, he reluctantly leaped to the back seat. We locked the doors and sped the mad man away, saving an entire high school from a wrath like unto the formidability of God's. We felt rather good about it. We had the materials we had come for and were sure to be cited for patience, zeal, honor, and bravery above and beyond the call of duty, and the highest achievement in charity and brotherly love.

'Treat OU With Care' Says Retiring Editor

By Paul Turk

This is the last flight of a lame duck, the last time in print on campus for an outgoing editor. Wolf Metzger takes over with the new semester, and with his editorship, the paper, and the University transfer to the "new breed" in students.

It's progress. On the way out is the "Old Guard," the pioneers of the first three entering classes. They have been supplemented and now will be replaced by those who have had little or no contact with the privations which the earliest classes were so proud to have suffered.

Gone, Gone . . .

Gone will be the last of the two classes which started on the ten-week quarter system, who used what is now the administrative suite for a library, who attended physical science classes in what is now the Observer office, and bought books in the lair of the Pickwick Club. The "Hole" was then known as "Machini's" restaurant, because it had vending machines for everything from soup to nuts, in place of the present Grill.

Idealism and invention characterized the campus in those days. Many of the same complaints as are now heard were voiced then, as well, but students themselves "did something about it," instead of waiting to be spoon-fed. Now, when something is unavailable, the younger students seem to have no idea of how to improvise.

Yet loss of the pioneer spirit was bound to come with greater stability, the completed trimester plan, and active recruiting. This is all well and good, and was bound to be part of the developmental pattern of the University.

I cannot be as critical as I would like to be over the condition of the University, because

the University seems to be aware, for the most part, of its relative condition, and willing enough to take action to correct those conditions when they are inconsistent with the needs of the University. To criticize with reason and intelligence is to aid in the development of the institution. To criticize for the sake of criticism is to damage morale and the institution.

I leave with the hope, despite the many assorted attacks the Observer has made on various phases of the development of the University, that evolution will permit Oakland to become much the institution it set out to be, and will in the future enjoy a reputation commensurate with that evolution.

For the Observer, I should like to thank Nat Simons and Rockne DeLauney of the business office; the members of the Publications Committee of the Academic Senate for the year-long encouragement we have received from them; also Laszlo Hetenyi, who accepted the advisorship of the paper when no professional newspapermen were available for the job, and who contributed so much in meetings, on the phone, in tight corners and open-ended discussions.

Thanks, Chancellor

Similarly, the Chancellor is due thanks for his ever present willingness to talk to representatives of the Observer, on and off the record; and to the motor pool staff of Dave Hicks and Jim Gallivan for taking almost personal responsibility for seeing that Observer copy reached the printer by deadline time.

Finally, to Herr Metzger, a word: treat the University with care, and the University will care about the Observer.

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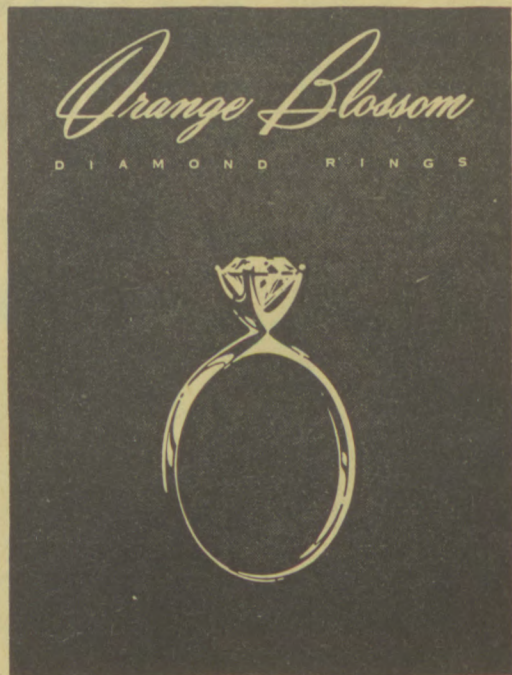
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\$2,500,000 Approved for New Classroom Building

By the Observer Staff

\$2,500,000 for a new classroom and office building at Oakland was appropriated by the State Legislature late Tuesday evening.

After Governor Romney had dropped OU's request for the appropriation from his budget proposal in January, the House Ways and Means Committee, spearheaded by Rep. Lloyd Anderson of Oakland County, reinstated it earlier this week. It was then passed by the Legislature Tuesday.

Ready for '65

To be located north of North Foundation Hall, the building will be ready for use in the fall of 1965. Construction is to begin this September.

Chancellor Varner stated Monday that the building was desperately needed to adequately

serve the growing Oakland student body.

With an expected freshman class of 900 this fall, enrollment is likely to jump to 1800 students. Anticipated enrollment for the fall of 1965 is 2300 students.

\$150,000 for Water

Also approved by the legislature were appropriations to improve the water and heating system on campus. \$150,000 was given for the water system, and \$177,000 for the heating system.

No action was taken on a request for road improvement.

