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ADDRESSING MEDIEVALISTS

Carl F. Barnes, Jr., newly appointed chairman of art, will deliver a paper at the seventh annual meeting of the Midwest Medievalists Conference at Ann Arbor Oct. 23. His subject will be discoveries made during excavations carried out under his direction in the Gothic cathedral of Soissons, France, last fall. The project was sponsored by a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies.

RECRUITERS ON CAMPUS

Representatives of the University of Michigan School of Social Work will be on campus Friday to interview seniors (all majors) interested in information about pursuing graduate studies in the field of social work. Students must sign up by noon Thursday for interviews.

WILL DELIVER PAPER

Boaz Kahana, newly named chairman of psychology, will present a paper at the annual scientific meeting of the Gerontological Society, Oct. 27-30 in Houston. The title is "The Role of Impulse Control in Cognition and Adjustment Among the Institutionalized Aged."

BOOKMAN'S BEAT

A display entitled "The Bookman's Alphabet" will be in Kresge Library during October. Various technical terms, phrases and names used in connection with bookmaking and book-selling will be explained, and examples of each term will be illustrated.

Alter Refund Policy

The Office of the Registrar has announced a new policy on tuition refunds due students who reduce their total credit loads by dropping courses. Students withdrawing completely should apply for refunds with the Office of Resource Services, 301 Wilson Hall. Those just reducing their credit load should apply with the Office of the Registrar, 161 North Foundation.

The new refund schedule is as follows:

Before the start of classes
--100%

After the start of classes
and before the second week
--80%

During the second week--70%

During the third week--60%

During the fourth week--50%

During the fifth week--40%

During the sixth week--30%

During the seventh week--20%

After the start of the eighth week--none

For educational sessions of different length than a regular semester, the above table will be prorated. In no case, however, will refunds be made after the middle of a semester or session.

Gibson Calls Engineers Society's Real Radicals

The following feature article by Detroit News staff writer Lou Mleczek was published this past summer in that paper.

With his close-cropped hair and solid features, John E. Gibson doesn't look like the type to be initiating radical changes in teaching engineering students.

But Gibson, 45, dean of Oakland University's School of Engineering, is doing exactly that.

Arriving at an essentially liberal arts oriented university in 1965 to start an engineering school, Gibson has taken a fledgling program of 157 students without a building and developed it into a first rate engineering curriculum for 500 students in the \$5 million Dodge Hall of Engineering.

More important, Gibson has placed emphasis on the engineer's responsibility to society and the school's curriculum reflects it.

"We have an integrated curriculum that tries to combine reality and theory," Gibson said. "We are trying to give our students a broader

liberal arts base so they are aware of major social needs."

Gibson has broken with tradition by offering lab courses for freshman and by having full professors, not just lab assistants, working in the labs.

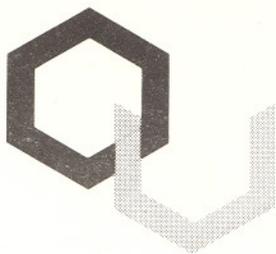
"With only assistant instructors in the labs, we were indirectly telling our students that theory taught in the classroom was more important than the realities of the lab," Gibson said.

Gibson has also been encouraging undergraduate students in what previously were considered areas reserved for graduate study.

With the help of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, eight undergrads designed and built an electric car and last spring entered it in the cross-country race for pollution-free vehicles.

"The car didn't work too well since it was designed primarily for short distances, but they refined parts of it and received more grants

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PLANNING

"Where do we go from here?" is a question that is being tackled by the various individuals, departments and agencies involved in development of the university's physical environment.

President O'Dowd took a hard look at the campus planning function last year following a series of recommendations issued by the reconstituted Long-Range Development Committee, under the chairmanship of William F. Sturner.

Among the steps taken by O'Dowd to fill what he regarded as a real gap in administrative organization was to name Sturner to a newly created position of Assistant President for Planning, to coordinate all

aspects of planning including the physical environment.

Sturner is charged specifically with the all-encompassing "responsibility for generating short-range and long-range plans for the development of the university encompassing such important areas as academic programs, university budget, new buildings, and administrative systems."

The responsibility of implementing such plans specifically involving the physical campus has been assumed by the new Office of Campus Development, coordinated by Assistant President Glen Brown.

