SUCCESS, CHARTER GRADS

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Neumann to Lake Forest

Dr. Harry M. Neumann, instructor in classics, has announced his resignation from the Oakland University faculty.

Dr. Neumann will accept a position in September as Assistant Professor of Classics at Lake Forest College in Chicago.

Before receiving his Ph.D. degree in Classics at Johns Hopkins University in June, 1961, he had studied at St. John's College, The University of Chicago, and Heidelberg University.

"At Lake Forest I will have a free hand," said Dr. Neumann. Dr. Howard Clarke, Assistant Professor of Classics, noted, "Neumann will not be allowed to leave Oakland until he turns in his clean

The classics department will honor Neumann, along with Char-ter Class graduates Howard Hin-cation and Welfare, will be kel and Robert Richardson at a the commencement speaker champagne and caviar reception April 21 at the home of Dr. Howard Clarke, assistant professor of classics, 3975 Detroit Blvd., Wall-

Invited are all students who have taken an upper division Audio Gear Oakland. According to Clarke, there will be "a limited supply of warm beer and limp potato chips for anyone else who shows up.'

Alumni Council Picks Morrison

Jim Morrison, Center Line senior, was chosen chairman of the newly-formed Oakland Alumni Council, in a dinner meeting Mon-

In addition to Morrison's appointment, Mary Schultz was elected secretary of the new group, and Bill Kath, treasurer.

The group, designed as the nucleus of an alumni association, with Dr. Lowell Eklund, director of continuing education, and Mrs. Dorothy Hope, placement director, as coordinators, consists of 12 members, all selected by the Chancellor's office.

The members of the original council will serve staggered terms of one, two and three years, with new appointments covering onethird of the council to be made yearly.

Acting as the charter alumni council in addition to the officers, are Tom Fontaine, Tom Kershner, Julie Becker, Bob Johnson, Jim Drummond, John Berquist, Russ Howard Hinkel and Gloria Brischke.

PLACEMENT BULLETIN

The following government agencies will be interviewing on campus the week of April 15, 1963:

U. S. Customs Service Internal Revenue Service U.S. Navy Recruiting



Francis Keppel

COMMENCEMENT COM-MISSIONER — Francis Keppel, United States Commissioner of Education in the for Oakland's Charter Class April 20. Graduation ceremonies will be held at 4 p.m. in the Intramural Building.

Installed Soon

A \$2000 sound system has been donated to Oakland through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor and his employer, the Ford Motor Company. Chancellor Varner and the Dean of Students Office have withheld the name of the individual donor at his request, but revealed that his contribution of \$1000 had been duplicated by Ford under that company's "matching funds" program for employee donations to educational institutions.

dean of students, said on Tuesday of Students Office is making a that the donation had been made with the stipulation that it was sponsibilities within its own to be used solely for the purpose ranks. John Corker, currently diof providing Oakland students rector of the Oakland Center, will with music listening facilities "of assume many of Mrs. Malm's rethe highest quality available with the sum at our disposal." The reason for this stipulation, Holmes explained, is that the title "Director of Social Actividonor wants Oakland students to ties." share with him the experience of listening to good music, which has brought so much enjoyment Society, the Student Activities to his own life.

last month, a committee com- Promotion Council, the Univer- the staff of the paper. posed of Dean Holmes, Mr. sity calendar, the social commit-George Karas, director of the tee of the council, and the execphysical plant and Serge Shishkoff, Russian instructor, was formed to decide where and how volved with the physical prepathe equipment might best be util- ration and final production ized. Plans are now in effect to events sponsored by other clubs remodel the rear of the Oakland and organizations affiliated with the equipment there in an en- Activities Council. closed, accoustically engineered listening room, containing lounge out its expanded responsibilities, chairs for approximately two Corker has been authorized to dozen listeners.

They are interested in talking will maintain and operate the of responsibilities will begin imoffice to an adjacent room and in June. Meanwhile, the transfer

Diplomas to Number 148; 13 Fellowships Given

Oakland University's charter class of 148 is achieving an outstanding record for attracting both job offers and awards for graduate study.

So far, more than 45 of the nation's leading industries as well as federal agencies have made job offers to 30 seniors. The prices have ranged from \$5,400 to \$8,200 a year, with most of them clustering around \$7,000 to \$7,200 a year. Some of this group of seniors have turned down job offers in favor of graduate study.

