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No Epidemic; Hepatitis Under Control

Hunt's Will Leaves Hill Debt-Free

By Alex Bensky

With the cancellation of the bonds on Hill House, due to the death of the holder, Hill has become the first Oakland dormitory to fully retire its debt.

The bonds were held by Mr. Ormond E. Hunt, the first Vice-President in charge of Engineering at General Motors, who died January 3, 1967. Mr. Hunt, a resident of Bloomfield Hills, purchased the bonds in 1964 for Hill's construction.

As with Pryale House, the bonds' holder was paid interest every year for life, with the stipulation that on his death the bonds would revert to the university.

Director of Housing James Appleton said that Mr. Hunt's will requested the university to divert money from room fees from Hill into fine arts and/or scholarship programs. Dean Appleton said that insofar as possible, Hunt's wishes will be followed.

With the possible exception of Pryale, it is not likely that a similar situation will occur in the near future, as it takes about thirty years to pay the debt on a residence hall--thirty-eight in the case of Vandenberg. Fees received from paid-off dorms may be allocated as the administration decides. In any case, since the next dozen years will see feverish expansion, surplus funds are not in the offing.

Financing of dorms may be accomplished through the above method--which appeals to philanthropic organizations and individuals--or through long term financing which sells bonds to investors. In this case the university pays interest and a proportion of the principle every year.

Commenting on Mr. Hunt's generosity, Chancellor Varner said: "Ormond Hunt was a great friend of young people in general and Oakland University in particular. His enthusiasm for the university was a continuing source of inspiration for all of us associated with the development of this new university. We are deeply indebted to Ormond Hunt, not only for this generous financial bequest, but for his continuing counsel and support during these early formative years."



'67 GRADUATES (See Commencement Story, page 5, column 3)

Bragg, Dettman Await News On Math Discovery

What may become Oakland's "Breakthrough" in Math is a study of Partial Differential Equations. Bragg and Dettman believe they have successfully developed a method of relating problems of different classifications. This would diminish the importance of classification in the area of Partial Differential Equations. Examples Mr. Dettman gave were these: the Heat Equation or Heat Conduction which is classified as a Parabolic Partial Differential Equation; the Wave Equation or Wave Motion which is a Hyperbolic Equation; and Potential Equation or Electrostatics which is an Elliptic Equation.

Previously classification has been greatly emphasized and different methods have been developed for the different type equations.

Oakland's math department is anxiously awaiting the official verdict on a discovery which could prove to be very exciting; for the department as well as for two O.U. mathematicians, Louis Bragg and John Dettman.

Bragg and Dettman have submitted papers to three various journals and are now sitting tight until they hear further as to the success of their project, hoping against hope to hear affirmatively.

According to Mr. Dettman, though the project may have been checked and re-checked over and over and submitted to many experts in the field for opinion, all of which is favorable, there is always an outside chance of error or that someone else may have discovered your "discovery" first.

Observer Now Will Appear On Thursday

The Summer Observer is initiating a change of publication date due to the mass exodus that results on Friday afternoons.

The newspaper will come out on Thursdays every other week this summer. Attention will be given to feature articles, as well as news. An example of in-depth analysis of the news, is presented today on page six under the heading "Reflections". The Observer policy is explained in the editorial, "The Summer Observer."

Public Health Service Pinpoints Dorm Source

The infectious hepatitis which has bedridden ten Oakland students, seems to have been traced by the Public Health Service to food purchased off-campus.

The Health Service worked feverishly last week to determine the source of the disease in order to counteract rumors of an epidemic on the campus.

As soon as it became apparent that several Oakland students had the disease, the Public Health Service was notified and immediately came to investigate. An intensive search followed and a pattern emerged that provided the clue they had been looking for.

Of the ten people who had come down with the disease, the majority lived on the sixth and seventh floors of Vandenberg men's tower. The Health Service appears convinced that the source of the disease was food bought off-campus during finals and eaten by some of the men on these floors. Meanwhile there seems to be little danger to the university population. The incubation period should be over and few, if any, new cases should arise.

The Health Service did not feel that there was any reason to inoculate the entire student body or to take any further measures. Only roommates of the infected persons were asked to take the shots.

All but two of the infected persons were living off-campus when they came down with the disease so there is little chance of an epidemic.

