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Dorm Triples Decrease; 7 Empty Beds

By the Observer Staff

A total of 299 students, eleven above full occupancy, have been admitted to University dormitories for the winter semester, the housing office reported this week.

The tripling situation, a problem of major concern to the administration, was alleviated substantially when 72 students left the dorms at the end of last semester, and only 28 were newly admitted.

At present, 20 rooms are tripled, as compared to last term's eight. Paradoxically, Anibal House still lists seven empty beds, as Pryale women refuse to change residence and prefer to stay tripled up, John Corker, director of housing, explained.

Held to Contract

Corker emphasized that for the first time every student was held to the housing contract covering both fall and winter semester. Students who moved off campus after Christmas without a compelling reason were not permitted to register this term.

Also for the first time in effect was a policy stated by Chancellor in December. The policy provides that 10 especially qualified out-of-the-area students be admitted to the dorms after full occupancy is reached.

Overcrowding and the trimester system were blamed for an unusual delay in room assignments and moving-in notifications this year. Corker said that the semester break was much too short to determine sooner how many vacancies would occur through dropouts and to coordinate room assignments.

Committee Modifies OU's Athletic Policy

By the Observer Staff

A modification of Oakland University athletic policy was announced by Chancellor Varner in a memorandum to the Faculty, Staff and Students Tuesday.

The modification came as a result of a year's study by the Athletic Policy Committee, chaired by Richard Burke, assistant professor of philosophy. Other members of the committee included James McKay, professor of mathematics; Robert Swanson, Glen Brown, director of scholarships; Robbin Hough, assistant professor of economics and David Wilder, University librarian. Ex officio members of the committee were Dean O'Dowd and Hollie Lepley, director of physical education.

Current policy, as proposed by the Burke Committee, and adopted by the administration, has five points to it.

- 1) That Oakland University not at this time adopt a program of intercollegiate athletics.
- 2) That continued and vigor-



James C. Hicks

New Public Relations Director Appointed

By the Observer Staff

James C. Hicks of Grosse Pointe has been appointed Director of University Relations, taking the position vacated by the resignation of Loren Pope in July. The appointment was made December 31 by Chancellor Varner.

The position with Oakland is Hicks' first in the field of university relations. For the past twelve years he has been assistant manager of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, an administrative post involving the management of summer concerts and public relations. Although the educational field is in some respects new to him, it is in other ways, familiar territory. While with the symphony, Hicks often worked closely with Wayne State, Mercy College, the University of Detroit, and other Michigan colleges and universities.

ous support be provided for the intramural sports program.

- 3) That the 'Sports Days' held in the past on an experimental basis be expanded to several such days each semester.
- 4) That groups of University students organized as teams be authorized to participate in athletic leagues in the community and to receive equipment and assistance from the University Athletic Department, and that they not participate as University representatives.
- 5) That as an exception to (1) above, the University encourage students of skill and interest to develop as individual champions and to participate in recognized intercollegiate meets as representatives of Oakland University and that Mr. Lepley assist such students in their training and in providing equipment.

In contrast to previous administrative policy are points three,

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Dismissals, Dropouts Increase

Enrollment Drops to 1256

By the Observer Staff

Winter '64 at Oakland finds 242 students missing from enrollment lists. Preliminary figures indicate that last fall's record enrollment of 1498 has been heavily reduced by dismissals, dropouts and suspensions. Wednesday the count was 1256. There were 80 dismissals, 47 in the Freshman class alone, Thomas Atkinson, assistant registrar, revealed unofficially.

Dean of the University Donald D. O'Dowd was unable to give official figures when contacted by the Observer staff, and estimated that "a somewhat similar percentage dropped out a year ago—about 5 per cent."

Chancellor Varner said he agreed with Dean O'Dowd that the dropout rate is only slightly higher than in previous years, but conceded that he was "certainly concerned about it." He said a special study will be made to determine the causes of the latest attrition rate.

Dean of Students Duncan Sells was not available for comment this week.

519 freshmen, 154 sophomores, 169 juniors, 272 seniors, and 6 unclassified students registered on Jan. 2. Since then 136 students have either registered late or for evening courses.