Of the 43 planning to go to graduate schools, 13 have already received fellowship awards or teaching assistantships which are given to outstanding students. These range in value from \$1,350 to nearly \$6,000 a year. Another five seniors are hopeful that the mails will soon bring notification that they too have joined this select group.

The 7 seniors who plan to go into public school teaching are now in the midst of considering job offers from more than a score of school systems, with salaries ranging from \$4,700 to \$6,000.

Corker to Assume Activities In Administration Shakeup

Tuesday that Becky Malm will when Mrs. Malm leaves. leave her post as advisor to stu-

appointment in the spring of 1962 Halls. to serve as an assistant to the Dean of Students Office, specifically, to aid Holmes in the task of developing and coordinating student activities at Oakland.

Mrs. Malm was appointed as an interim assistant to the Dean of Students Office and was kind enough to help us out when her services were greatly needed.

Holmes expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Malm's contributions to the efforts of his office, stating, "She has done a most effective job in helping me direct student activities.'

To fill the post which Mrs. Dr. Robert Holmes, Assistant Malm will be vacating, The Dean change in the delegation of re-

This new office will be responsible for the Dramatic Art Film Council and most of its imme-When the donation was made diate sub-areas, specifically the

utive board. In addition, Corker will be in-Center bowling alley and install and recognized by the student

To assist his office in carrying appoint a full-time assistant The Hi-Γi Club will move its when Mrs. Malm vacates her post mediately to enable these alter-

Robert Holmes, assistant dean ations to be made without inter-of students, told the Observer rupting the activities program

Holmes also disclosed that he dent activities when her contract is currently seeking a qualified expires in June. Mrs. Malm accepted a one year of Dormitories and Residence

Observer Staff Loses Fontaine



Thomas P. Fontaine

Among next week's charter graduates will be Tom Fontaine, lone senior on the staff of the Oakland Observer. Graduation will

Fontaine, of Birmingham, has been with the paper this semester cially when the list includes a as a sports writer. Since trans-coveted Woodrow Wilson Fellowferring to Oakland from the University of Colorado in the fall of 1961, he has also served on the nearly a dozen awarded by instiold Student Senate, and is now a member of the Alumni Council.

Fontaine's sports assignment Dave Lewis, Detroit freshman. should check with the editors, 109 tered Oakland four years ago."

The academic awards include four of the highest prestige which are competed for by thousands of college seniors across the nation. They are: one Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, three National Defense Education Act Fellowships, and one National Science Foundation Fellowship. Indeed, Robert Richardson of Pontiac, a Russian major, achieved a distinction shared by only 70 college seniors in the nation of winning both a Wilson and an NDEA Fellowship. He accepted the latter since it is worth \$20,000 for four years of graduate study at Harvard University, compared with \$3,000 for one year for the former.

The other NDEA awards were won by David Welsh, a political science major from Royal Oak, who will work on a doctorate at the University of Hawaii's East-West Studies Center, and by Carl Mabee, a mathematics major from Ferndale, who will seek a doctorate in that field at the University of Washington. The National Science Foundation Fellowship was won by Eugene LaRowe, a mathematics major from Massapequa, L. I., will enable him to work for a doctorate in that subject, also at the University of Washington.

Also Daniel Fullmer, an English major of Royal Oak, won a Ford Foundation Fellowship, for one year of graduate study in the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Robert Hoopes, professor of English and regional representative of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship program, said, "This is an outstanding record. It would be unusual in an not cut heavily, numerically, into established institution for oneeighth of the seniors to win awards for graduate study, espeship, three NDEA Fellowships, and an NSF Fellowship, plus tutions. Every such award, whether offered by a university or a national agency, is truly a vill be handled next semester by national competition. This performance is even more noteworthy Several positions in reporting and because it has been achieved by advertising are open, however, a young institution's first graduaccording to Paul Turk, Observer ates, many of whom had no editor. Those interested in becom- thought of scholarly work for ading members of the Observer Staff vanced degrees when they en-Continued on P. 5

Latrinal Literati

The commentary board has spawned a new literati at Oakland. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that it has provided a new outlet for a class of writers already wellknown on the American scene. Despite the public's widespread acquaintance with them, no one has ever taken the time to give them a name by which they can be identified from many other classes of literati. Most readers are familiar with such literary groups as England's "Angry Young Men", poets of "The Beat Generation", American Realists, etc., but the writers of whom we intend to speak have no formal title. They have been called many things by many people, but these offerings hardly bear repeating.

