

Dickerson Considers Candidacy

By Dave Liggett

Of the Observer Staff

Assistant to the Chancellor James P. Dickerson says he has been "seriously considering" becoming a Republican candidate for the new 19th congressional district seat. He will make a formal announcement of his decision sometime "early in October."

Dickerson has been active in Republican affairs for many years.

As Assistant to the Chancellor, and Executive Director of the Oakland University Foundation, he has been responsible for attracting new grants to the University.

States Views

Among his views:

Tax reform: "Romney's tax reform program has the basic essentials necessary for good economic growth in Michigan. Some parts of it, like the situation with Detroit, and with elderly persons, might be reviewed, but basically, I think it will pass the legislature." On the federal tax cut, he stated a belief that the Republicans must "present a positive stand" on the issue, but did not comment on the program itself.

The role of the congressman:

"He must educate as well as represent his constituents, presenting the pros and cons of issues to the public, give his stand, and then vote in Washington with the support of majority opinion in his district.

Dickerson won't be alone in the race if he decides to run for the nomination. Already, Pontiac attorney, Richard D. Kuhn has announced his candidacy, and county leaders, such as Daniel T. Murphy, County Clerk, and Daniel Barry, county Drain Commissioner, are good prospects to be GOP candidates. Until October, however, Dickerson is "still considering."

Returns from Mackinac

Even as Dickerson considered a candidacy, he spoke of the popularity of the Governor's new tax program and concern for Negro votes as "spotlighting" last week's annual Republican State Central Committee meeting, at Mackinac Island. Dickerson is GOP committeeman from the 18th district.

Only one dissenting vote marred unanimous support from the delegates for Romney's tax reform plan, which includes the first state income tax.

Leo Greene of Flint, in the only speech to receive a standing ovation, appealed to the delegates to develop "closer ties with the Negro community. New efforts should be made to make the Negro feel at home in the Republican party, insuring success in 1964."

Dickerson, an ex-newspaperman, noted the "surprising absence of Goldwater forces, a good indication that Romney will have the backing of the entire delega-

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Kenneth Coffman

Northwestern Psychologist Joins OU

By the Observer Staff

Kenneth Coffman, a clinical psychologist, joined the staff of Oakland's Office of Psychological Services this semester.

Coffman is from Illinois where he earned his B.A. at Greenville College, his M.A. at Illinois State University and his Ph.D. at Northwestern University. He also did a year of post-doctoral work at the research hospital in Galesburgh, Ill.

Besides counseling students and doing research in student problem areas, Coffman is obtaining teaching experience. He is teaching Abnormal Psychology with David Lowy, assistant professor of psychology and director of psychological services department.

Coffman said he is impressed with the calibre of students at Oakland, and with the high academic level of faculty and staff. He feels that OU has "tremendous potential" and hopes to do his share in making an "academic environment conducive to student progress."

Football League To Begin Play

By The Observer Staff

With a one-game practice schedule out of the way, Oakland's eight team intramural football league will open its regular season Wednesday.

Fitzgerald House leads the league in representation with three teams, the "Clansmen," "Jetfires," and the "Suicide Squad." Pryale House has a single unnamed team.

Ed Bajek captains an Engineer team; Dick Jackson, the commuter "Moonshots" Jim Lavis' commuter "Colt 45's," and one unnamed commuter squad form the remainder of the league. There will be no Anibalette squad this season.

League space is still available for other teams, according to Hollie Lepley, director of physi-

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U To Ask Legislature For New Classroom Building

By Don Roe

Of the Observer Staff

Chancellor Varner disclosed this week that the Board of Trustees has authorized the University to submit a proposal to the legislature for a new \$2.5 million classroom building. If the legislature approves, construction will begin next spring and completion is hoped for by the fall of 1965.

In addition to classrooms, the new building will have accommodations for new faculty offices, Varner announced. At present many of the faculty have been herded onto the third floor of SFH and the Science Building because of the office space shortage. The rooms on the third floor of SFH were originally designed for classroom use, but because of a shortage of twenty offices the first year some faculty were placed there.

"Those faculty members who now have their offices in SFH, will have to be moved in order to free space for classroom use," Dean O'Dowd, dean of the university said. He stated that the ratio of offices to classrooms should be about three to one when all the classrooms are in use. All the present classrooms, plus the new proposed ones, will be in use in 1965 because of the anticipated increase in enrollment.

"The new building will be primarily for the humanities," Varner said, "and will have accommodations for music and art departments."

