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CHARLES LAUGHTON

Laughton Reads At 8:15 Tonight

Distinguished actor Charles Laughton will appear in Pontiac tonight as part of the current Michigan State University Oakland-Community Arts Council Lecture-Concert Series.

The "Session with Charles Laughton" will be held at Pontiac Northern High School.

Laughton has been in theater 40 years.

He was the first British actor to win an Academy Award (for his performance in "Private Life Of Henry VIII"), and was the first non-French actor to appear with the Comedie Francaise, the 300-year old national theater of France.

His film credits include "Les Miserables," "Barretts of Wimpole Street," and "Spartacus." In 1957 Laughton and Elsa Lanchester, his wife for 32 years, both received Academy Award nominations for their roles in "Witness For The Prosecution."

Laughton's stage successes include comic and dramatic roles, performed in London, New York and throughout the United States. He spent a season with the acclaimed Old Vic Shakespeare company and, in 1959, a season as King Lear with the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at the playwright's birthplace, Stratford-On-Avon.

A recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in the film "Ruggles of Red Gap" was the beginning of Laughton's career as a reader. He entertained wounded soldiers in veteran's hospitals throughout World War II and larger audiences during television's early years.

Among his favorite authors are Dickens, Shakespeare, Saroyan, Plato, Socrates and Dorothy Parker. Many of his reading selections are from the Bible.

Student tickets, at \$1, and adult tickets, at \$3, are available at the dean of students office, Michigan State University Oakland, Rochester. Orders may be placed by mail or phone (FE 8-4515, extension 2115.)

Lockers Ready

George Fritz, Oakland Center, manager, has announced that student book lockers are now available in the Center addition's lower level. Those interested should contract Mrs. Kibby in room 113, Oakland Center.

Swainson Asks \$600,000 New MSUO Funds For Next Year

By Susan Bierstein

Gov. Swainson's recommended \$595,352 budget increase for MSUO, given to the legislature Tuesday, "will give us a budget we can live with," Chancellor Varner said.

Swainson cut \$208,918 from MSUO's request for \$804,270 in new funds, giving the University a \$1,574,352 budget for the 1962-63 fiscal year.

Last year MSUO received \$200,000 in additional money. It had requested \$541,000.

"We will have to drop a major item — \$125,000 for additional books for the Kresge Library," Varner said. He cited the book money, as the only "major casualty."

"We may have to cut back the number of students enter-

ing next year, faculty acquisitions and equipment," Varner said.

Swainson again specified a line item for MSUO in the state budget. His request last year was ignored by the legislature. MSUO's appropriation is included with that of Michigan State University, East Lansing.

Varner said he is counting on the support of the moderate bloc Republicans, led by Oakland County Senator Farrel Roberts, along with State Democrats, when the legislature considers the education budget.

Varner estimated that the MSUO budget would come before the legislators in the middle of March. Adjournment is set for April 20.

MSUO is looking to the Board of Trustees for an additional \$100,000 promised last year for operation of the third semester of the 1961-62 year, Varner said.

This money probably will not come from the 1962-63 budget, Varner said. He is confident that the Trustees will make the money available to MSUO.

A little more than \$400,000 of the proposed budget would provide salary increases for professional, non-professional, and clerical staffs and salaries for new positions.

Varner hoped to fill 19 new teaching positions and seven and a half professional, non-academic positions next year.

The 1962-63 budget must also provide funds for an expanded enrollment (approximately 1,600), the third semester in 1963, and the operation of an expanded physical plant.

Student effort to push the governor's budget through the legislature would be "premature" now, Varner said.

Three More Placed In Senate Election

Three new Senate appointments have been made, following resignations since the start of the trimester. Elected at last Senate meeting were Tom Fontaine, Birmingham junior, Roger Finzel, Detroit sophomore, and Leroy Kiefer, Bloomfield Hills freshman. Kiefer is only the third freshman elected to the Senate in its history.

Resigning were Senators Lauree Webb and Marge Swoboda, both members of the charter Senate, and Mickey McWilliams.

Committee assignments for the new Senators include Rules and Credentials, Fontaine; Special Activities, Kiefer, and Foreign Exchange, Finzel, who was already serving on the Constitutional Study committee.

Miss Swoboda's spot on the Executive committee as recording secretary has been filled by Paul Turk.

Republicans Revive; Study Party Policy

Michigan State University Oakland's Young Republican Club held its first meeting of the trimester Wednesday, Jan. 17.

The club was recently chartered by the State Federation of Young Republicans.

A resolution passed by the State Federation and currently being studied on this campus concludes: "No Communist, foreign or domestic, nor any delegate or visitor from a Communist country be permitted to teach or speak on any tax supported campus in this state of Michigan."

Debates with campus Democrats, celebration of Lincoln's birthday, a visit to the Republican State Convention, campus luncheon speakers, and mock elections are some of the activities planned by the Young Republicans for this trimester.

Future meetings will be held the first and third Thursday of each month.

Senate meeting hours are now 4-6 p.m., Wednesdays, having been changed due to the proliferation of noon-hour classes.

SOVIET SCHOOLS

Soviet State Boarding Schools Want Kids From Cradle Up

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of two dispatches on innovations in the Soviet school system.)

MOSCOW (UPI) — Boarding schools, where grammar school children study and live in a Soviet atmosphere, are being developed all over Russia.

Such live-in schools for small children are not uncommon in England and other countries, but usually as small, private places. The new Communist Party program approved at the 22nd Party Congress promises free upbringing by the State of all Soviet children from the cradle up, "if the parent wishes."

One such boarding school, for the first to 12th grades and open to foreign visitors, is a yellow stucco building covering a block in a wooded section near Moscow. This is "home" as well as school for 350 pupils except when most of them return to their parents Saturday night and Sunday.

