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Sue Bierstein Is Editor

Susan Bierstein has succeeded Lauree Webb as editor of the OAKLAND OBSERVER.

The appointment was made March 17 and became effective at the beginning of Spring Term.

Miss Bierstein is the first OBSERVER editor to be appointed by the newspaper's editorial board which is composed of staff members and was formed at the suggestion of the editor. Previous editors were elected.

"It is essential that the editor be capable of handling all the responsibilities of the position," Miss Webb said. "We cannot be assured of obtaining this kind of person in an election."

Miss Bierstein has been a member of the staff since Fall

Term, when she first enrolled at MSUO. For the past three months she has served as art editor in addition to reporting. She also is a student government press secretary. She was editor of her high school newspaper in Hershey, Pa. for two years.

"I have placed my full confidence in Sue. I have no reservations about her ability to provide effective leadership for the future development of the OBSERVER," Miss Webb said in announcing the appointment to members of the staff.

In citing reasons for her resignation, Miss Webb expressed a desire to devote more time to academic pursuits. She will remain a member of the staff, however.

MSUO's Future Threatened By '61 State Budget Appropriations

By Susan Bierstein

MSUO came within dollars of its life this week.

In seeking means to decrease Michigan's financial burden, legislators raided appropriations for higher education.

Major Issues Facing Voters

Conversion of the Student Government and Constitution for operation on the trimester will be the main issues of the spring election next month. The new senate will be chosen, along with a new student body president. A bloc of constitutional amendments to convert to the trimester, will be on the ballot.

The two prospective candidates are Senator Howard Hinkel, of Rochester, and Bill Kath, of Pontiac, have indicated that they will seek the presidency. President Paul Allen will try for a senate seat.

The senate race will be more involved, with 20 seats to be filled. Several incumbents may file for re-election, and although a number of other people are making plans for the campaign, no definite commitments have been made as yet.

A major section of the ballot will be the series of constitutional amendments designed to convert the present document for use under the trimester. The constitutional committee is composed of three senators: Dave Welch, Roger Williams and Paul Turk, with Fred Pung, Keith Bateman and Pat Welch representing the MSUO community at large. A questionnaire concerning the functions of student government has been prepared by the committee and the replies will be used to guide the preparation of the amendments.

Voters will be able to examine the proposed amendments several days before the election.

More specifically, they have pared \$265,700 from MSUO's budget proposal, thereby endangering the future of the University.

By allocating a budget of only \$891,300, the legislature is telling MSUO to finance its first junior class and pay 18 new faculty members with \$12,300 — the legislators' proposed increase over last year's budget. Maintenance of two new buildings alone will cost \$80,000.

Under the proposed bill, tuition for Michigan students would be hiked \$20, and out-of-state students would pay \$150 in additional fees.

Passage of such a proposal "would destroy us," Chancellor Varner said.

A faction of the legislature, under the encouragement of

Farrell E. Roberts of Oakland County, has proposed that the \$5 million needed to balance state funds be raised by extending the nuisance tax, due to expire soon. This measure would alleviate the immediate danger to MSUO.

However, such action would only offer temporary relief. MSUO might be even more gravely endangered next year when its budget is again submitted to the legislature.

Gov. Swainson ordered state universities and colleges to reduce the cost of operation per student.

"Our answer was year round classes, resulting in reducing the cost of education per student by 17 per cent," Varner stated.

This measure on the part of MSUO was overlooked by legislators.

MSUO's budget is included with that of MSU-EL. This means that MSUO's particular needs are not given individual consideration by the legislature. In addition, needs peculiar to MSU-EL are considered in appropriating funds for MSUO. "The two schools should have separate appropriations," President Hannah of MSU-EL told the Board of Trustees.

Failure to recognize MSUO's needs as a newly established institution will mean "the destruction of a dream," in Varner's words.

Maher, Mahar, Roseman Appointed

Three appointments to the MSUO faculty were recently approved by the MSU Board of Trustees.

The new faculty members are: Dr. John E. Maher, 35, a former economist with the United States Department of Labor Wage Stabilization Board, as associate professor of economics; Dr. Pauline Moller Mahar, 33, as assistant professor of sociology and anthropology; and Norman Roseman, 34, as assistant professor of teacher education.

Dr. Maher is now assistant professor of economics at Wesleyan University. Before accepting appointment there in 1957, he was an instructor and assistant professor at DePauw University.

