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### Changes Reconcile Size, Aim

by Mike Werenski

Oakland's academic requirements for graduation have undergone many changes in the school's brief history. The most recent change came with the current semester and has created confusion for some students who started here under the old system.

Professor Richard Burke, of the Philosophy department, currently chairman of the Faculty Senate Academic affairs Committee, and a member of that committee two years ago when the changes were proposed, explained the reasons for the changes.

This new system is in his opinion the best possible compromise between the pressures of Oakland's growing size and the intentions of Oakland's founders.

"Our aim at Oakland is to eliminate the students' need of a teacher as fast as possible." This is, according to Burke, English Department Chairman Robert Hoopes' summary of those intentions. And the small class best accomplishes this purpose.

Freshman Exploratories preserve the cherished small classes. Rather than passively absorbing what the teacher presents, students in seminar discussions can actively participate. As Burke puts it: "The more active a student is, the more he learns," and the sooner he loses dependency on his teacher.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS Several considerations dictated tying a writing course of sorts with the exploratories. Most colleges have disproportionately large English departments, constituted instructors who do little else but grade papers. Since a school can't promote all these men to professorships, they are often dis-charged after a few years. To prevent this, Oakland has assumed (correctly, let us hope) that all teachers here are "educated men," and one of an educated man's skills is the ability to write on at least collegefreshman level. So the responsibility for writing instruction has been spread beyond the English department.

In addition, English instructors find that students somewhere perhaps in high school, have been impressed with the view that writing for an English course has to be in a flowerly, "literary" style. 'Tain't so. It is hoped that "non-English department English teachers" will make students realize that there are dif-

Commuter Council will hold an interim election Wednesday, January 11, 1967 to fill five (5) vacancies: One (1) from each area and two (2) at large. Petitions are available at the Activities Center now and must be returned by December 9.

can, and should, vary with con-

Changes have occurred beyond the freshman year, too. These changes have been in the direction of more flexible distribution requirements. Burke asserts that, despite what many think, the standards have not been low-

NEW FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility has come by increasing the range of courses satisfying the requirements. For example, the literature requirement was formerly satisfied only by the sequence UC 016-017. Now it can be satisfied by UC 018, or ENG 141, or any modern language course 271 or higher.

The last literature option fits in with the foreign language department's desire to encourage higher levels of endeavor. From requiring four semesters for every student, the language requirement has moved to demanding a demonstrated proficiency at a two or four semester level,

#### No Escape Allowed **Computer Dances** Scientific Matches

With lights flashing and the typewriter clashing, the OU computer has been busily matching couples for the Econ Society's Computer Dance, to be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 9:00 p.m.

The people whose statistics the computer is digesting filled out a questionnaire probing deeply into the interests of the student. These questions were adapted from Operation Match and Wayne's Collegiate Dating Game with a few extras invented by the Econ Society.

Information from the questionnaire is transferred to a punch card, with each punch card column corresponding to one question. The completed card goes to the computer, with a hole matching each response given by the person filling out the questionnaire. The male and female participants have different arrangements of questions, so different arrangements on the cards.

The computer takes the cards and divides the population according to the greatest variance on certain significant questions. It then divides and redivides until the population can be arranged according to responses. The final matching is then done by manually arranging the top male to permit a student to obtain. with the top female. This procedure will hopefully result in couples who will get along together and have something in common.

Chickening out once you've found out who you got stuck with is eliminated by announcing the matches at the dance. Then the more than 150 people find out the perfect match for an evening of scientifically planned fun.

ferent kinds of good writing which depending on one's major. Aside from the impracticality of the former program with an increased enrollment, considerations that moved the department towards this policy were: the problem students in professional programs (teaching, engineering) sometimes had in fulfilling the requirements, encouraging students to continue a language started in high school, and freeing instructors from the drudge of elementary courses.

> An effort also has been made to strengthen the science requirement, increasing it from eight to twelve credits. However, Registrar Thomas Atkinson cited this requirement as one sometimes difficult to meet for elementary education majors who started under the old system. They can, as can anyone else with trouble fulfilling the new requirements, petition the Committee on Instruction for permission to graduate under the old system. Since the new requirements are more liberal, students who entered while the old were in effect generally will have no problem meeting the new requirements.

> > SENIOR COLLOQUIA

But just before a student graduates, he may be wondering what he has been doing for four years. He has supposedly attained some degree of expertise in his major, but how does this knowledge relate to others?