In all likelihood, they have remained un-named for two basic reasons: (1.) The character and quality of their literature speaks so well for itself and its authors that there is little need to give them a descriptive label; and, (2.) Serious literary critics don't care to think about these nameless folk, and in fact, neither do most grocery clerks, construction workers, businessmen, lawyers, nor anyone else for that matter, because there are so many other unpleasant things awaiting their

However, it's a shame for any person to go through life lacking a name, especially in this era of class delimitations for virtually all human beings. And, believing that a name should have dignity and be definitive at the same time, we propose Oakland's newly-arisen (from what?) class of writers be called the "Latrinal Literati".

This name is quite appropriate. Consider the similarities of this group to that benighted brotherhood which leaves its verse, comments, and illustrations on lavatory walls. There are very close parallels in taste, subject matter, illegibility, poor spelling and vocational school grammar, the frequent anonymity of authorship, and the utter lack of originality.

Allow us to illustrate by means of examples: On March 6, visitors to the commentary board were greeted with what appeared to be a kindergarten student's illustration of the "cow jumped over the moon" line from "Hey Diddle-diddle the Cat and the Fiddle." The bovine in question—that is, the one in the picture—was wearing what looked like a misplaced oat sack on its abdomen, and the delightfully clever caption read, "I dreamed I jumped over the moon in my Maidenform Bra." In this case, the author was so proud of his work that he placed his name on it, anticipating, certainly, the forthcoming plaudits of many new admirers.

If you're already gasping with laughter, how about the - (Damnocrat) FOR O.U. DOG CATCHER" "VOTE poster, which was annotated at the bottom with, "Unauthorized by some clod in the Dean of Dogs Office". And we thought James Thurber was the last great American humorist!

Thus far we have spoken only of the Latrinal Literati who initially cover the commentary board with puerile verbiage and kindergarten art work. These are the hard-working members of L.L. There is another faction of their organization, although, frequently identical with the first, which relies on its quick wit and scintillating spontaneity rather than lengthy creative labors.

This splinter group is known as the Moronic Scribblers of L.L., or M.S.L.L. Their method of commenting is to scribble remarks of a generally defamatory or cynical nature on the comments already posted. Thus the commentary board sports items such as this: A piece of notebook paper bearing a crudelyprinted announcement of the "1st ANNUAL FINK FESTIVAL" around which have been scribbled remarks like "Joe Blo is a shmuck!", "No shmucks allowed—just finks". It's remarkable that the M.S.L.L. can concoct such bubbly mixtures of mirth on such short notice. Talk about rapid-fire comedians!

Although most of the Latrinal Literati devote their efforts to amusing their compatriots, the group has some trenchant social commentators as well. How about the manly assertions of one L.L. writer that virginity nullifies physical beauty? How wonderfully sophisticated and perceptive! You'll never learn things like that in an aesthetics course. Thanks for the

Another L.L. contributor, known for his fine ability to tear ut cartoons from pornographic magazines, criticizes a notice on the board which requires students to use a separate sheet of paper when commenting on commentaries already posted (Apparently he's one of the few who even observed the notice). Says he, "The best of caustic wit and intelligent criticism is often caught on the spur of the moment". He continues to complain that this rule necessitates leaving the board momentarily "to lay hands on this extra leaf of papyrus", during which Positions located in Lansing. Starting salary at the Trainee I level time the "would-be commentator's chain of thought is broken, \$6,013 annually, effective July 14, 1963. Advancement at the end of wit withers, and the "intelligent critic" forgets what it was one year of satisfactory service to \$6,786 annually. All Michigan that he was going to criticize. In addition, this member of L.L. Civil Service benefits, including an outstanding state contributory asserts that "some puritanical member of the staff" is likely insurance program. Must have degree from an accredited college; to remove the object of attack while he wanders around look- specialization in chemistry preferred. For additional information and ing for papyrus. (Really, bark cloth might serve as an acceptable substitute).

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The commentary board as it stands today is a pathetic reflection on the mentality of Oakland students. It presents to both the Oakland community and our visitors a portrait of infantile attitudes and bad taste. The commentary board was an excellent idea, until the Latrinal Literati alighted on it like so many harpies. It offered a focal point for serious comment on the wide range of issues concerning students; it gave writers an opportunity to present their poetry and prose for student review; it was a modest but potentially effective forum for the presentation of ideas.