The disease, which infects the liver, is transmitted through intimate person to person contact. The symptoms are fever, dizziness, nausea, abdominal discomfort, with jaundice of the skin and eyes. These symptoms usually occur simultaneously.

Those infected require at least a week of intensive care followed by prolonged bed rest.

Hepatitis can have serious aftereffects, causing permanent damage to the liver, but this occurs infrequently.

O.U. Collector Gets \$15 Fine

O.U. art instructor Abraham Davidson, on leave from the university, made nation wide news.

In an Associated Press interview Lieutenant John Hattrich of Elizabeth, New Jersey, Davidson was referred to as the "worst scofflaw I've (Lt. Hattrich) seen in 30 years."

Police in Elizabeth found 65 summonses in his car when they ticketed and towed it from a crosswalk where it had been parked for two days.

Most of the violation notices were from Detroit, but there were also tickets from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York and other New Jersey cities.

Mr. Davidson was fined only the \$15 for the Elizabeth ticket.

Magistrate John T. Soja noted that had the rest been tickets issued in Elizabeth he could have sentenced Davidson to 650 days in jail.

The Mao Fad, The Now Fad

By David Smith

The Collegiate Press Service

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (CPS)--Chairman Mao Tse-tung has received the ultimate insult from the West. He has become the latest fad. He is heir to the loyal admirers of hoola hoops, skateboards, and mini-skirts. And he is taken just about as seriously. QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG has become a runaway best-seller, first in France and now in Britain and America. TIME magazine reports that it is the hottest item at Columbia since Henry Miller,

and that even Brentano's at the Pentagon has quickly unloaded a thousand copies.

Mao's works have always been available to Western readers but he never came near the best seller list before. There is nothing intrinsically popular about Mao's thought. The book is a collection of utterly dry and unquotable quotes from Mao's speeches. They are not pithy aphorisms, but rather dull and long-winded paragraphs, sometimes running more than a page. They could never fit into fortune cookies. A sample: "It is dogma-

tism to approach Marxism from a metaphysical point of view and to regard it as something rigid. It is revisionism to negate the basic principles of Marxism and to negate its universal truth. Revisionism is one form of bourgeois ideology. The revisionists deny..."

Mao's ideas are often misguided and unrealistic but they certainly don't deserve the label "camp." But the Mao fad can only be explained by the fact that the Western public regards him and the Cultural Revolution as the purest camp.



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editorials

The Williamson Technique

Dean Williamson - little known to students outside the state of Minnesota - has been aptly called the grandfather of the science of University Administration. For long Dean of Students at the University of Minnesota and the best known author in the field of student-administrative activities, Mr. Williamson has attempted to outline the best technique of dealing with student critics of University Affairs.

The Williamson "technique" is quite simple, yet very effective. As described before a group of Oakland RA's last fall, it deals with involving the student protesters in lengthy discussions, committee meetings, and endless "agreements in principle." Dean Williamson tells us, that the students usually end up becoming dehydrated by the meetings, or quitting school and enrolling in either the Peace Corps or Civil Rights organizations. Either way - Dean Williamson told us -- the problem "dissolves."

There is a dilemma involved with the "Williamson technique." The student either begins to feel that every committee (or Commission as the case may be) is part of a plot, or falls prey through his naivete to an occasional Williamson committee (or Commission as the case may be.)

The Commission on Student Life has been charged by some as being a plot, by others as God's gift

to Oakland students. All twenty one members - faculty, administration and students -- worked zealously to produce vital changes in the status quo. I for one have felt that these resolutions would promptly be sent to the Chancellor and that he would act with equal haste. From our reporter's discussions with Dean Dutton (see page six.) we find that this shall not be the case.

Now, we are told that the Chancellor will be unable to act until he consults with the Faculty Senate (which seldom meets in the summer), and "concerned students." Pardon my cynicism, but to me, this begins to resemble the Williamson technique. The students on the Commission were elected at large by the student population; the faculty appointed by the Faculty Steering Committee; and seven others by the Chancellor himself. Consequently all three views seem to be already represented on the Commission; further "University consultations" seem no more necessary than nationwide referendums on every bill that arrives - via Congress - on President Johnson's desk.

The great deal of skepticism that may surround the Commission at present may be blown away through a quick response on the part of the Chancellor. If however, there shall be a great deal more of the expected delay, the credibility - gap that has heretofore existed between students and administration, shall greatly increase.