No Definite Plans

The definite plans are not as yet complete as to how many offices or classrooms there will be. The architectural firm of O'Dell, Hewett and Luckenbach has been

commissioned to draw up the plans. Plans should be ready in about two or three months, according to Robert Swanson, director of business affairs. This firm also designed the Science and IM buildings.

According to O'Dowd, the proposed building will also have an auditorium with a seating capacity.

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Writers Conference To Include Snodgrass

By the Observer Staff

Pulitzer Prize winning poet W. D. Snodgrass, will be among 27 writers giving their time to staff a one day "Writers Conference" to be held here on Saturday, October 5. Titled "The Craftsmanship of Creative Writing", the conference is designed to give concrete technical assistance to fledgling writers.

To implement this purpose, the emphasis of the day's program will be on three sessions of round table discussion groups, with about 25 persons in each group, rather than on lectures.

Each round table, which will be led by one of the published writers staffing the conference, will discuss various types of writing and writing problems.

Young writers will be given the opportunity to air some of their own problems in the company of established writers as well as others who care about writing.

Two extra features of the conference may have the most concrete value to some aspiring writers. The first is a manuscript criticism service of the "Writers Digest" that will enable young writers to learn the worth of their work as judged by critics of a national magazine. The sec-

ond feature is practical advice on how to break into print, so that the young writers might be encouraged to develop their writing skills by being published.

This is the second annual writers conference at Oakland. Last year it drew 360 aspiring writers, from all over the state, compared to the 60 that went to see Arthur Miller at the University of Michigan writers conference. The sponsors believe that much of this success can be attributed to the idea of having round table discussion groups led by established authors rather than a lecture by a nationally renowned writer.

Sponsors of the "Conference" have given a special invitation to the students of Oakland University to attend the conference. Instead of the regular \$6 price for the conference and dinner, Oakland students will be able to attend the conference minus the dinner for \$2.50. Also, there will be two free passes to the conference given to Oakland's two most promising writers, as judged by Robert Hoopes, Professor of English. The results of his judgment will be in next week's Observer.

Registration for the conference must be made at the Office of Continuing Education by Wednesday.

Flu Shots Obtainable

With the cold months of winter coming along, Oakland's Personnel and Safety Department has established a clinic from which students and employees may receive flu shots, Carlos Corona, departmental head, announced Tuesday. The shots will be obtainable at the University health service, 115 NFH, from Sept. 30 through Oct. 4 between 3 and 5 p.m. They will be 50 cents for students and \$1 for employees and their families.



CITIZEN'S VOICE—Gov. George Romney visited Oakland last weekend as one of four speakers appearing on the Oakland County citizens' "Political Forum." Conversing with curious OU kids before lunch, he then went on to deliver a 30-minute speech on his controversial tax program. (See also editorial on Page 2).

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Repeating the Lesson

What in the words of Chancellor Varner was "the most distinguished group of citizens we've ever had on campus" came to Oakland last Saturday. The occasion was the local citizens' "Political Forum", though it was sometimes hard to determine just how political the forum actually was. It barely transcended the spirit of a family gathering, only to end up in an assembly of middle-class Oakland County citizens who had to be educated. The lesson, then, was political; but anyone who had read the day's newspapers didn't learn anything new.

Like so many esteemed politicians, Saturday's speakers came to their fellow citizens to repeat commonplaces. Neil Staebler picked Kennedy's tax program, Broomfield foreign aid and Romney treated his favorite theme of "individualism and cooperation" in an off-the-cuff speech that made the Congressmen look like amateurs decibel-wise, but lacked any real profoundness and satisfied expectations only as it contained some stray points on his fiscal reform program.

It was Roger Finzel who asked the inevitable question on Romney's possible Presidential candidacy. The answer was a stereotype, fitting perfectly into the events of the day.

After all the rabble-rousing on "citizen participation" Senator Hart sounded rather apologetic. His point was in essence that it is "not a shame to be seduced by the federal government," simply because "seduction" is the wrong word.

At 3 p.m. Senator Hart blew the whistle. Everybody had had his talk, the University had received its publicity, the audience was getting tired after all, and somebody should have whistled much earlier.

Pinball Morals

In the words of John Corker, Oakland Center manager, having the Hi-Fi Club pinball machine in the building for recreation is "worse than contraceptive dispensers in the lavatories," and will lead to "dope peddlers in the broom closets."

So far, the club's efforts to raise money for projects through the use of coin-operated machines such as their juke-box have been thwarted by the vending contract held by Solo Automated Systems. Since Solo does not operate a pinball machine, the club has been permitted to offer its machine for amusement. Corker, however, ordered removal of the machine, claiming that the presence of the device violated the contract with Solo.