Three recommendations submitted

by the Long-Range Development Committee last year, all dealing with the creation of a "sense of place" in campus development, are in the process of being implemented by Brown and his crew of engineers and landscapers.

These are proposals (1) to enhance the physical environment of the campus by creating a series of natural oases of stones, shrubs and other plantings at selected sites; (2) to identify and lay out nature trails throughout the campus, and (3) to save the complex of Meadow Brook barns, including the Student Enterprise Theatre, and as soon as funds can be arranged to preserve them as a "village" cluster for an educational setting emphasizing "living and learning" activities.

Guidelines for the development of the Oakland campus were summarized in a set of proposals drafted by the Ann Arbor firm of Johnson, Johnson & Roy (JJ&R). The plan was done at the request of the state Building Division, which also paid for the study. It was published last year, although the planning work was done four years ago.

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to take a closer look at the JJ&R suggestions at the informal session of their next meeting.

Johnson, Johnson & Roy envision two main campus areas--300 acres embracing the present campus site plus a plateau east of the ravine behind Hamlin Hall, and 250 acres in the southwest quadrant, in the fork of Butler and Squirrel Roads. Each campus could handle an enrollment of 15,000, the planners estimate.

The firm also supports in its guidelines a long-standing proposal to create a major roadway starting at the new campus entrance off Walton Road east of Hamlin Hall, sweeping through the center of the land southward, then swinging eastward to tie into Avon Road.

Members of the Long-Range Development Committee have criticized both the suggested development of the southern portion of the land and the major roadway proposal.

Prior to Oakland's independence from Michigan State University, much of the campus development work here was aided by the MSU Planning Department. The MSU planners, in turn, adapted and expanded upon an

BUILDING	YEAR COMPLETED	COST	ARCHITECT
North & South Foundation	1959	\$1,799,254	Swanson Associates, Bloomfield Hills
Oakland Center	1959	523,683*	Swanson
Kresge Library	1961	1,193,104	Swanson
Hannah Hall	1961	1,688,896	O'Dell, Hewlett & Luckenbach (OHL)
Anibal & Fitzgerald	1962	598,724	L. G. Redstone, Architects, Detroit
Sports & Recreation	1963	1,320,063**	OHL
Kettering Magnetics Lab	1963	59,143	J. A. Fredman, Inc., Pontiac
Pyrale	1963	335,732	Redstone
Baldwin Pavilion	1964	0 ***	OHL
Hill	1964	783,854	Meathe, Kessler & Associates, Grosse Pointe
Trumbull Terrace	1965	104,952	OHL
Van Wagoner	1965	767,931	Meathe, Kessler & Associates
Wilson	1966	2,282,535	OHL
Vandenberg	1966	2,282,535	Ralph R. Calder & Associates, Detroit
Dodge	1968	4,291,996	OHL
Hamlin	1968	3,113,045	Redstone
Graham Health Center	1968	576,981	Denyes & Freeman, Pontiac
Varner	1970	4,279,971	OHL
Central Heating Plant	1971	2,952,805	Commonwealth Associates, Jackson

* Plus two major additions totaling \$2,448,235, both designed by Swanson

** Plus major remodeling costing \$221,151, also designed by OHL

*** Construction costs donated to Meadow Brook Festival by the contractor

original "master plan" prepared in the early days of the university by Swanson & Associates of Bloomfield Hills. (See the accompanying architect's renderings of Swanson's concepts.)

Former Chancellor D. B. Varner has expressed satisfaction with the work of the MSU Planning Department and with the early campus development in general. While here he often referred to the architecture as "shoebox modern," but it was well known that he drew the attention of visiting legislators to the spartan buildings as proof that Oakland was not wasting any taxpayers' money on frills.

Varner said all of the early development was based on Swanson's master plan.

"Because of grave financial difficulties confronting the entire system of higher education at that time, it was decided after the preliminary stage not to proceed with the full and much more expensive final plan," Varner said. "We decided rather to move on an incremental basis utilizing the planning department of Michigan State University."