889 students come from the Oakland-Macomb counties, and another 165 live in Michigan. There are 53 out of state students and 7 foreign students presently attending Oakland. 561 men and 552 women make up the preliminary 1120.

Three Suspended on Plagiarism Charges

By the Observer Staff

Three Oakland students were suspended from the University for one semester, and four others placed on permanent probation for violations of the University's

plagiarism prevention rules, Dean of the University Donald D. O'Dowd announced this week.

The plagiarism cases, it was rumored, originated in the UC economics class of Robbin Hough, assistant professor of economics. No confirmation could be obtained from the dean or Hough, as to the veracity of the report, but reliable sources do provide confirmation.

One of the suspended students was disciplined for exam copying, O'Dowd said. Other suspended students and those placed on probation had handed in plagiarized or "quoted without credit statements" in violation of the University's stated code on academic integrity.

The code, stated in a booklet which all entering students must affirm that they have read, "On Property and Propriety in Ideas," is explicit in noting that "the normal penalty for willful plagiarism is either suspension or dismissal from the University."

Discipline, in the several cases was handled by the Academic Standing Committee, chaired by Dean of Students Duncan Sells.

Reuther On Campus

Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, spoke on campus at 1 p.m. Thursday to students, staff and faculty. His announced topic was "America's Number One Domestic Problem."

Reuther and his wife participated in a luncheon before his address, attended by John Maher, associate professor of economics, and several students. Maher is a specialist in labor-management relations.

After his speech, Reuther participated in an economics seminar directed by Robbin Hough, assistant professor of economics.



Walter Reuther

Placement Office

The following corporations and government agencies will interview on campus the week of Jan. 13.

Jan. 14—Bell Systems

Jan. 15—City of Detroit Civil Service Commission

Jan. 17—U.S. Public Health Service

For details, contact the placement office, 266 SFH.

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Strange Silence

Attrition at the end of the fall semester seems to have become a very touchy subject, suddenly. On the surface, it seems to have been heavy, especially among the new "pride of Oakland" freshman class.

The cause of this has not been fully determined, and will not be until a special study is concluded. The same study has been conducted for the last few years in similar attempts to find out "Where Have all the Students Gone." The song, as usual, is being sung by the Duncan and Durward and Donald Trio. Yet no one is singing. Even an honest "I don't know" seems unavailable.

Trio member Donald O'Dowd, dean of the university, is suddenly the only source for information on attrition. Others approached for comments on the attrition situation have been thoroughly reticent to discuss the matter, and have referred questioners, hastily, to Dean O'Dowd.

Still stranger is the dearth of off-the-record comments. Even these, which never appear in print, are unavailable.

Gentlemen, is the situation that serious? Perhaps it is. But is it so shattering that complete silence must be maintained? If a problem exists, it needs correction. How can it be corrected if no one is willing to tell anyone what it is?

Help the Chorus

Oakland University has a Chorus. It is surprising how few students know it.

The largest student organization on campus, the chorus, better known as Wally's Folly, performs all sorts of musical masterpieces, both sacred and profane. According to the off-expressed ideals of its founder, the on-leave associate professor of musicology Walter S. Collins II, the chorus will perform only musical compositions of the highest quality. Requests from chorus members or outsiders to lower the standards in order to be more popular has met with (and thankfully will meet with) a most abrasive and scornful sneer.

The chorus needs and deserves the support of all of us. If you cannot sing in it (and there are openings for all voices, especially tenors, with or without experience), then you can sell tickets to its performances, or even, heaven forbid, buy one yourself.

The chorus helps Oakland University. Now let Oakland help the chorus.

Policy

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four, and five. Lepley and Richard Robinson, assistant director of physical education, are working now to implement the new policy. Presently, Oakland's Basketball Club, sponsored by Robinson, and the Bowling Club, sponsored by Lepley, are operating under the provisions stated in point four. Several Sports Days have already been scheduled for this semester, according to Lepley.

Point five, regarded as the most radical departure from past policy, allows Oakland students to participate in intercollegiate meets as representatives of Oakland University.