Senior Colloquia enters the program to help answer these queries. They come at the end of one's undergraduate work to enable him to take stock of his education before he goes out into the world.

Being in an area outside the student's major, a Colloquium preserves the broadness of program sought throughout his entire education.

Contributing his ideas on issues concerning people in several areas shows him what his knowledge means to others. And working with these other people forces him to realize that his discipline's approach--his discipline's way of thinking--is not the only approach to solving a problem, nor is it always the

This realization-that one's own way of thinking is not the only way to think--is an important feature of a 'liberal education," the type of education which Oakland's program aims

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### Roy Wilkins, NAACP, Next Campus Speaker

"You have with noble and temperate tenacity, assisted good men to transcend their insular persuasions in the name of their goodness, however dormant; as well in the name of those ideals which you are most urgently concerned. . . . all men might take for granted--paradoxically, because in another sense too many men have taken them for grant-

D.B. Varner

Commencement Address,

April, 1965 The man to whom Chancelor Varner addressed his remarks was Roy Wilkins, on campus in the Spring of 1965 to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University. Wilkins returns this week as part of the Oakland Speakers Series.

Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Wilkins will discuss "Human Rights in 1966."

From U. of Minnesota

Wilkins joined the staff of the NAACP in 1931 after having graduated from the University of Minnesota and after working on the editorial staff of The Kansas City (Mo.) Call for eight years. He served as assistant executive secretary until he was elected to his present post, and concurrently edited the NAACP's monthly magazine.



#### 35 Years of Service

Over the past 35 years, and particularly during recent racial crises that have rocked virtually all major cities in the United States, Wilkins has emerged as one of the Negro's most able and articulate spokesmen. He has testified before Congressional committees, conferred with Presidents, appeared on television and radio commentary programs, and has written extensively.

The lecture will be given in the Sports & Recreation Bldg. Tues., Dec. 6 with a seminar at 1:30 in the Gold Room.

### West Central Organization **Explains Their Protests**

By Laurie Fink



Rev. Michael O'Hara speaking Gutsy, like Christ.

"Jesus Christ was gutsy. Therefore I must be gutsy." The Rev. Michael O'Hara spoke these words in relationship to his involvement in the WCO in a program sponsored by the Young Dems Nov. 29 in the Gold Room.

WCO (West Central Organization) is a group of seventy church, neighborhood, business, and labor organizations. Formally it is set up like a union, having delegates and a federation of groups. WCO is a dissenting, protesting group against the policies of the City of Detroit in dealing with people of low income status, mainly in the area of

One of the major incidents to occur in WCO's activities took place at Hobart St. near Wayne University. Wayne was clearing out an entire community for use of the athletic department. They failed, however, to provide homes for those families who were forced to move.

David Niederhouser, spokesman for the WCO, stated, "Progress in urban renewal for low income people is almost nothing since W. W. II". WCO members took up the Hobart St. fight and are now awaiting the outcome of their efforts which may be arrest.

Rev. O'Hara clarified WCO's purpose, "Urban renewal is important in the city but people must come first. People who are desirous of living as one community should be allowed to. This whole matter is a violation in principal. The city is not taking people or communities into consideration."

### The Oakland Observer

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### So Now We Get A New (?) Tradition

What a Thanksgiving weekend it was. The 49er's clobbered the Lions, 41.14, the Sooners jolted Nebraska 10-9, Dallas trimmed the Cleveland Browns. The Irish ripped the Trojans 51-0, Army bombed Navy 20-7, Alabama devasted Southern Mississippi 34-0, Southern Methodist clobbered Texas Christian 21-0, Clemson, Virginia Tech and all the others played and inevitably either won or lost.

For the avid sports fan there were solid hours of pressbox previews, dialogue, color, instant replays, postgame dissections, scoreboards and highlights including the inevitable video replays. Three solid days of football, the same old running up and down, tackling and fumbling and grind-

But the real treat comes during Christmas vacation when we get to see the Sugar, Rose, Cotton, Orange, Tangerine, 'Gator and Pro Bowl games. And college teams will highlight most of those important games. The question that should be asked is, don't you ever get tired of the same old stuff? And why on earth would anybody want to infect a fairly stable college campus with intercollegiate sports?

Tonight Oakland breaks an oldtradition or perhaps creates a new one. The university will engage in an intercollegiate basketball game with the Alma junior varsity. The outcome of the game is not important. What is important is that through some inordinate logic someone has decided that Oakland should hoe the sports row like any other mediocre midwestern school that ever was.