Study of the contract by Corker and representatives of the Club seemed to show a cloudy point of interpretation as to the acceptability of the machine in the Center. Corker's only other objection would seem to be on moral grounds.

The entire issue has been hushed-up, the pinball machine confiscated, and the Hi-Fi Club given discriminatory treatment, despite their continued good works on behalf of the student body. An open hearing on the matter is in order, with both sides permitted a presentation of the case. Those affected—that is, the pinball machine's patrons—should not have to have their morals guarded by others, but act for themselves.

The Oakland Center should show cause why the machine has been confiscated, and why the removal order was given. The Hi-Fi Club should once again show cause why the machine should be retained. And cause should be shown in the open, for all interested to see.

Minority Report

By Daniel Polsby

"For 'tis the sport to have the engineer Hoist in his own petard."—Shakespeare

Archibald MacLeish, in his essay "Why We Learn Poetry," defends the teaching of poetry in today's world on the grounds that poetry, like the physical sciences, gives up a basis for knowledge. Science, says MacLeish, gives us the dimensions and properties of things, but poetry presents things as we confront them. Poetry brings life and the objects of life into focus, and gives us another basis for knowledge and experience.

MacLeish must be a very harried man. Evidently, the harassment of his learned colleagues, the pure scientists, has been getting to him. Otherwise, why would he say that poetry has a practical side? Except for a limited employment in advertising, poetry is of virtually no material advantage to anyone. It will not stick bricks together. It will not preserve capital. It will not even burn very brightly if set afire. Its uses in industry, mathematics, or the sciences is functionally zero.

What we do not understand is why this should somehow make poetry of no value.

Poetry's strength has never been in its usefulness. How typical it is of modern man to deem it an asset to have "a mind like a steel trap." How unfortunate it is that one of our poets should submit to and even subscribe to such shoddy values.

Men have always sought what gratified them sensually; poetry at its best is aesthetic gratification. Only a UNIVAC or a jack-booted automaton could condemn a poem for not "doing" anything. Poems do not have to do anything. They need not impart knowledge. It is unfortunate that MacLeish thinks that they do.

Perhaps he should set himself to studying that very wise sage who once said, "A poem should not mean, but be."

Editor's Tripewriter

By Paul Turk

It's so indefinite, even the brewery tax is up in the air. To quote Nat Simons, assistant professor of economics, "We don't know what's in it."

Our Beloved Governor has a tax program. It's the old tax program warmed over, and it's still as regressive as the old system. Admittedly, distribution is somewhat improved, but the "ability to pay" philosophy of taxation still has not been accepted in Michigan.

Under the system, families on relief still pay sales tax, reducing the actual amount of welfare paid, no matter how small. The same is true for elderly couples, living on Social Security and state payments. Their small incomes also face the same confiscation.

Deferral tax payments on homes of the elderly merely give the state a lien on the estates of those unable to pay. Any smart householder will unload the property before he dies to avoid any

New Library Hours Cause No Difficulty

By The Observer Staff

University Librarian David Wilder told the Observer this week that no real difficulties have yet been encountered with the new library hours.

A library policy in effect since last week requires the staff to leave at the normal 10 p.m. time with only one student working at the circulation desk until midnight. After 10 p.m. the second floor of the building is closed for cleaning, and students are confined to the first floor.

Wilder felt that unless the main floor becomes overcrowded, there is no real need to keep the second floor open. He said that students should be able to allocate their time in order to be finished with the reference books on the second floor by 10 p.m.

Attendance figures for the first four days that the new hours were in effect indicate that a number of students are taking advantage of the extra time. From Sept. 16-19 the average number of students leaving the library at 10 p.m. was 46. An average of 53 students remained after 10 p.m. Five or six persons usually stayed until midnight.

Football League To Begin Play

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cal education and recreation. Anyone interested must contact Lepley's office by Monday or Tuesday.

Referees are also in demand. Anyone interested may also contact Lepley. All games start at 4:15 p.m.

Schedule for the week

Wednesday

Suicide Squad vs. Moonshots

Young Commuters vs. Jetfires

Thursday

Clansmen vs. Colt 45's

Engineers vs. Pryale

the Spectator

by

Phil Iannarelli

Our campus being as small as it already is, we tend to make it even smaller by thinking that it only extends to the end of the physical buildings which are not, however, the antipodes of Oakland. The road behind the Intramural Building leading down into the valley is a good example of the disregarded beauty of the Wilson estate. In autumn, particularly, this road is the winding way to a slowly changing landscape. The road is not long and you must take it slowly if you want to see the minute fantasy of color and smell, the oncoming change of season.