A native of Utica, N.Y., he received his doctor of philosophy and bachelor of arts degrees from Harvard University. See Appointments — Page 4

\$28.50 YEARLY

Student Health Insurance

A health and accident insurance policy costing \$28.50 annually has been made available to MSUO students by the student government, Paul Allen, student government president, announced recently.

The insurance program is the result of a five-month study of various policies by the student government committee for special activities, chaired by Howard Hinkel.

The Austin-Norvell agency of Pontiac, an affiliate of the Continental Casualty Company of Chicago, was selected to handle the policy.

"Mr. Norvell was exceptionally cooperative and helpful," Hinkel said.

Bids for the policy were received from five insurance companies. The Chicago firm was chosen on the basis of its experience in student insurance programs.

In working out the specific provisions of the policy, the committee was concerned with making the coverage as complete as possible at a reasonable cost. Problems peculiar to MSUO — the change to a

three-semester year and the fact that most students commute — were taken into consideration by the committee.

Students buying the policy will be covered throughout the school year — at home, at school and while traveling. Benefits include expenses up to \$500 for any accident and graduated allocations for illness.

Insurance Registration Deadline April 21

FINAL enrollment date for Student Accident and Health Insurance April 21. A representative of the agency administering the program will be available Friday, April 14 and 21, between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. in the Student Government Office.

Applications, premium payments and identification cards available at Dean of Students Office (Mrs. Sexton).

Students presently enrolled in the program may secure identification cards from Mrs. Sexton.

WHERE ARE THE DORMS?

Dorms by September? Scepticism is rising on the MSUO campus as students watch for signs of life on the area north of the Student Center.

A construction shed was erected at the end of Winter Quarter in preparation for the groundbreaking ceremonies scheduled for April 1.

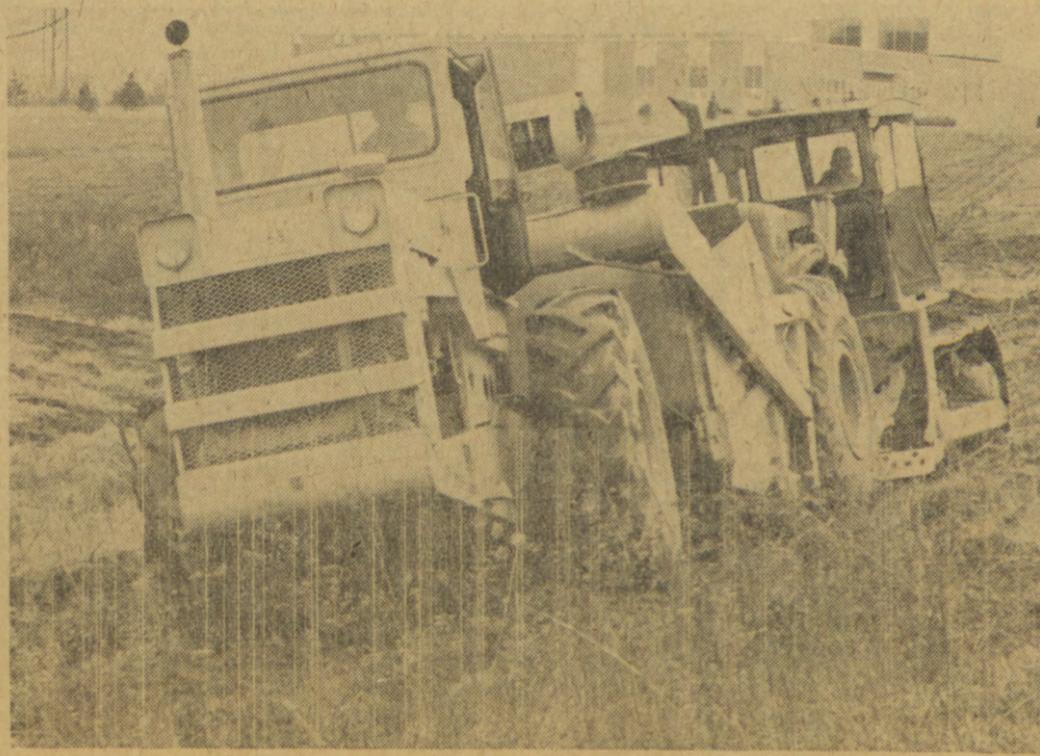
Bulldozers began grading, now stand idle.

Who or what is impeding construction of student housing at MSUO?