The arguments for adding intercollegiate sports are many. But unfortunately they take two main points of view: 1. that sports should be added because this is the inevitable type of growth pattern for a college, and 2. that they should be added because there is nothing to do on campus.

The other myriads of arguments encompass school loyalty, identification with the name and purpose of Oakland, serving the community and perhaps it the team is good enough, having the notoriety rub off on the academic portion of the institution.

The first argument that sports are necessarily related to academics is absurd. It is no more inevitable that the sky will fall tomorrow. An effective argument to the contrary is, that since nearly every other school has either football or basketball and they seem to be doing fairly well, why should we intrude with another equally repetitive endeavor? Why can't we amuse ourselves in other ways?

It takes very little imagination to set up a sports program. All basketball games are pretty much the same. The rules never change. Two points for a basket. Anyone sitting around on a lazy Saturday afternoon could create a sports program.

On the other hand, it does take some ingenuity to set up a good speaker's program, the John Fernald Meadow Brook Theatre, or a good student activities program. At least it's not the same nonsense every week.

The only thing that is inevitable about the whole thing is that if football is instituted, football scholarships will naturally be granted to the stumbling idiots who play the game best. Because anything worth doing is worth doing well, so you might as well get the biggest dumbest tackle you can find and pay his room and board and laundry expenses which will come to about three thousand per semester.

And then we have to institute classes where registration is opened to athletes first (e.g. MSU) and warp the curve a little bit so what's-his-name can play in the big game Saturday. Because if he doesn't and we lose the big game the alumnae begin to wonder what's wrong with a crummy prof who can't teach his course straight.

All that we ask is that among the many mid-western schools that have sports, we be allowed to distinguish ourselves in a different way. That we do not make the news media because our team wins or loses, but because we are making news in education. That is why we are all here.

N. Hale

### Yep, It's For Real

November 7, 1966 Local Board No. 63 U.S. Court House South Park Row & State Street Erie, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

For some time now I have been receiving unsolicited mail from your office. You have sent me questionnaries that request information of such a personal nature as to be classified as indecent. You have made unheard of demands upon my person, re-

quiring me to submit to a physical examination. Most recently you have pushed me to the limit of endurance by expecting me to prove my conscientiousness or consequences of indentured service in a dehumanizing machine of mass murder operating under the euphenism of the Department of Defense.

I can no longer put up with your impertinence. Since I do not consider myself to be in any way obligated to your agency, and since I have more important

matters to warrant my attention than answering inquiries from your office, I would appreciate it if you would immediately delete my name from your mailing list.

Yours for Peace. Robert Dewart

P.S. As I do not consider myself a member of your despicable little club, I have destroyed those silly membership cards which you sent me some time ago.

on Issues of Interest

to the University Community

To the Editor:

I wrote a letter to the Student Publications Board stating my interest in and qualifications for editorship of the Contuse, Oakland's literary magazine. After due deliberation, The. S.P.B. turned the job over to a past editor of Contuse, Greg Paxson. So I bow out gracefully.

But wait a minute. Why is a past editor of Contuse getting the job again (along with 4 hours credit and \$200) when other qualified people (not only myself) have applied for it? I queried some members of the S.P.B. about this. Curious revelations:

Dean Birch, who was very cordial, suggested that since it was so late in the semester, the Board felt that a past editor might be better able to meet the Spring deadline since he has already had experience putting out the magazine. That's true, I replied, but why did the board wait so long to make its decisions -a decision which should be made around Oct. 10 (as stated in the S.P.B.'s statement of policy)? And how did the S.P.B. weigh the qualifications of the various applicants? I was referred to Steve Lefkowitz, present editor of Con-

I asked Lefkowitz about the board's decision to reappoint a past editor of Contuse when other people had applied for the job, and his reply was blunt and to the point:

"I think Greg Paxson will put out a better magazine than you would."

I can't argue with that because we'll never have an opportunity to see what sort of magazine I'd assemble. I asked him why he felt that way and he went on to

"I don't know why it is, Elbinger, but for some reason I just don't trust you."