-TOM VOLGY

The Summer Observer

Our policy? Sure.

Every editor aims for perfection; some achieve it, become famous and wealthy. Others, like a recent New York journalist, are forced to close up shop and try to make good elsewhere.

But, try as we might, the Observer will never be technically perfect. News just does not wait while editors fumble with headlines and copy count. The best we can do is aim for quality. The Observer should serve the university community as best it can with attention, we feel, to three things -- balance, objectivity, and professionalism.

First of all, this will not be a paper that everyone will read. But anyone who does happen to pick up a copy should be able to find something there. The Observer, as the only official all-campus periodical, must be a vehicle of expression for the total university community. It must have balance. All segments of the population must be regarded and made to feel that their interests are preserved here,

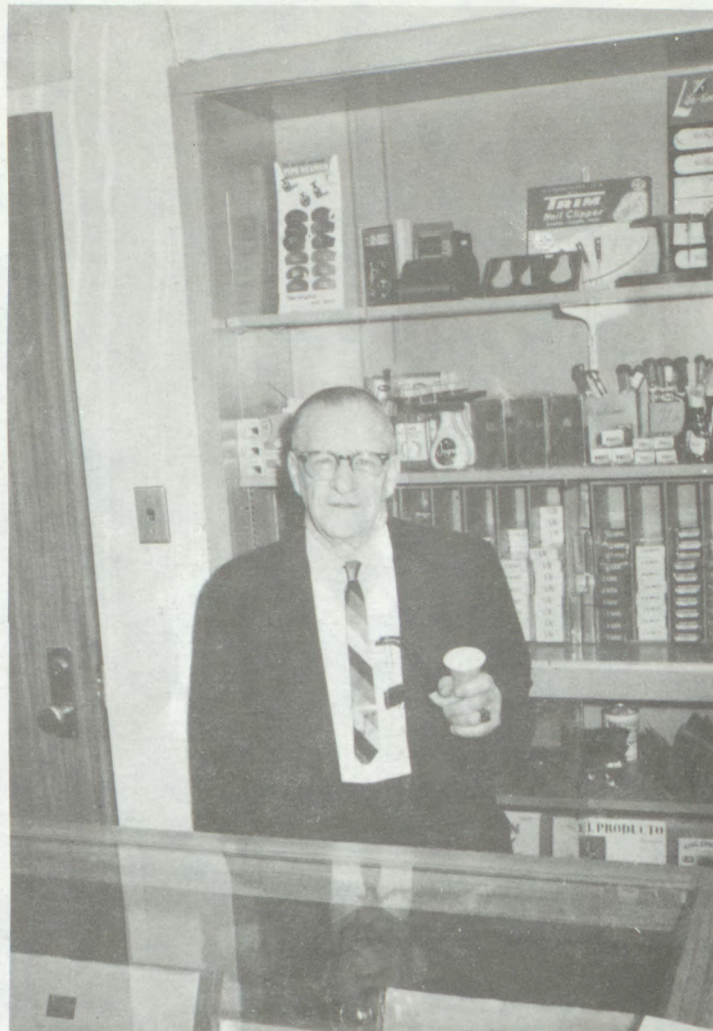
if in no other place in the school. This of course must be an honest partnership; the student newspaper has a split constituency and must carefully weigh the facts before forming allegiances.

This objectivity is hard to achieve. Our quarters are small and close and factionalism is difficult to avoid. But the editorials must remain on the editorial page. And the news must be printed as truthfully as possible.

Objectivity and professionalism go hand in hand. The Observer should look good. Work on a student newspaper should teach journalistic techniques--copy writing, head count, picture reduction--or it does not serve fully its educational purpose. And clean, well written copy is simply more readable.

This is most important; the Observer must be readable. People should want to read it, discuss issues it presents, and I guess respect it. This is the Observer we want.

KATHY KEISER



"And the bowl is big enough for bananas!"

"Don't Forget Boots"

By G. Willihnganz

Well boys and girls, welcome to summer camp!

My name is Miss Motel and I'm in charge of the dorms here at Camp Oakland. You'll find your rooms in those two large buildings down in the mud flats, and I do hope you brought boots to get to class in the morning. This summer we put the Meadowlark music students and the Outward Bound kids in Van Vandenvan Hall the large building over there with the thin walls. They get private baths and a carpeted dining hall but your \$445.00 will get you the best communal bathing money can buy.