There is a possibility that the new building may include administrative offices, art studios, and a language lab, as well as the classrooms and offices, Varner said. Also to be included is a lecture hall with a capacity of 500.

An encouraging word was given to all summer students—the building is going to be air-conditioned.

Residents

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Cornellier, an OU Kid majoring in French, was resident assistant in 1961 when male students were housed in the Science Building. He is scheduled to graduate this April.

Works on Ph.D.

Robinson, OU's assistant director of physical education, is presently working on a Ph.D. in educational administration at Wayne State University. Mrs. Robinson is an elementary school teacher.

Mrs. Haddix also announced names of students to be resident assistants for the Spring semester. They are: Gail Houghton, Miriam Citron, Peg Smith and Kae Nowaske in Anibal House.

Jim Annesser, Allen Hyer, Terry Monson and Bob Bates will work in Fitzgerald House this summer.

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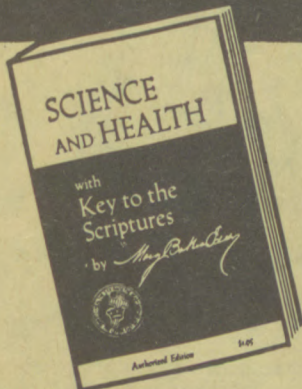
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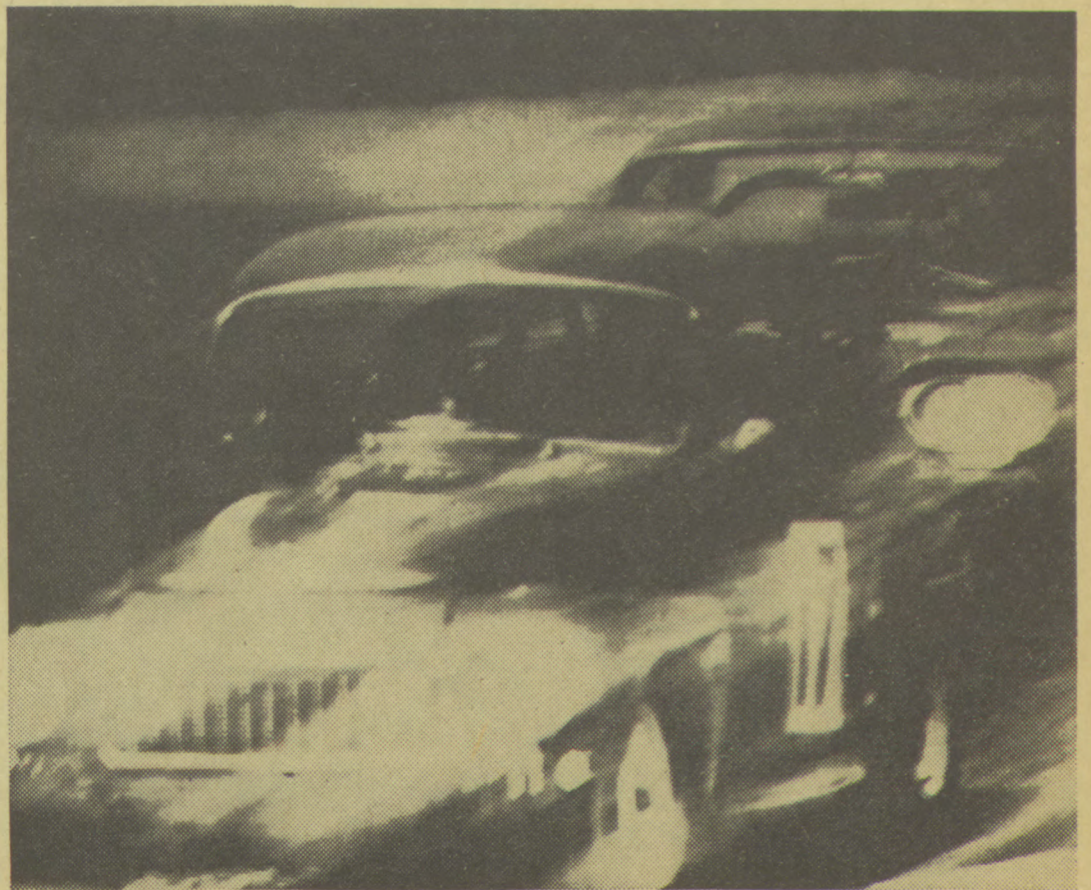
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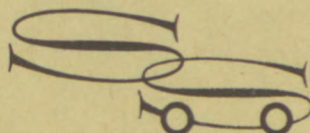
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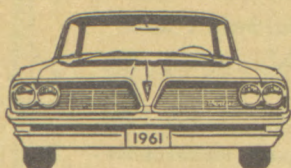


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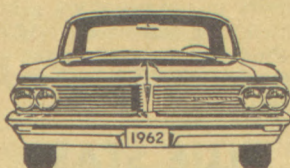
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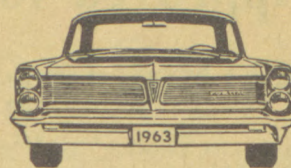
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