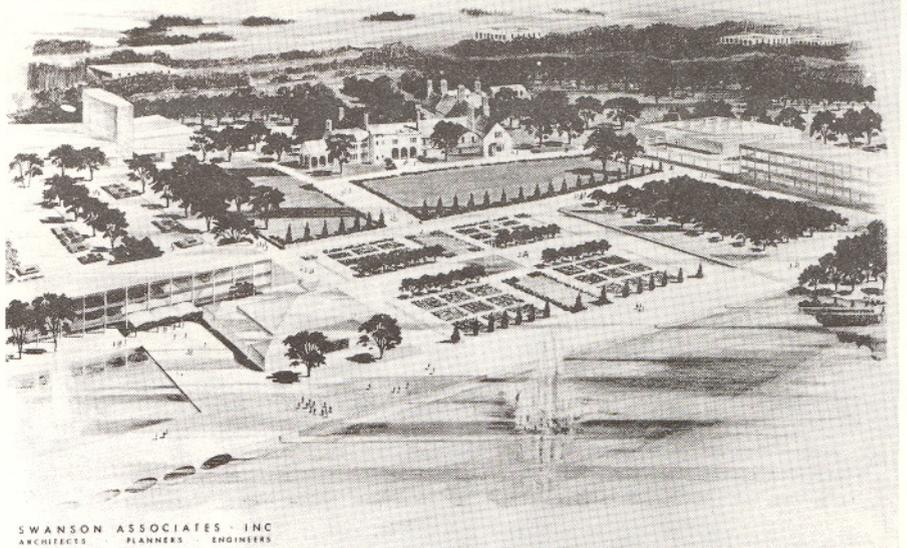
Varner also commented that in the earliest of the planning it was proposed that the first campus buildings be constructed south of the farm house, opposite the present faculty subdivision.

"This idea was abandoned for two reasons," he said. "First, it was discovered that the new I-75 was to be located near the west side of the property and, therefore, it seemed desirable to put the first buildings in the closest possible physical proximity to that major traffic artery. Secondly, there was growing feeling on the part of many of us that this great flurry of activity so close to Meadow Brook Hall and Sunset Terrace would prove a genuine annoyance for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson."

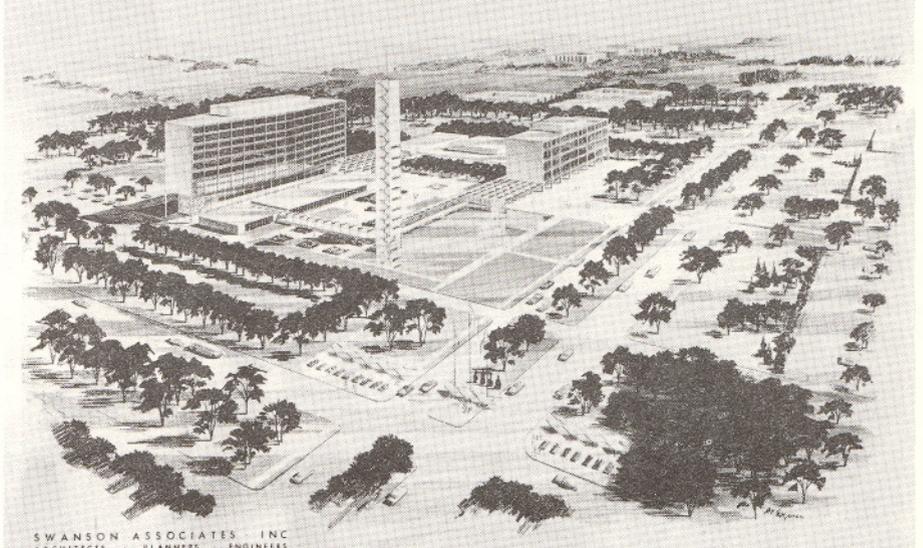
Varner said he felt "no particular restrictions or constraints from MSU on Oakland's campus development.

"Quite the contrary," he said. "At a time when there were approximately zero funds for campus development, Michigan State University made available its entire campus planning department including the landscape planning division, along with the physical plant development."