'64 Yearbook Subscribed

By the Observer Staff

Yearbook editor Daniel Polsby announced today that already 400 copies of the 1964 Oakland Yearbook have been subscribed.

"Additional subscriptions are being solicited in room 118A, or in 109 NFH," Polsby stated.

Stressing the experimental nature of the new yearbook, Polsby said, "We have aimed at a really new departure in the yearbook industry. We're not just going to change the hood-ornaments and hubcaps this year. We'll even hang a coon tail on the rear-view to prove our dynamic point of view."

Minority Report

By Daniel Polsby

I tried to sign a book out of the library the other day. I've learned my lesson! Never again.

The book was a style manual I needed for one of my courses. I brought it to the circulation desk and signed my name to the little blue card. The person on duty—to all appearances a new freshman—squinted at my signature for a long time and regarded me with a glance of loftiest scorn.

"You are not Professor Hucker," he told me. Well, it was a Wednesday, and Wednesday is a bad day for me. I mean I am not built for such sudden bursts of information.

"I am too," I retorted in my best St. Louis dialect.

"Why are you holding your nose," he asked me.

"I said I was Professor Hucker, young man. H as in Heubel, u-c-k as in Kovach, e-r. Now let's show a little respect." I have grown uncommonly proficient at intimidating freshmen, but this pleased even me. "Oh, excuse me sir," he said, still a trifle suspicious. "I'm new here," he added.

"Well, sonny," I told him, "just let me say that I think it's pretty bad farm to give professors a hard time."

"Bad what, sir?" he asked.

"Farm, farm, f-o-r-m, farm. Sompin wrong with yer ears?"

"Forgive me, sir. I'm not accustomed to college life."

"Well get with it boy, get with it," I shouted at him over a chorus of sibilancies emanating from the bleachers.

Just then, Professor Hucker walked up to check out a book.

"You are Not Professor Hucker," the Freshman told him.

I went out looking for a cup of broth.

New Dorm Construction Started

By the Observer Staff

Construction of Oakland's new six-story dormitory commenced during the holiday break, with completion expected Sept. 1. Alfred A. Smith, Inc., of Ferndale was awarded the building contract Dec. 18.

Bids proved higher than originally anticipated, with total cost of the accepted bid placed at \$920,000.

By deferring some costs, such as driveway paving, present cost will be \$825,000, according to figures released by Chancellor Varner.

Square-Shaped

The new unit will rise on the slope to the north of the original campus dormitory, Fitzgerald House. The bottom floors of the square-shaped unit will contain housing units, as will the top three floors. The center, or third floor will be composed of a head resident's apartment, and several lounge and utility areas.

Departure from the basic "cottage" plans used in the first housing units is virtually complete in the new dormitory. Instead, a more conventional box arrangement is employed, with corresponding features. The new dormitory will house about 225 students.

Architects for the building are Meathe and Kessler of Grosse Pointe.

Krausmeyer's Alley

by Bob Linsenman

Along the Barbary Coast

Perilous situation that it was we, Dan and I, decided to make the best of it. We were stranded somewhere between the outer limits of Pontiac and the Twilight Zone. We began to walk and arrived at an inn just as the night enveloped all in its cloak of hysteria. We entered cautiously and since no one asked our age we sat down immediately and began to study the gentry clientele of Oakland County's largest twist palace.

Sophisticated giggles and shrieks attracted our attention to the back of the room. There, two lovely women were shooting billiards. Dan winked at them, they couldn't resist, and they came over to our table. Olivia was the petite one, about five feet four and two hundred pounds of lasting impressions. I could tell by her toothless grin that she was friendly and liked me. Maria, her friend, being shorter and heavier bordered on being stocky.

There was a bulbous bartender who told moron jokes and sustained the humor of his patrons by directing his witty jests to us. It was the kind of a place where you just have to keep smiling.

Just as Olivia grinned sweetly in my face for the hundredth time, Dan suggested, perhaps a little rudely that Maria should lose a little weight for her own good. She went back to the pool table, her spirit crushed. We felt terrible that such a sweet girl had left us in sorrow. We tried to persuade Olivia to follow and take care of her. She would have none of it. "Maria can take of herself—she's a big girl now."