This year we don't have as many courses as in years past, but that couldn't be helped. We're in somethings of a financial pinch paying for the bridge in front of Van Vandenvan. Also we must pay for the lake we dug so that we would have to build the bridge.

But don't worry. If no one gives us the money we can always raise the tuition fees in the fall.

Now I want you to meet our activities director, Tom Mighty. Notice that bulge under Tom's arm? That's muscle, kids. Muscle. While at Camp Oakland Tom will teach you all kinds of new games. Among the games you'll be playing are "Minors in Possession," "Stop and Frisk," and "Guess who's got pot?"

Well, time for lunch so we should break up. Most of the time you'll be eating in the Sunshine Room, but today we've planned a big picnic for you. Actually it wasn't really planned for today but the United Undertakers decided to hold their convention a week early so we'll have to move outside. Anyway, we'll all meet in half an hour down on the field behind the I Am Building.

And don't forget your boots, the field is still pretty soggy.

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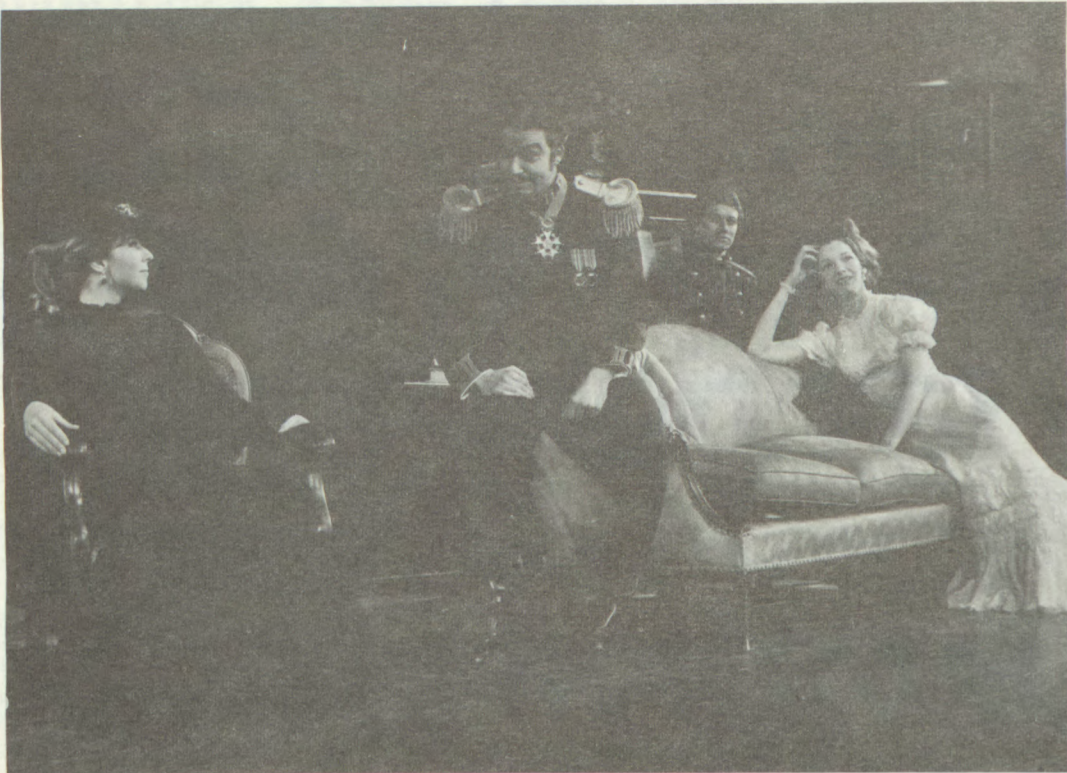
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Can anyone ever return to Moscow?
(Left to Right) Lewis, Guidall, Scammell, Caruso.

Season Ends Chekhov's *Three Sisters*

By Sandy Stroup

In Chekhov's play *The Three Sisters*, the one persistent thought that remains is why? Why was such a long and difficult play chosen? Why does the play leave one dissatisfied, wondering if they had missed something important in the beginning that later took on significance? Heady, full of symbolism and stark reality, a forerunner of the "modern" trend in theater, *The Three Sisters* is emotionally stimulating but tends to be too obviously trying to catch the reader's sympathy. It leaves him drained with a lingering depression that has no focal point.