On each side of the road, on the steep banks or the flat fields of brush, grow great sprays of deep purple wild flowers and golden rod which move in the wind that mixes their aroma with the noticeable smell of the autumnal decay underfoot. Among the pastel haze of flower, rise sentinels of red, orange, and yellow trees. If you look closely at the bushes next to the road you will see large masses of drooping, decayed, brown matter clinging to the branches near the trunk. Several months ago this matter teemed with hundreds of new born caterpillars, warmed by the spring sun. Now they are gone.

Walking further down the road, there are willow trees, bright, yellow, spear-shaped leaves that form a brilliant screen lit by the sun. A few steps on, stands one great tree entirely overgrown with broad leaf vine except for some branches swooping outward toward the road. Stretch your imagination and you'll see a Jaberwockery towering above you.

Here the road stops unless you want to hop the gate and continue. Over the gate, a wood surrounds you, and from within the deep green trees you might hear ominous sounds of animals darting away into the undergrowth. Once, I remember that the sound of one of these rushes was so violent that my ears formed the shape of a wild, never-to-be-seen animal. At the second gate you must turn back, but only after a glance at Sunset Terrace and two or three thoroughbreds grazing in the pasture enclosed by a crisp white fence.

A quick run down the road and back up the hill is wholeheartedly suggested to shake off the pastoral hypnosis.

Placement Office

Representatives of the following companies and military branches will be on campus the weeks of September 30 and October 7.

- Sept. 26-27 U. S. Navy, U. S. Marine Corps
- Sept. 30 U. S. Air Force
- Oct. 3 International Business Machines
- Oct. 8 Dow Chemical
- Oct. 10 Michigan Credit Union League

For details or appointments, contact the Placement Office, 266 SFH.

Oakland Image Tested In Alumni Program

By the Observer Staff

Under the auspices of an Alumni Education program instituted in April, Oakland students will be given a series of tests to determine changes in their value judgments while at Oakland and after graduation.

A \$60,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation will finance the three-year project. Additional financing may be obtained through

the foundation after the project has been proven.

Gary Woditch, director of alumni education and head of the program, said the tests will not be initiated until January 1964. Students presently enrolled and all entering freshmen will take the tests. Once the plan is fully operative the tests will be given to graduates after six months, one year, and on a yearly basis thereafter.

Of further importance to the program is showing graduates the need for self development. All interested graduates will receive information concerning courses offered in their field, at Oakland and other colleges and universities. They also will be notified of current books and periodicals of value to their occupation.

Show Possibilities

Woditch feels it is not the responsibility of his office to pinpoint the area a student should go into. Students will be shown a variety of possibilities, he said, because "most students are familiar with only a few areas of their chosen field."

Originally the purpose of the Alumni Education program was to give individual counseling to business administration and engineering majors. Now, Woditch outlined, the program will be concerned with these students and with others who think they would benefit from this type of guidance.

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tion next summer, if he decides to run for President."

"Citizen Participation"

Boosting Romney was Thurstion Morton, ex-chairman of the Republican National Committee, and junior Senator from Kentucky. In his keynote address, Morton said, "The whole nation has seen Republican financial success in Michigan."

Some observers have credited the recent Michigan financial success to a boom in the auto industry, rather than to fiscal planning by the Republicans.

"Citizen participation" was the key theme throughout the two-day weekend convention, said Dickerson. "The responsible part of the party lies with its citizens."

Symposium To Feature Primitive Art Exhibit

By the OU Information Service

Rare masterpieces of Primitive Art will be assembled in the University Art Gallery during the month of October. The exhibit will be officially opened with an address by G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, on October 4 at 1:15 p.m.

This exhibit, timed to coincide with the Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit on African Art, is a major event of the second annual Symposium on the Arts—the theme of which is "Primitive and Contemporary Arts."

The University Primitive exhibit will include African, Oceanic and American Indian pieces, almost none of which has been

seen in Michigan before. Sources for the exhibit are varied. The Museum of Primitive Art in New York will send about twenty pieces including works from Africa (the Congo, Mali, Yoruba, Benin); from the South Pacific including several items from Melanesia and some North American Indian pieces.

Loaned By Williams

About fifteen pieces will be loaned by former Governor and Mrs. Williams. He has become an active collector of Primitive Art and has purchased almost all of these pieces during his recent visits into various parts of Africa. Other loans for the exhibit will be non-African pieces from the Detroit Institute of Arts and works from the collection of Professor Harry Bober, distinguished Primitive Art authority at New

York University.