We were thankful that Olivia didn't leave us, for if she had, some of the younger, less sophisticated girls might have approached us. Why be bothered with the imperfections of youth, such as good figures, pretty faces, ignorance, and teeth? We, being young intellectuals, needed the mellowed companionship of a more mature feminine company. Instead of ignorant young wenches who would believe anything and agree to everything, we had real intellectual stimulation.

Not wanting Olivia to think me a wanderer of little moral character, I told her that I was happily married and father to three. Realizing that I was of staunch moral fiber, she grabbed my earlobe and squeezed approval. Dan, at this exact moment was struck by one of his famous laughing fits. I drank. Dan's condition became dangerous. Olivia became fascinated with the red spider webs crisscrossing the whites of my eyes. She softly tugged at a singular hair out of place on the back of my neck. I winced. Dan's fit became worse. His laugh was silent now, but more violent. He wheezed in mortal pain.

Suddenly one of Olivia's serious boyfriends entered the inn. She pointed him out, the big guy with the red moustache and leathery skin. I flexed my muscles and stared at him. He charged. I blocked the force of his animal-like assault by planting my forehead against his rapidly ascending knees. Things were going well. I deftly battered his fists with my nose and cheek bones, but not wanting the moustache to look bad in front of the women he adored, I feigned pain and slipped gracefully to the floor. Dan was on the floor, too, his face blood red and gasping for air. He can laugh at the darndest things.

continued next week . . .

Med. History Paintings to Be Displayed

A tribute to the heritage of the medical profession in pictorial and story forms will be on exhibit in the Gold Room from Jan. 12 through Jan. 26.

The display, co-sponsored by Oakland County Medical Society and the Division of Continuing Education, will be open to the public free of charge from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Robert A. Thom, of Birmingham, seven years ago was commissioned by Parke, Davis & Co. to do a series of 45 oil paintings depicting the history of medicine.

Originates Ideas

Originator of the idea for the historical series is George A. Bender, Parke-Davis research director, who has written stories relating to each of the paintings.

Forty-two of the paintings and stories will be exhibited. The artist-author team expect to complete the historical series in 1964. Developed at the rate of six a year, the paintings are authenticated down to the smallest detail. Each painting is checked with experts in the field before it is considered finished, said Bender.

Hundreds of hours of time and thousands of miles of travel are involved in each of the paintings in the exhibit.

15,000 Miles Travel

One painting in the series required some 15,000 miles of travel and more than 12 months of investigation before it was considered ready to be shown.

Bender said it was hoped to begin the series in 3500 B.C. in Egypt. However, it was found that the earliest period from which authentic materials are available was in about 1500 B.C.

Honor Reception

Thom and Bender will be honored at a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Oakland Center. The public is invited.

The physical characteristics of the models, their faces, the costumes, furniture, surroundings, architecture, the tools of the physician, and household implements—each of these is carefully checked and researched to make sure that it belongs in the scene and to the particular period and place in which the event is pictured.

'64 Hunt Fair Chairmen Appointed

By the OU Information Service

Recently appointed co-chairmen of the 1964 Hunt Fair Committee, fund raisers for University scholarships, are Mrs. Ralph Norvell of Pontiac and Mrs. Harold Howlett of Birmingham.

Mrs. Norvell and Mrs. Howlett will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Hunt Fair Committee with the administration of the Detroit Horse Show, to be held at the Bloomfield Open Hunt, June 22 through 28.