Technically, as usual, the Company did a superb job. Scenery was realistic, direction was of very high caliber. But the introduction to the play in the program states, "the kind of acting needed for *The Three Sisters* is subtle, unobtrusive, and intended to make the audience almost imagine that they are eavesdrop-

ping." In this production the principal actors were anything but subtle, playing their parts with great dramatics, studied pauses, and powerful effects of staging and direction. Instead of trying to let the symbolism and emotional impact sink into the audience slowly, the actors seemed to do all in their power to force the audience to lose themselves in the emotional force of the drama. But in a play of this length and with this depth of interpretation the force was too dissolved; the impact was lost. Without a climax, without clarity of action, the play became tiresome in parts, too filled with unnecessary emotion in others.

Outstanding in the cast were Eric Berry, in the ambiguous part of the army doctor, Joshua Bryant playing the shy moody captain, Howard Green, who in the part of an elderly caretaker was believable and provided almost the only comic

relief of the play, and Curt Dawson in the role of a schoolmaster whose wife is having an affair with an Army Colonel.

In this reviewer's opinion there are other Chekhov plays with which the Company could have done far better things. *The Three Sisters* presented a difficult problem in its content and length.

Though the talents of the cast were exceptional and the technicalities done with fine professionalism, the play itself left a lot to be desired. One is not only left depressed but confused and slightly unsatisfied. With overstated emotion and overstated projection of realism, the quality of the Company could not overcome the problems presented by the play. And one still wonders, why was *The Three Sisters* chosen as the season's finale?

Wayne Erupts In Student Protest

By David Black

Wayne State University has recently been the scene of student-administration clashes. The conflicts centered around a set of secret files kept by the Wayne Department of Public Safety and greater student involvement in University decision-making.

The protesters charged that the public safety office maintained files on homosexuals, narcotic users, and politically active students, and wanted these files destroyed. They also demanded student voice in the selection of administrators, a voting student on the board of governors, a student-faculty committee to oversee the security office, binding referendums on student issues and a voting student on all presidential advisory boards.

The students staged vigil in W.S.U. President William Keast's office and a three day mass rally outside the administrative offices. Detroit newspapers estimated that over 300 people attended the rally. At one point Duncan Sells, Wayne Dean of Students and former O.U. administrator, offered coffee to the students sitting-in at Keast's office. The Wayne administration at no time even threatened the use of violence to break up the student demonstrations.

Wayne President Keast acknowledged the existence of sec-

ret files, stated that their existence was previously unknown to him, and had the files destroyed. But Keast denied the students their demand for more voice in the making of University policy. Instead he suggested minor reforms, including the establishment of a committee to study university problems in much the same manner as Oakland's Commission on Student Life.

In an exclusive *Observer* interview, Vartan Kupelian, editor of the official Wayne Student newspaper, stated that he felt President Keast had acted in good faith in destroying the "secret" files. Kupelian added that he felt that the protesters' other demands were "absurd" and that the vast majority of Wayne's student body was not involved or interested in the protest.

In a later development, leaders of the Wayne Student Movement charged that the university had placed hidden cameras in an on-campus men's room in order to "spy" on students. University officials admitted that they had used secret cameras to try to check homosexual behavior, but that this practice had not been in effect for the last three years.

At any rate, the protesting Wayne students are not yet satisfied with the administrations "concessions" and further confrontations are likely in the future.

OU At Elmhurst

Four Oakland students, accompanied by Director of Housing James Appleton, recently attended a conference in Chicago. The conference, sponsored by Elmhurst College, was attended by several Midwestern universities and consisted of a series of discussions oriented around the concerns of university students.

The Oakland delegation, consisting of Barb Anson, Mary Ann Baracky, Bob Cogan and Ron Kladder, conducted one of five panel discussions. Among the problems discussed was the relationship of commuters to campus life, the role of the resident assistant, women's regulations, and the construction of an "intellectual community." Dean Appleton presented a discussion concerning the problems of dormitory construction.

The object of the conference was to provide a forum for a free exchange of ideas with the intent of creating a broader view of all aspects of university life.