Almost all of the works in the exhibit will be in sculpture, most of these in wood, some in bronze, some in combinations of brass or bronze over wooden frames.

Because the field of primitive art is currently one of extreme interest to both scholars and the gallery-going public, the Oakland exhibit will be both timely and exciting. According to John Galloway, chairman of Oakland's

art department and coordinator of the exhibit, the forthcoming Primitive Art exhibit at Oakland University is likely to be, for its size, "one of the finest collections of art on primitive peoples ever seen in Michigan."

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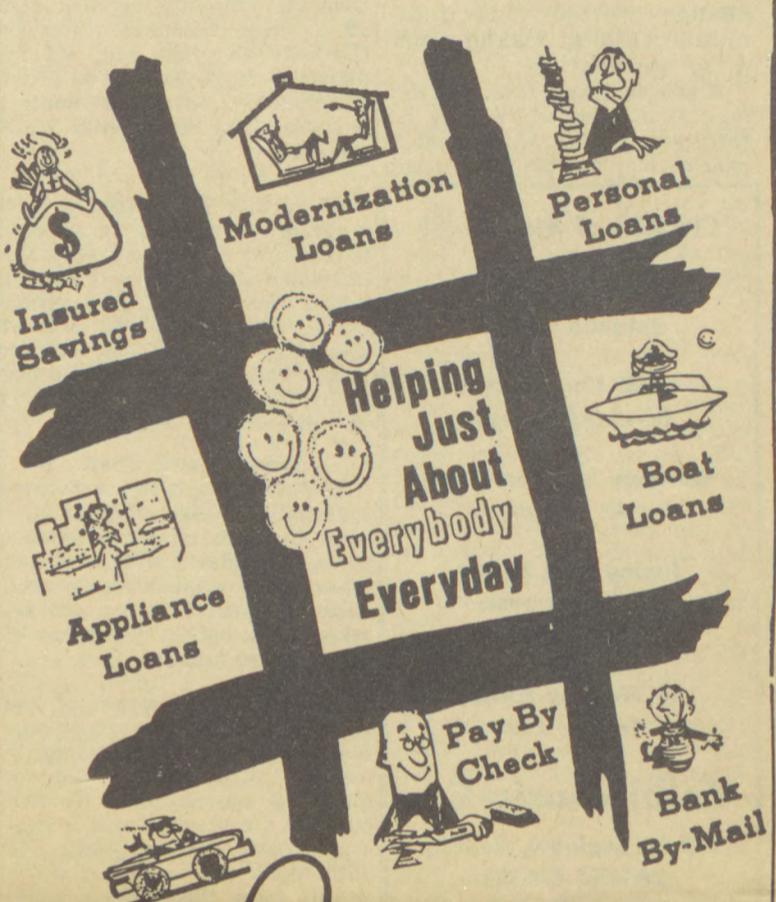
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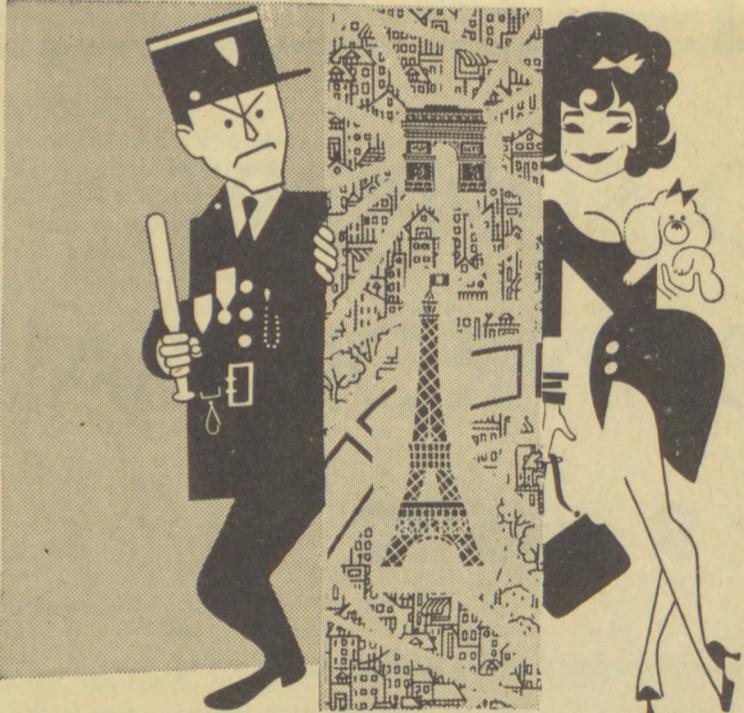
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