I thought that to be a strange reply in light of all the reasons I had for distrusting him:

1. He lost several items that I submitted for Contuse V.

2. Under his editorship, Contuse V was published several months late.

3. He waited a full 2 months after the present semester started before announcing the opportunity for editorship.

4. He did not consider the precedent that would be set by appointing a past editor to serve

The S.P.B; has agreed to announce guidelines for the succession of Contuse editors, but as far as I'm concerned, the precedent has been set and the damage has been done. The Oakland community can look forward to future literary magazines that will be every bit as bland and irrelevant as they have been in the past. -Lee Elbinger

To the Editor:

-- I feel that the food service should take into account religious preferences in food choices. Last night (the 22nd) was the second time that I have had to skip dinner because both ham and pork were being served with no other choice.

Every time that corned beef and pork are listed on the menu, it seems that I arrive at the cafeteria too late (usually between 5:00 and 5:15) to receive corned beef and to find that ham has replaced it.

The food service usually has two choices, one of these choices consisting of non-pork. I do not see why the department cannot have such choices 100% of the time even if the non-pork choice is a grilled cheese sandwich.

Elliot R. Barak

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### U of M Students Protest Policy

Ann Arbor (CPS) The U of M student government has voted to sever relations with the school following an administration ban on sit-ins.

anticipation of a "vigorous protest movement" against the administration's policy on a Nov. 16 student referendum on the draft. The school said it would refuse to accept the results of the vote as binding.

In the referendum, students demanded 6,389 to 3, 508 that the University cease supplying the Selective Service with a student's class ranks. The expected civil thus far, however.

The ban was enacted by University Vice-President for Student Affairs Richard L. Cutler under special authority granted to him last month by the Michigan Regents. The ruling was Cutler's first application of interim powers which gave him unlimited authority to establish non-academic rules while he prepares a new campus judiciary code.

Penalties for interfering with the "normal and orderly operations of the University" may include probation, monetary fine or suspension.

The Student Government Coun- a teach-in Nov. 21. Speakers cil protested Nov. 15 that the establishment of the new regulation by-passed the rightful channels for student consultation on rules The ban was issued Nov. 12 in which affect them. SGC threatened at that time to break off ties with Cutler's Office of Student Affairs if the sit-in regulation was not rescinded.

"Our quarrel is not so much with substantive policies but with the procedures by which they are formulated," SGC stated.

"We feel we have an obligation to express students' opinions in all areas which concern them, and since the structure and actions disobedience has not materialized of the OSA have obstructed the fulfillment of this role we feel that there will be no other course than to declare our independence."

The OSA provides financial support for SGC as well as controlling the use of campus facilities for meetings, Through Nov. 17, when SGC carried out its threat to break off with the OSA after a stormy five-and-one-half hour debate, student leaders seemed unsure just what the breach would technically entail,

In a meeting Nov. 18, which packed the Michigan Union Ballroom, some 1,000 students and faculty members decided to hold

were to include students, faculty, and administrators, but the primary purpose of the meeting was to determine what course student government will chart from here and in what form it will proceed should it continue the separation.

The underlying issue, Cutler indicated to the Regents the day before he issued the sit-in ban, is one of student power. "There are strident demands," he said, "that the University accept the results of (the draft) referendum as binding."

"We are faced once again with the issue of student powers in the management of the University's affairs," he continued. If the referendum were to go against the University's practices --which it eventually did -- Cutler predicted that the school would be faced with "demonstrations and sit-ins designed to force the University to change its policy."

He indicated that sit-ins similar to those earlier this fall protesting the University's cooperation with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, "won't be allowed to happen again,"

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### Observer's Competition (?) News That's "Fitz To Print"

By David Black

Fitz Bitz is a two page biweekly newspaper serving the students of Fitzgerald House.

Fitz Bitz claims to have "the second largest circulation of the newspapers on campus." The November 15, 1966, issue of the paper printed an editorial entitled: Why Doesn't the Observer Print News?" For these reasons, the Observer decided to find out more about Fitz Bitz.

First, the editor of the paper is Mark Truslow. He serves as editor without pay and he has a temporary staff consisting of whomever can be recruited to help work on any given issue.

The following is the text of an exclusive Observer interview with Fitz Bitz editor, Max Truslow.

Question: What is the purpose behind the printing of Fitz Bitz?

Answer: Our paper tells about the activities of special interest to Fitzgerald House, as well as about general information concerning Oakland University. We find that we can give front page coverage to an event that is important to Fitzgerald, while the Observer is forced to merely include a notice of the event on the back page.