Now it is none of these. Those who might have something worthwhile to say shun the board and all it represents. It has become the playground for a few thoughtless children who seemingly have no other place to fling their dirt at one another.

The commentary board could serve an important function in this student body where communication is so difficult. Becky Malm, student activities advisor, has placed a set of simple and sensible rules on the board describing how it is to be used. They're not being followed now, but they should be, or else the board should be removed. Mrs. Malm's rules, willingly followed, could improve the quality of the commentary board considerably, but the important word in any real improvement is "Discretion", and you can't legislate that.

'...When'

Rather than engage in long-winded prose, the Observer simply extends its congratulations to the members of the Charter Class of Oakland University, and wishes each one well in any endeavor he may choose.

Four years can be a long time, especially under the trying conditions faced by the first two classes, and particularly those faced by the Marine-tough veterans of that hectic first year.

No group will work harder, or make more adjustments than did the Charters on the road to diplomas.

You of the Charter Class will be able to say, "I attended Oakland University when . . . " Make the University proud to say "He was a student here when . . .

THE WEEK ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY, April 12 French Club, meeting. Noon, 127 O.C. Dancing in the Grill. From 8:30 p.m., Oakland Center SATURDAY, April 13 Dancing in the Grill. From 8:30 p.m., Oakland Center. MONDAY, April 15

World Report Series. "Neglected Neighbor: Canada" Dr. Edward Heubel, lecturer. 10 a.m., Gold Room.

Senior banquet. 6:30 p.m., Pagoda Inn, Troy. TUESDAY, April 16

Final examinations

Anibal House staff meeting. 7 p.m., 125 O.C. WEDNESDAY, April 17

Final examinations THURSDAY, April 18 Final day of Winter Semester.

FRIDAY, April 19 Senior Dinner Dance, 9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall.

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Minority Report

By Daniel Polsby

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Books needed for exams or papers due after April 17 may be renewed by bringing the book to the circulation desk in the library.

Bristol Pans Chi. Symphony, Praises 'Collegium' Concert

By Rollie Bristol Observer Music Critic

rehearse while riding a bus. This Linda Elkins. seems to account for a certain lack of preparation on the part of the Chicago Little Symphony Saturday in the closing event of this year's Concert-Lecture

Competence of the performers was not in doubt, and conductor Thor Johnson used all his instruments well, providing the fullest possible sound out of the small orchestra.

It is, however, unfortunate that the string section couldn't get together for the evening. They sounded a bit like they were following different conductors. In addition the violincello soloist appeared to be short about two fingers on his left hand, a definite handicap.

Specific praise, however, goes to the oboe soloist, for clarity, tone and dexterity in his Bartok selections.

The small, but polite crowd also recognized this, and afforded the solo its warmest response of the evening.

Collegium Musicum

More than 150 spectators stuffed themselves into the Student Center lounge last Wednesday to hear a faculty-student concert of baroque and contemporary music. The audience received the performance enthusiastically, applauding loudly after each compo-

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> The audience was treated to especially fine performances by

Miss June Cool, violincello virtuoso, and Mrs. Alfred DuBruck, who to fine effect banged the hell out of the rarely heard baroque harpsichord.

Dr. Robert Holmes, assistant dean of students, deserves special commendation for his valiant struggle, above and beyond the call of Deaning, with a ratty and untuned bar-room piano:

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SFUC Examined for Purpose, Function, Composition

What's In a Name?

(The second in a series intended to acquaint readers with the structure and function of major organizations at Oak-land Univ.)

By Howard Coffin

Consciously or unconsciously, the average citizen is inclined to equate size with importance. We speak of "big shots" and "the little man," and for years one of the most obvious symbols of im- nickels. portance in this country was a big car. "Big" has become synonymous with "important". This frequently proves to be a fallacious equation, as Cuba seems

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little to do with importance, and function some elaboration on the every time this is considered, it group's history and the nature of brings reminders of a remark its meetings will be necessary. made by an ambassador from the Philippines who stands 5' 2" in shortly after the collapse of stuhigh risers. Asked how he felt dent government at Oakland. being so small, the ambassador replied, "I feel like a dime among

This week's subject for "What's In a Name?" is also, in many ways, a dime among nickels. Infrequently known as the Student-Faculty University Council, SFUC is composed of a scant twelve students. Its avowed function is to serve as an advisory body to the Faculty Senate, the administration, and, particularly, to the Dean of Students Office.