The OBSERVER learned Tuesday that MSUO's housing plans, along with those of several other colleges and universities, await endorsement by the Ways and Means Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives, where they were introduced for study two months ago.

Although MSUO's plans were

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BULLDOZER GRADES DORM SITE OPPOSITE STUDENT CENTER

Out-Of-State Interest High

A high school student arrived at MSUO after a 16-hour bus ride from Ridgewood, N.J., last Wednesday. He spent the day talking with Herbert Stoutenburg, admissions director, and looking over the campus.

A family from Elmira, New York, drove all night so that their son, a prospective student, might see MSUO.

These boys are representative of the widespread and increasing interest in MSUO which is becoming apparent to the Admissions office, where inquiries have been arriving at the rate of three or four a week.

Application blanks and brochures have been sent to India, the Philippines, Colorado, Washington, D.C., and the New York City area.

Stoutenburg cites the Trimester Plan, to begin in the fall of 1961, as the aspect of MSUO most attractive to prospective out-of-state students.

Three particular aspects of the Trimester arouse enthusiasm:

The elimination of the problem of summer employment and the opportunity to continue study during the summer months.

The prospect of beginning graduate work before students in four-year colleges have received bachelor's degrees.

The opportunity to begin a career a year earlier than stud-

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Language Lab Lures Languid Linguists

By Jon Lohla

Eighteen miles of wires, 525 electron tubes, 50 earphone sets, 47 tape recorders and over 200 manhours have been successfully combined to produce one of the finest language laboratories in Michigan. Installed by the Soundpac Corporation, the MSUO language lab can accommodate 250 students daily.

Mr. Serge Shishkoff, Russian instructor and laboratory coordinator, believes the lab, located in room 265, will greatly benefit students by providing frequent, prolonged exposure to a foreign language. Students will develop fluent conversation and correct pronunciation more quickly and more easily than is possible in a classroom, Shishkoff said.

Presently the 350 French, German, Russian and Spanish "linguists" who use the lab require 25,200 feet of tape daily. First-year students must spend at least two hours per week in the lab — on hour with their classes and one hour individually. A language tape library provides, in addition to required work, an opportunity for the student to study individually.

Through an arrangement with the university music department, lab equipment will also



HELP!

be used in several music courses. Repaired music tapes will be monitored to an adjacent room at the request of students. Demand for this added service may necessitate opening the laboratory on weekends.

Students, professors and administrators predict a worthwhile future for the project. Although a few students contend that the lab will mean only bad grades, sore ears, and more work, the university as a whole has enthusiastically accepted the laboratory as a progressive step toward a better education.

Observations

Quotable Quote: "Education must come off!" (Chancellor Varner). . . . Has anyone noticed the similarities between the proposed addition to Rochester High School and the buildings on our campus? . . . More than 75 people turned out last Wednesday night to hear Rowena, the folk singer from Detroit. Quite a crowd stayed afterwards . . . Who takes down signs advertising school events? Posters for the emblem contest disappeared a week after they were put up. Really gripes our poster-makers . . . Dave Stokes and Fred Byrum are hard at work on their book, "MSUO: Where the Girls Aren't". That seems to be a prevalent opinion. Open your eyes, boys: MSUO has its share of "chicks" . . . There are 106 students on the Dean's List for Winter Quarter as compared with 117 for Fall Quarter. The road to expulsion is paved with good intentions (a slight alteration of the old cliche). . . . According to Jim Alain, there are 311,520 holes in the ceiling of room 169 . . . Don't forget that Bishop Richard Emrich will speak Monday, April 17, as part of the Seminar in Basic Contemporary Theologies. . . . Quotable Quote (courtesy of Mr. Wisner): "Definition of a camel: a horse that was designed by a committee" Seems appropriate at MSUO, with the mania for committees. . . . The Student Government office has been moved to room 114 of the Student Center. Meetings will be held in room 112 of the Center at the usual time, 12:30 Friday. . . . Take heart, would-be bed-pushers! The police commissioner can't kill this one: bunk-stuffing. Yes, its the latest thing. Northern Illinois University holds the record — they stuffed 124 boys into the bottom half of a bunk. Sorry, it's not a coed sport. Under the charity-benefit plan, each bunk-stuffer contributes \$1 to a charity chosen by the group. Dorm No. 1 could provide the bunkbed. The OBSERVER challenges MSUO's disheartened bed-pushers. Bring the bunk-stuffing title to our fair school. . . . Did you know that Chancellor Varner's own expense fund is underwriting the cost of the spring dance May 19? Thus the name, "Chancellor's Ball". . . . Speaking of dances, we got word of several bruised male egos. Seems the guys didn't get asked to the Spinster Spin. Don't blame the girls; you men must show some interest before expecting the girls to make a move. . . . Dick Stier would like to remind those who went on the ski trip to save their rain checks; they are good at anytime, providing there's snow on the ground. . . . More than 50 people saw "Ivan Brovkin," the first Film Festival offering. . . . Expect a boom in Metrecal sales when the Kresge Library opens. Two people coming in opposite directions on the stairs, each with an armload of books, will have quite a problem. . . . MSUO's emblem will be chosen from the 22 entries on the display board in the cafeteria.