Question: What actually is the "massive" circulation of Fitz

Answer: We run off from 130

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2026 Opdyke Rd. Corner of Pontiac Road 333 - 7033 to 150 copies of the paper. About 100 copies are given to the men of Fitz. The rest are sent to members of the administration and to students in other dorms.

Question: What is your policy toward the use of humor?

Answer: Our entire paper should be taken in a light manner. We are not a campus newspaper and we publish our paper only for the enjoyment of men of Fitz.

Question: What is the editorial policy of Fitz Bitz?

Answer: We try to pick topics that will be of interest to Fitz-gerald House. The criticism of the Observer was the subject of only one of our editorials. Another editorial dealt with the

important issue of keeping our lounge clean.

Questions: Have you ever had any problems with censorship?

Answer: We send copies of our paper to many of the members of the administration. If they have any objections, I am sure they will make them known. So far we haven't had any feedback about any of our humor, editorials or news.

The final result of the interview with Fitz Bitz editor Mack Truslow, was that the Observer has been placed on the Fitz Bitz circulation list and from now on the Observer staff will be able to keep informed by reading the news that's Fitz to print.

### Dems Plan Pilgrimage

OU Young Dems are participating in the Annual Washington Trip and Seminar Program, Jan. 26-29, to our nation's capital. The trip, open to all students, will allow students to meet and hear Vice President Humphrey, Senator Robert Kennedy, Cabinet members, and Congressional, labor and civil rights leaders.

Students will be able to attend educational seminars on American government and participate in an issues conference, as well as sight-see and visit the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court and historical sights.

Several thousand students are expected to attend this years trip from all over the Eastern states. They will travel by bus and will stay in downtown Washington hotels.

Students interested in knowing more about the trip should contact Ken Weingarden, ext. 2436 or 2114.



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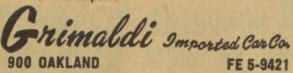


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### GI's Get Card

Young Americans for Freedom announced today that they have sent a Christmas message to the boys in Viet Nam.

The "message" says Bernie Smuck, leader of the group, is a 14 foot tall Christmas card with the names of 1800 firstgraders from the Birmingham area schools.

Said Bernie: "I think these little first-graders have really opened their hearts to our boys over there. We want them to know that these kids are not growing beards and protesting all the time."

Smuck is the much talkedabout leader of a protest movement to prevent the induction of loyal Americans who feel it is their duty to stay home and fight Communists locally.

## Beer Lake To Be Seaport



Unidentified construction worker (already under contract by the University), seen waiting for 1970 when he will begin work on

Oakland University revealed this week that its plans for future expansion include the remodeling of what is commonly known as Beer Lake into a Great Lakes Seaport. The plan was outlined in a pamphlet published by the University, entitled C.R.U.D. (Community Relations and University Development.) The pamphlet was released to the public for the first time by Oakland Chancellor Darwurd Renrav. The pamphlet may be obtained for 10¢ by students

#### **MLF** Threatens U.S. Power

In this, our first issue of the Banana, we of the editorial staff are sufficiently concerned about a matter of world importance to put an editorial on the front page. This is something which has never been done within the confines of the Observer (as you all know), and so we are making another first! -To get to our editorial.

For those of you who don't know it, there is a guerilla war going on in Mozambique, and for some unknown reason the U.S. has slipped up - we have done absolutely nothing to crush this

The war is being waged against Portuguese colonial rule by the Mozambique Liberation Front. According to the New York Times, the MLF is not regarded by many as an indigenous rebel group, but as an invading force from the north. - A clear-cut case of aggression!

It appears that the war will be won by whoever can keep support of the civilian population. This could be a disadvantage for the Portuguese colonialists because there are many subversives in the civilian population who have aided and abetted the MLF.

However, the Portuguese do have one thing in their favor. The MLF is built largely around a primitive cannibal tribe called the Makonde. The members of this tribe file their teeth to points and slash their faces with decorative scars. This is a real break for the colonialists because the Makonde tend to frighten the villagers away from their side.

You, the reader, may be saying to yourself, who cares about the Makonde cannibals? Naive reader, you care! You must, for there are rumors that the MLF is lead by pro-commies and that they are receiving some "advisory" help from the Chinese!

In case you hadn't noticed, this situation has some striking similarities to the war in Viet-

Said Renrav, "We at Oakland feel we bear a heavy responsibility to the society that supports us. We have come to realize that our proper function is to serve the American Community as well as Oakland's student body. Therefore, we have decided upon a course of expansion which will make Oakland a center of the whole community rather than just a place of learning. In the past we have considered ourselves the "Harvard of the Midwest". Soon we will be known as the "Harvard of the World!"