The Communist viewpoint, as often stated in the press, is that the school's 40 trained teachers are more competent to bring up children than most mothers. At this school the child's mental outlook can be guided from dawn to dark.

The bust of Lenin in the hallway and pictures of Premier Khrushchev in some classrooms can be equated with pictures of George Washington and President Kennedy in an American school. But the corridors of this Soviet boarding school are lined with portraits of the Party presidium members. Classroom bulletin boards show photographs of honor students — but also signs, drawings and instructions about the new Party program, the seven-year plan and the 22nd Party Congress.

The children get up at 7 a.m. They exercise together, wash in community shower rooms, dress and make their beds. At 7:30, they eat breakfast in a community dining room, six to a table. The menu usually offers coffee bread and kaska (hot cereal.)

Lessons begin at 8:30, with 30 children to a class. The pupils wear traditional Russian uniforms and soft slippers, which save the floors and cut down on noise, one of the teachers explained. The emphasis in class is on work. By the time a child graduates he not only has mastered the three R's and Chinese but has learned a trade. The girls sew. The boys are taught how to drive automobiles and trucks, make furniture and other products and operate machinery.

The children file to the long dining room for a second breakfast of tea and cake-like bread at 11:30. At 2:20, they finish classes and have dinner; for example, soup, meat, and egg and fruit.

The students then walk in the park across from the school, rest, or play in a neat, well-painted playground in front of the school. They also work at extra-curricula activities such as photography and music lessons.

The school provides a doctor's and dentist's office, a six-bed sickroom for girls and another for boys and a library. Out in back are two buses and three cars to take pupils on field trips. The school has the general air of a comfortable "private" school. Although the Soviet press speaks of free schools, parents who can afford it pay an average of 16 rubes (1 rube equal 90 cents) a month.

Marxian Philosophy Explained In Haden's 'World Report' Talk

Dr. James Haden, associate professor of philosophy, lecturing in the "World Report" series, will ask why Karl Marx's philosophy has persisted in light of the fallacies of his economic predictions.

Haden will speak at 10 a.m., Monday, in the Oakland Center. His lecture, "What Communism Means to Communists," will attempt to answer his own question by explaining that "Marx was not primarily an economist."

"Economical Philosophical Manuscripts," written by Marx in 1844 but never translated from German, points up "Marx's concepts of man and freedom" which are almost unknown in the West. According to Haden, these "concepts of man" explain, in part, the continued persistence of Marx's philosophy. These concepts are an outgrowth of Hegel and his dialectical materialism, and in order to understand Marx, one must perceive the relationship between the two philosophies.

Haden will try to place Marx and Lenin in proper perspective. Lenin was not a thinker as Marx was but rather a tactician. Lenin was not interested in the nature of man as was Marx.

Before joining the MSUO faculty this fall, Haden was head of the Directed Studies Program at Yale University.

He earned both his doctor of philosophy and master of arts degrees at Yale.

Student and faculty tickets are \$1.

'Internationale' Set For Feb.

Michigan State University Oakland's second annual international festival, "Culture Internationale," will be held on Sunday, February 18, 1962. Chancellor D. B. Varner will officially open the event at 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the university's Association of Women Students, the fair is an attempt on the local level to promote better world understanding.

A week's series of lectures will precede the Sunday afternoon and evening festivities, beginning on Monday, February 12 and continuing through Friday, February 16, at 12:30 p.m. daily. Guest speakers include (the) Hon. H. K. von Weiler, consul of the Netherlands and Mr. Peter Kalenke on topics varying from "The Berlin Crisis," "America's Responsibility As a World Leader," and "The European Common Market."

Lauree Webb, Utica junior, is general chairman of the 1962 Culture Internationale. Faculty and student representatives are working in conjunction on all details of the event.

Assistant Dean Mrs. Mary Ann Cusack feels that, "Culture Internationale is a contribution to world brotherhood by

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'Internationale' Is February Attraction

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helping our students and the community better understand cultures other than their own."

Highlights of the day's events include an international talent show, featuring guest artists from Africa, Japan and Syria. Delta Airlines will present a

collection of current fashions modeled by MSUO students, and there will be an international buffet featuring the best recipes of the world's most famous chefs.

Student Chairmen working with Miss Webb include Judy Simons, a Royal Oak junior;

Sally Shunck, Waterford sophomore; Jon Lohla, Birmingham sophomore; Gail Avery Royal Oak, sophomore; Jeff Nickora, Huntington Woods junior; Dick Carlsen, Waterford junior and Bill Hoke, Birmingham junior.

Student area coordinators are LeRoy Keifer of Bloomfield Hills for Asia, freshman Peter Irwin of Summit, New Jersey for Africa. Others are Royal Oak junior David Welsh for Southeast Asia, Pontiac junior Tom Hickman for the Americas and Royal Oak sophomore Milt Price for Europe.

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Anyone interested buying or renting Dr. Rhode's home in the MSUO subdivision is asked to call him at Ext. 2147 or OL 1-1397. The house is split-level, about 1½ years old, completely finished inside and out and will be ready for occupancy in mid-April.

Mrs. June Matthews, executive secretary of the MSUO Foundation, announced that students faculty and staff may purchase tickets for the remainder of the World Report Series for \$5. See Mrs. June Matthews in room 102 NFH.

CORRECTION

Last week, the Observer incorrectly reported that Michael Bruno, an assistant librarian, had been involved in the removal of students from the unopened third floor of Kresge Library. The Observer regrets the error.

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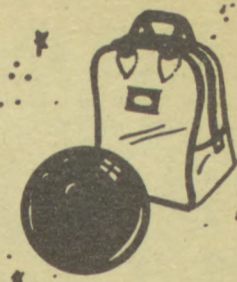
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