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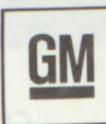


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Commission Active Thru Spring; Next Move Lies With Chancellor Varner

The Commission of Student Life, created last March after a havoc-filled week of student-administration confrontations over such issues as student participation in decision-making in regard to the Vandenberg Lounge and Contuse, charged itself with investigating the most problematic areas during that time.

The Commission focused on the following specific areas: freedom of expression, the student in decision-making, housing and dormitory life, legal and social rights of students, and the problems of the commuter student. Appropriate committees were established.

The first proposal introduced by the Committee on Freedom of Expression attempted to deal with artistic endeavors on the part of the student in relationship to the responsibility of university publications. Mr. Rosemont's committee proposed the establishment of a literary review board to which the student would go voluntarily and if his literary piece was accepted would receive full university backing. If the board could not find artistic merit in the project, the student would still be able to use university facilities but without further university support.

After heavy debate the committee accepted the resolution.

The following proposals dealt with housing and dorm life: the first called for the elimination of hours for women having earned twenty-eight credit hours and for those with under twenty eight hours with parental consent. The second would change the housing contract to allow resident students to move off campus after earning twenty-eight hours, and the third would allow a fifty dollar reduction of fees of all students who were involuntarily tripled. The final proposal asked for a revision in the orientation program to offer a more complete experience to the commuter student.

The Commission decided to convene in the summer only for committee work and to fully reconvene itself in the fall. Meanwhile, Mr. Howes, Chairman of the Commission, formally passed the resolutions on to the Chancellor whose task it now becomes to determine which proposals shall be sent to the Board of Trustees for approval.

(See interview of Commission members on page 6)

First M.A.S. Conferred at 5th Annual Commencement

By Alex Bensky

One hundred and ninety-two students received degrees at Oakland's fifth and largest commencement exercises on Saturday, April 22. Seven master's degrees, the first in O.U. history, were conferred.

The Commencement address was delivered by Dr. Thomas Hamilton, president of the University of Hawaii and former vice-president of academic affairs at Michigan State University from 1956-1959. While at M.S.U. he played a leading role in the development of Oakland. In his speech, "On Understanding Asia" Dr. Hamilton said "recognition that . . . (a university's) claim to universality of knowledge is hollow if it concerns itself only with that tradition which is native to less than half of the world's population."

Calling for understanding of the problems and possible benefits which may accrue from the development of Asia in the same manner as Japan and Red China—a new and ominous power center Hamilton said the aim of aid programs should not be affection, but true sympathy and ability to draw on the assets of the East.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Hamilton, David Ries-

man, social scientist and author of *The Lonely Crowd* and other works, and William T. Gossett, a prominent Detroit lawyer who has been general counsel for Ford Motor Company and special trade representative for Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Recipients of O.U.'s first Master's degrees were Patricia Daskivich, Raymond Gardella, Margaret Kurzman, H. Carl Markle, Jr., James Roberts, Charles Vogt, and Patricia Galvin.

Graduating summa cum laude were Gayle Barnes and Edna Newnan. Frances Blatnik, Marilee Clark, Patricia Gelemey, Isal Hintzmann, Francine Langeland, Susan Markle, Susan Murdock, Maryann Murphy, Thomas Noyes, David Rice, Joyce Schutt, and Kenneth Seifert graduated magna cum laude.

Cum laude were Bill Connellan, Jerry Griggs, Maureen Kabat, Sharyn Kern, Jacquelyn Kramer, Susan McKay-Keenan, Thomas Parrish, Susan Richlen, Nancy Rindfus, Robert Rokicki, Margaret Scabich, Lieselotte Schachner, John Smith, Martha Valukas, and Sherill Wharff.

Matilda and Alfred G. Wilson Awards went to Bill Peters and Maureen McClow. They received the awards for "having made the outstanding contributions to the life of the University through scholarship, student leadership, and the expression of responsibility in the solution of social problems."

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REFLECTIONS:

Commissioners React

By Sandy Stroup

QUESTION: Was the Commission on Student Life effective in dealing with University problems and do you feel it will continue to be so?

DEAN DUTTON: It is difficult to define the word "effectiveness." The Commission did accomplish a great deal more than was anticipated. I feel the Commission should definitely be commended for the hours spent in translating the principle concerns into possible recommendations.