Have Blood Will Donate

Do you want to save lives or meet a human need? The blood program at MSUO from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 24 and 25 is your opportunity.

It may save your money and the need to ask for blood when you or a member of your family need it.

Mrs. Margaret Cramer, university nurse, reported that it is necessary to obtain the signatures of at least 250 donors for the program to succeed.

Although only 100 might donate, all donors associated with the university and their relatives will benefit. Even after a person leaves the university, he may contact it for free blood, which will be sent anywhere in the United States.

An additional advantage is a free complete physical check-up. The actual process of donating blood, according to Mrs. Cramer, takes only 20 minutes.

A needle the size used for an ordinary injection is used, the process is completely painless.

She is still registering prospective donors.

Director will be Mrs. Russell Nowells, chairman of the Rochester Community Blood Bank.

Dorms

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approved by committee members, construction of the dorms cannot begin until all the housing recommendations included in the bill are accepted.

Endorsement of the bill was not expected to take two months, according to Chancellor Varner.

"If we receive word today that the bill has been passed, we will begin construction tomorrow," Varner stated.

Despite the continued delay, he is confident the MSUO will have dorms by September.

Student Favor Peace Corps

Thousands of students in United States colleges have responded enthusiastically to the Peace Corps proposed by President Kennedy. In efforts to determine the attitude toward this idea on MSUO Campus, The OBSERVER questioned several students.

Paul Turk, said, "The Peace Corps is not organized effectively. The people must be well trained. It is a good idea — in theory."

However, most students hold a more positive view.

Kim Nixon felt that sending carefully trained corps members overseas to assist in such fields as education, health and

agriculture would be a good idea, especially if many countries participate. "In this way," she said, "the United States could show that it is not trying to sell Americanism but is sincere in its efforts for peace."

The Peace Corps is intended to help fight the "common enemies of mankind — tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself," Mr. Kennedy said.

Luther Wilson, in accord with this goal, said, "It will greatly improve the prestige of our country even though it isn't intended for that purpose."

Jim Wolfe agreed and said, "Although many drawbacks of the Peace Corps have been pointed out, one cannot help but visualize the many favorable aspects of the program, notably in foreign relations."

Not too optimistic about the corps, Clint Yerkes said, "I think it is a good idea but the way it is set up it won't be too successful."

This use of peacetime measures to help underdeveloped countries seeking aid is being organized on a temporary and experimental basis.

Greta Anderson felt that to really accomplish its purpose the Peace Corps would have to operate on a wide scale. She said that this would have to be an effort on over a long period of time to prove its effectiveness.

Lynne Humphreys was strongly in favor of this program. She would like to join and help the less fortunate people in the world.

The minimum age for the corps is 18 but there is no maximum age limit. Married couples are welcome to join, said R. Sargent Shriver, the corps director.

Bill Poffenburger, supporting Turk's view, said that President Kennedy has "some marvelous ideas but it is a pity they cannot be carried out. It would be great for idealists who have nothing else to do."

Because being in the corps means serving the U.S. voluntarily and with little pay the volunteers should not be expected to serve in the armed forces also, Poffenburger said.

Members of the Peace Corps are not exempt from the draft, however they will not be drafted during the time they are in the corps.

SCC Outlines Plans

Don't look now, but you're in the middle of a social activities boom. Coming up from now to the end of the term will be five of the top social events of the year.

A fashion show put on by Waite's Department Store will be held April 25. All students are cordially invited to attend. Previous fashion shows have been great successes. This one will be no exception.

At the end of April, the SCC will sponsor a Gambling Party. Details will be furnished at a later date, but everyone on campus is urged to attend.