It has no authority beyond that of suggesting and advising in matters directly concerning Oak-

Phone 651-8511

bent on proving and Khrushchev land students. However, for a bined faculty-student body. has already illustrated. Size has clear understanding of SFUC's SFUC performed its duties

When a moratorium was declared on that organization's constitution in the spring of 1962, the Dean of Students Office was left with no organized student group that could serve as a sounding board to hear and advise upon proposals that would affect university students.

It would have been possible at that time for the administration to make policies without consulting student opinion. However, Dean of Students J. Duncan Sells felt that effective policy-making administration had no formal channel for sounding out student ideas on issues which would ultimately affect them.

The student government, unwieldy and ineffective though it was, had provided some means of student-to-faculty feedback. Deprived of this necessary source of suggestions and advisory opinions, Sells decided to set up an interim organization which would serve in this capacity until an effective student government was instituted.

Elections had proven ineffective during the campaign for student government, and therefore, Sells consulted members of the faculty for recommendations and then hand-picked a dozen students to serve as an advisory group to his office, the Faculty Senate, and the administration. The group was to have no constitution and no executive powers.

It was to meet informally two times a month with selected members of the Faculty Senate to discuss whatever issues they, the dean, or the Faculty Senate felt required airing. The title SFUC included all members of this com-

SFUC performed its duties with limited effectiveness during the first two semesters of its existence. It was hampered somewhat SFUC came into existence by the lack of any clear understanding of its actual purpose what the term "advisory" meant regarding its limitation of powers, and by the absence of any formal procedural rules for the conduct of their meetings. In January of this year, SFUC was placed under the jurisdiction of Robert Holmes, assistant dean of students. Holmes immediately capitalized on the graduation of Oakland's first senior class and the departure, for other reasons, of all but a few members of the original group to reorganize SFUC for more effective operation.

As it stands now, SFUC has 12 would be severely impeded if the student members who meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. On the first Thursday,

they meet with Holmes, and no other faculty members are present. During this time they discuss such issues as whether Oakland should have a student judiciary and if so, how it might be constituted, its limitation of powers, etc: the advisability of having intercollegiate athletics; student cheating on examinations; changes in the grading system, and so forth.

On the third Thursday, SFUC meets with the student affairs
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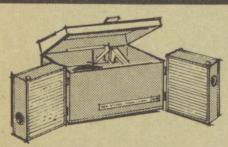


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In the plentiful bidding for seniors seeking jobs in industry, Ford Motor Co., North American Aviation, General Electric, and General Motors have shown the most enthusiasm for Oakland's graduates, making four or more offers each.

Some of the other firms that have made offers include IBM, the Bell Systems, Dow Chemical Co., Whirlpool Corp., Aetna Casualty Co., and Ex-Cello Corp., Burroughs Corp., Bendix, J. L. Hudson Co., and others.

Follow-up interviews are still being conducted and offers are still coming in.

Engineering science majors are the most popular and have received the best money offers, with business administration majors second. A dozen seniors have received two or more offers, with one getting seven.

Other seniors who have won fellowships or assistantships are: Howard Hinkel, \$1,550 fellow-

ship in English to Tulane Univer-

Thomas Kershner, \$1,500 economics fellowship, University of Rochester;

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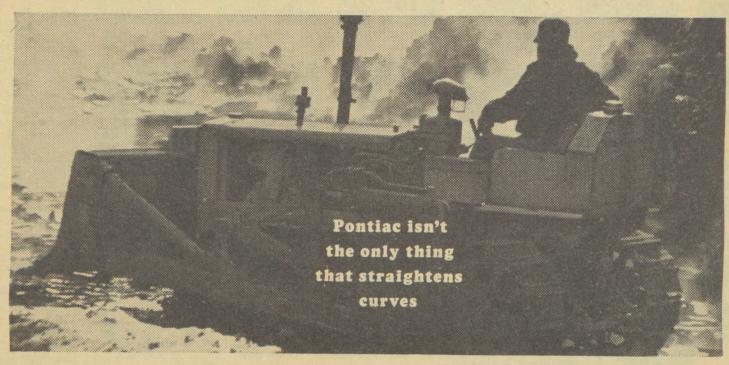
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