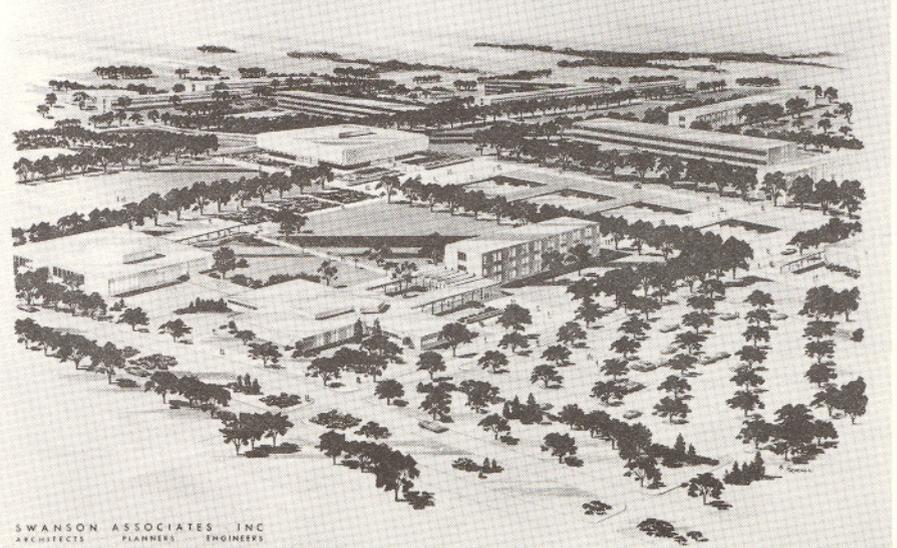
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ENGINEERING RADICALS

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Monday October 11	8:00 p.m.	Lit Committ lecture, Prof. Amit Tagore (modern languages), reading Chinese landscape poetry--Abstention
Tuesday October 12	7:00 p.m.	Classic Film Series, "Lola Montes," (reshown at 9:30)--201 Dodge
	8:00 p.m.	Orchestra concert--Varner Recital Hall
Wednesday October 13	7:00 p.m.	Classic Film Series, Hitchcock's "Notorious" and shorts (reshown at 9:30)--201 Dodge
	8:15 p.m.	ADA play, "The Caretaker"--Studio Theatre
Thursday October 14	8:15 p.m.	ADA play, "The Caretaker"--Studio Theatre
	8:30 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play, "The Matchmaker"
Friday October 15	3:30 p.m.	Soccer, Defiance College (away)
	8:00 p.m.	Weekend Film Series, "Myra Breckinridge" and "Flash Gordon VII" (reshown at 10)--201 Dodge
	8:15 p.m.	ADA play, "The Caretaker"--Studio Theatre
	8:30 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play, "The Matchmaker"
Saturday October 16	11:00 a.m.	Cross country, Grand Valley (away)
	1:30 p.m.	Soccer, Saginaw Valley (here)
	2:00 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre matinee, "The Matchmaker"
	8:00 p.m.	Underground Film Series, works by Kubelka and Emshwiller (reshown at 10)--201 Dodge
	8:15 p.m.	ADA play, "The Caretaker"--Studio Theatre
	8:30 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play, "The Matchmaker"
Sunday October 17	6:30 p.m.	Meadow Brook Theatre play, "The Matchmaker"
	8:00 p.m.	Weekend Film Series, "Myra Breckinridge" and "Flash Gordon VII" (reshown at 10)--201 Dodge

from the NSF for more research," Gibson said. "I'm proud of them since they've done all this on their own."

Gibson said pollution is a major topic discussed by the engineering students--a far cry from the way it was 10 years ago when Gibson was a professor at Purdue University.

"We're partly guilty for the previous apathetic view many engineers had about social and environmental problems," he said. "But today's student, without encouragement, is vitally concerned about doing something about these problems."

Unlike many engineering schools that are having recruiting problems, Gibson said that his department's yearly enrollment has increased 20 percent.

Gibson has also stepped up a recruiting campaign for women engineering students.

"I'd suggest engineering as a career to any woman entering college," Gibson said. "And we're trying to get more women."

"Businesses now are hiring women and two years ago, our top grad was a woman who received the highest salary when hired by the General Motors styling department."

It is the commitment shown by the Oakland students and faculty in using engineering to solve today's problems that has pleased Gibson the most.

"The street protesters aren't accomplishing nearly as much as our students, who are working hard to correct some of the ills that plague all of us."

MORATORIUM DAY PLANS

The War Resisters League is planning an all-day program in observance of "National Moratorium Day" on Wednesday. Films, workshops and a rally will deal with such topics as the war in Indochina, racism and repression. Schedules of events and further information on the planned activities may be obtained at the Student Activities Desk.

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