Of course, whether all of them will stand up is another matter. Recommendations are now in the process of being put together for the Chancellor. He has stated that he would act upon the most important ones only after consultation with the Faculty Senate and concerned students so it is unlikely that any significant proposals will be acted upon until the Fall.

I think at this point I'd counsel patience. Some worthwhile beginnings have been made and I feel the Commission will have significant impact for the future.

MR. HOWES: The Commission was effective to the extent that it is making very serious recommendations to the Chancellor (and other administrative officers of the University) for changes in policies and procedures in the areas of student expression, dorm life, and allocation of student funds. It is impossible to say if the Commission has been effective or not until the results of these recommendations are apparent.

The Commission is a forum for lengthy discussion; whether the tangible results are few or not remains to be seen. I do believe that, regardless of the outcome, the Commission serves a useful role in making known to the faculty the major areas of concern of the students. The intent of the Commission is to help solve problems, not merely to silence dissent. I do feel that there will be positive results from the Commission. It should be kept in mind that we are not through yet. You might say that we are in recess for the summer and will continue the work in September.

MR. TIPLER: The success of the Commission depends completely upon whether the resolutions are approved by the Chancellor. If they are, it should be judged a success because some major problems of the students were brought up and dealt with. If the resolutions go into effect it seems obvious that the Commission is a strong influence. I do not think its role will be so critical in the future.

With the Commission there has been an educational process for the faculty. The Dean of Students and the Chancellor have got-



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ten a better idea of the feelings of the faculty on many non-academic matters. I am optimistic, on the whole, about the possible success of the Commission.

MR. ROSEMONT: The recommendations approved should bring a favorable alteration of the present policies. I feel the Commission can be extremely effective but it will require the strong support of the entire student body.

The Commission was expected to do an extraordinary amount of work in a small amount of time. I feel it did a formidable job. Speaking for myself and my colleagues, we feel the Commission did serve a highly useful function.

I am optimistic that the Chancellor will look favorably on the recommendations presented. The students must realize that some proposals will affect considerably the campus at East Lansing so the final decision will rest with the Board.

The success of the Commission or any other group formed requires the support of the students. The strength of the Commission lies in the fact that it brings together the diverse groups on campus.

MR. HADEN: Something is effective if people can arrive at a significant view and stick with it. It involves a process of mutual education and enlightenment between the students and faculty, the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees. The Board will have the final say so our task is to try to educate the Board.

We must maximize the opportunity for this. If there is enthusiasm for the Commission, it will continue to be effective.

It boils down to how vitally interested everyone is in making this a true community of learning. If the students use the Commission intelligently, it will work. The Commission could be the most significant agent for such a community created thus far.



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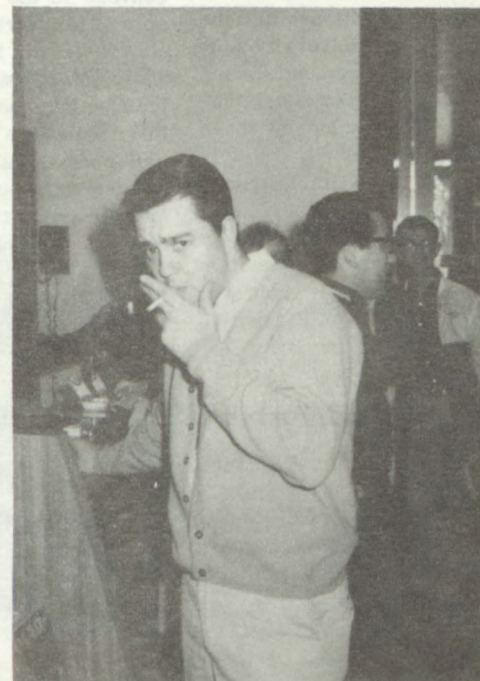


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Mr. Howes, Chairman:

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CONCLUSION: It seems, to quote Mr. Haden, that all those involved are "guardedly optimistic." We must be careful in judging only four weeks of work, although an overwhelming amount was accomplished in that time. It seems clear that those interviewed felt the time spent to be worthwhile and necessary in the

evolution of a "true" University.

The final outcome of the decisions will rest ultimately with the Chancellor. It is in his power to try to push the recommendations through the Board of Trustees or to let them die in East Lansing.

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Charter College Returns