May 19, the dance of dances will be presented — the Chancellor's Ball. It will last from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost \$5 a couple. Sound high? Not for Ralph Marterie and his band who will provide the entertainment! The dress will be semi-formal. No tux. Tickets will go on sale soon.

A swimming party will climax the school year. Details will be announced later.

Sophomores Must Pick Majors

Dr. Robert Hopkins, chief advisor, today announced that students who will be eligible to take junior-level courses in the fall trimester session will be requested to specify their intended major field of interest on May 1.

A re-alignment of academic advisors will be made according to the indicated major of each student.

In cooperation with Herbert Stoutenburg, registrar, a schedule has been prepared stating the time and place for students to meet with their current academic advisors. This will provide an opportunity for advisors to assist students in determining the major they would select.

Once this scheduled meeting has taken place, a reassignment of advisors will be made.

The schedule for meeting with present academic advisors is as follows:

Monday, May 1, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Academic Advisor	Room
Peter Amann	163
David Beardslee	164
Richard Burke	165
Meivin Cherno	166
Howard Clarke	167
June Collins	168
Walter Collins	169
Mary Ann Cusack	170
Thomas Fitzsimmons	171
Harold Fromm	172
John Galloway	173
James Cherity	174
William Hammerle	165
Robert Holmes	176
William Kluback	264
Hollie Lepley	266
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	
James McKay	156
George Matthews	164
Frederick Obear	163
Donald O'Dowd	166
Justus Pearson	167

William Rhode	168
Gloria Shapiro	169
Samuel Shapiro	170
William Schwab	268
Robert Simmons	172
Gerald Straka	173
Norman Susskind	174
Francis Tafoya	176
Orrin Taulbee	165
Paul Tombouljan	264
Gertrude White	266

Students will have the opportunity to change their major in the future. However, if carefully considered, most students will find no need for a subsequent change of major, Hopkins said.

Following this change in advisors, all other students also will be assigned to advisors in the major area they intend to pursue.

Such reassignment will take place during the summer and students will be notified by mail, prior to fall enrollment.

New Secretary

Jannet Kelley assumed the secretarial duties of the Student Center Council Board of Governors as a result of action taken by the board last week. The office was left unfilled in elections held last quarter.

Miss Kelley is a former member of the social committee and has been a member of the Student Center Council since its initial formation.

Jim Wolfe became a member of the board following his election as chairman of the social committee.

Other action by the board included the acceptance of Jim Morrison's resignation and the transfer of his duties as member at large to Marge Swoboda.

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Aged Before Beauties — Faculty Trips Trippers

By Paul Turk

"That Glob-Tripper basketball team is really shaping up!"

This was the comment of a spectator during the contest between the faculty men and Tripper girls.

But shape or no, the girls were no match for the men, led by Jack Hidde and Norm Susskind, as they rolled to a 25-11 victory in the Will Rogers school gymnasium, Monday evening.

The faculty team, challenged by the Trippers, fielded a lineup that included; Jack Hidde, assistant physical education director, Richard Burke, assistant professor of philosophy, George Fritz, student center director, Robert McGarry, chief accountant, Norman Susskind, assistant professor of languages, Sheldon Appleton, assistant professor of political science, Donald O'Dowd, assistant professor of psychology and dean-appointee, Hollie Lepley, acting dean of students, and Walter Collins, of the music department.

The Tripper squad, which has played together all season, included Jean Young, Sally

Rhese, Loretta Paris, Pat Koenig, Betty Griffin, Sue Springer, Nancy Koenig, Vivian Rusch, Lilo Noller, Nancy Pompa and others.

Playing without their star, Chancellor Varner (ruled out of the league for bodychecking, according to Susskind), the men gave the Trippers the opening basket — by captain Sally Rhese — came back to tie it on Hidde's ice-breaker, then fell behind again as Jean Young sank a turnaround from close in.

Trippers opened their biggest lead a few moments later when Sally was fouled by Bob McGarry and sank the free toss to up the score to 5-3. The faculty finished the scoring for the period as Hidde hit on a layup and Dick Moore connected on a jump shot from the corner as the first six-minute quarter ended.

Susskind started the second frame by dropping in an easy layup, then missed from the charity line after being fouled by Lilo Noller. The faculty padded their lead, as George Fritz broke into the clear for another layup, and then settled down to defensive play for the rest of the quarter, blocking Tripper shots and loafing. Susskind missed another foul shot, and then missed the rebound with a wayward jump shot.