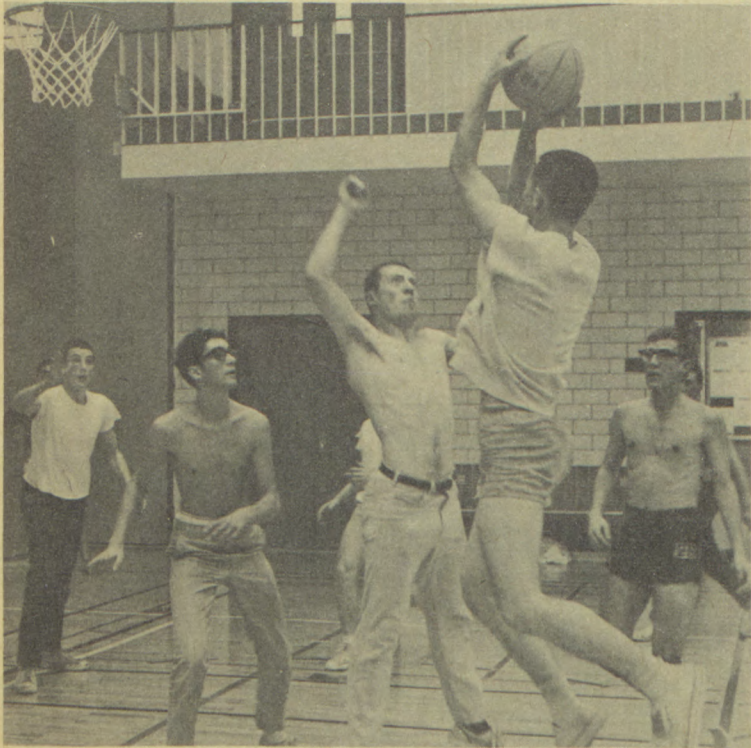
Each year, proceeds from the Hunt Fair's activities, and portions of the gate and parking receipts of the show go to the University's scholarship fund. Last year's efforts netted some \$12,000.

OU Cage Team Wins Twice

By the Observer Staff

Oakland's Basketball Club (see athletic policy story, p. 1) wall-popped Pontiac Boy's Club 90-50 Tuesday night with a 56 point

rally in the second half. It was the second straight win for the Club, sponsored by Dick Robinson, assistant director of physical education.



LEAPIN' LEROY—Leroy Larabell sets himself to pop off a jump shot in Monday basketball drills in the IM Building. Tom Kurz defends against the shot, while Ed Rudolph (left) awaits the rebound. Bill Connellan is at right.

Pontiac was only five points down at halftime, 34-29, but tired quickly in the second half. Oakland scored 26 points in the third quarter and finished with 30 in the final stanza.

Ozzie Carlson and John Reynar led the Oakland scorers with 18 points apiece. Most of their points came on rebound shots. Five of the club's players were in double figures and nine of the eleven players scored.

Reynar scored 23 points to lead Oakland in its first victory of the season, a 99-55 conquest of First Church of the Brethren, Pontiac. The conquest was a run-away for the Oakland team from the beginning. Oakland had a definite height advantage, as well as being younger and quicker than the Pontiac team. Ozzie Carlson added 20 as everybody managed to score. The team's next game is Saturday at Milford High School. Oakland is taking on the Milford Alumni Team.

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Registration for all winter intramural teams is under way, Hollie Lepley, intramural director, announced Tuesday. Teams currently being organized are hockey and basketball.

Basketball rosters must be in by noon, Tuesday. Play begins the following day. Girls interested in an intramural league may register in the office of the IM Building.

Besides an intramural league there is an Oakland Hockey Club, with Tony Ivey and Phil Matora as co-managers. Members are still needed. A meeting is scheduled for Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Intramural Building for all those interested in hockey.

Free skiing lessons are being offered this semester by Ray Reed, of the Oakland Metropolitan Ski Patrol. Sponsored by the University Ski Club, the free lessons will be given on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Ski equipment is available at the IM Building for a small rental fee.

Student-faculty bowling matches, a popular event last semester, will begin again Thursday, at North Hill Lanes in Rochester. There will be five matches this semester.

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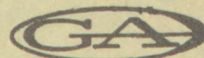
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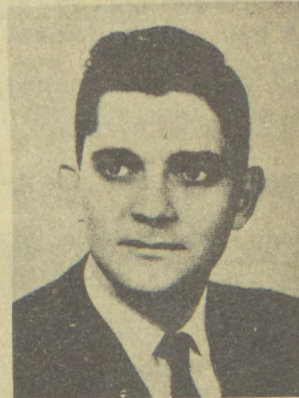
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