Perhaps the most humorous

incident during the period was the jump ball between Pat Koenig and Fritz (an easy winner — he never left his feet). The half ended with the men on the long end of a 10-5 score.

A blinding flash of color started the second half as Hollie Lepley trotted onto the

floor wearing bright yellow shorts and a dark blue sweat-shirt, possibly an advance preview of official physical education garb, as the garments had MSUO No. 1 centered on them.

The faculty started right in again with Walter Collins sinking a push shot from the circle. The men took it easy for the rest of the period, making passes, playing defensive ball and going on the offensive only long enough to allow Susskind to sink another layup. Sally Rhese finished the second period scoring with her second of three buckets.

In the fourth period, Hidde returned to the lineup and immediately potted a layup, at which point the Trippers sent in reinforcements and didn't bother to remove anyone from the game, playing with five forwards and five guards.

Needless to say, the faculty was not granted any such privilege.

The strategy backfired, however, as Dick Burke dumped in a twisting layup on a bounce pass from Hidde. Burke scored again a few seconds later on a long outside jumpshot which dropped through without touching the rim.

A third double-dribble call on

Lepley opened the door for another Tripper score, when Sue Springer took a pass, broke clear, and potted a push shot.

In an exclusive post-game lockerroom interview as the small but enthusiastic crowd dispersed, captain Sally Rhese commented, "We should have played longer quarters — we're not tired yet!"

Observation bore this out. The faculty sprawled all over the bench while the Trippers fired practice shots, preparing for next year's contest.



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Following the theme "Build Your Personal Library," the bookstore will offer discounts on books and accessories, manager Louise Landon said.

There will be prizes and a grab-bag of books. A student whose name is drawn by Chancellor Varner at ceremonies next Friday will receive a gift certificate.

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His master of science degree is from the University of Wisconsin.

Holder of research grants from Wesleyan and DePauw, Dr. Maher now is working on two projects — a study of the wage patterns set by collective bargaining in key industries since World War II, and a text in labor economics. He is the author of numerous articles.

Dr. Pauline Mahar, presently instructor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Arizona, is a graduate of Wellesley College and received her doctor of philosophy degree from Cornell University.

She was a post-doctoral fellow of the American Association of University Women, 1958-59, and did research on field data collected in India. Prior to that she was a research associate at Cornell and worked on a mental health study in Nova Scotia. Her teaching experience includes a post at Elmira (N.Y.) College.

Roseman, now at the University of Illinois, is assistant state chairman of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and Illinois coordinator of public school facilities.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Queens College, New York, and a master of arts from Columbia University. He has completed course work for the doctor of philosophy degree which he expects to receive this year from Illinois. He also holds a French language certificate from the University of Paris extension service, London, Eng.

Prior to his appointment at Illinois, Roseman was with the Overseas American Schools from 1953 to 1958 and served his last year with the system, as principal of the Greenham Common School at the U.S. Air Force Base, Newbury, Eng.

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Intramurals Undergo Seasonal Expansion

With the start of the third term and the approach of spring weather, the physical education office has expanded its intramural and instructional programs.

Activities being offered are basketball, softball, more fencing, bowling, judo, wrestling and dancing groups.

A softball league is being proposed, but the turnout for organizational meetings has, thus far been slight, and the league may have to be organized on a player pool basis. The possibility of two playing fields is being complicated by the existing landscaping and by the work on the library, but backstops will be placed in the area east of the Student Center.

The recreation office has enough equipment to outfit three teams, and this equipment is available for general use now as is most of the other recreational equipment.

Miss Nancy Pompa, of the recreation office, has participation lists for all spring activities, including the planned student-faculty tournaments in softball, golf, bowling and archery and all students are urged to sign up.

Admissions

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ents in four-year schools.

Other attractive factors are the elimination of ROTC, physical education, varsity sports, and fraternities and sororities.

Interest in MSUO is stimulated by the appearances of Stoutenburg and other faculty and staff members at national and local meetings. Stoutenburg and Victor Lindquist, his

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Participating students are reminded that a physical clearance is needed from the health office for participation in badminton, basketball, football, fencing, modern dance, judo, volleyball and weight-training.

assistant, has travelled throughout Michigan speaking at career-day and assembly programs at high schools, and addressing PTA groups, men's clubs and civic organizations.

News items concerning MSUO continue to appear in newspapers and magazines on a national level.

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