The plans set forth in CRUD call for a canal from Beer Lake to the Saint Lawrence Seaway. The purpose of making Oakland part of "the greater Saint Lawrence Seaway", says CRUD, "will be to facilitate University relations with the business community and the world in general.

Other plans set forth in the publication include the construction of a giant parking lot which will cover the entire University. "This", said the Chancellor with a smile, "should eliminate all complaints about student parking facilities."

Construction costs are estimated at \$10 billion for the seaport project, and a mere \$2 billion for the parking lot. The building is to begin in 1970, by which time it is estimated that Oakland will have over 30,000 paying students.



nam. But somehow, our government has completely passed over the war in Mozambique! Yet the consequences of this war could be of extreme importance for the world.

Are we going to let this despicable condition continue without American Intervention! No, thousand times no! If the MLF wins this war, all of Mozambique may fall to communist aggression. Horrendous!

Write your congressman today and tell him in 100 word or less why you want to go to Mozambique for your country, God, and democracy!

### he Oakland-Who

Some members of the Oakland Observer have been accused of being cynical, biased, and worst of all, leftist. Unfortunately, we of the Oakland Banana fear that these accusations may be all too true. But there are at least some of us who cherish all that is good, right, and wholesome in American society. For that reason, we are putting out the Oakland Banana for Oakland students who are tired of washed-up news and leftist drivel.

We are tired of people knocking this wonderful country of ours, and so we decided that this

week we would show our side lizes the goodness of America. of the story (as opposed to the crummy leftist biases which you will usually encounter in the Observer). Fortunately for us, the editors of the Observer have retained some of America's tradition of fairmindedness and have allowed us to present the news as we see it.

To us, the banana symbolizes goodness. It is an inexorable part of the banana split, an American Institution in itself (and thus worthy of praise). The Banana is honest, trustworthy, and neverchanging. We think it symbo-

Have you ever heard of a dishonest banana? We haven't. Nor have we ever had reason to fear or dislike the banana. In all its years of existence, the banana has never changed, and thus serves us as a model of consistency and tradition. Thus we have chosen it as our symbol of goodness which we hope will carry on long after we are dead

In this our first, and hopefully not our last, issue of the Banana, we are attempting to present to you the news in its true form while at the same time bringing you an uplifting editorial commentary which will stimulate you and enforce your moral code. This is in contrast to the morbidghastlyicky and downright perverted editorial biases which you usually find in the Observer.

We feel the Banana has true meaning for morals-minded Americans, and we hope you will feel as uplifted reading it as we felt writing it. If you will just think of banana splits all the while you are reading, we are sure you will.

Michigan secede from the union organizer Don Downing is looking for volunteers to assist in this newly formed organization. Basically the philosophy is this: The state of Michigan is having its rights severely infringed upon by the federal government in Washington, Michigan does have the economic base to be self-sufficient and should be so. Interested persons should contact Don Down-

"Folks" in Washington Status symbol?

Last week Americans celebrated the successful repair of President Johnson's gall-stone incision (shown above). Lyndon and Lady Bird (also shown above), spent a quiet weekend, and went to church on Sunday. The Times reported that the President looked well but was fidgety in church and was spotted clipping his nails during the choir's rendition of "Living For Jesus". A friend of the President, Mrs. Ferguson was asked if he was always restless in church. "Oh, yes," she replied, "he's always restless in church". - We're glad everything came out all right.



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### Revolting Campuses

America is now writhing in the throes of the greatest social disease it has ever known since the advent of Eugene Debs and Walter Reuther. The greatest threat to our American democracy comes, strangely enough, not from foreign reds and enemies, but from right here in the heart of our own prosperous homeland or our college campuses. The only name for this odious disease is . . . creeping beard. The name is understandable if you've ever seen the creeps that wear them. But more serious than the filth they breed is slovenly attitudes they engender among our college youth. To site a few examples:

Only recently our staff became aware of another serious problem on campuses. Experimentation with harmful concepts and morally defeating items like sex and aspirin. Mind-opening, they call them, but these are filthy rotten perversions like the filthy rotten perverts who use them. These people (and I use the term very loosely) are forcing Christ and the good Christian-American way of life entirely out of our nation.

Crime is running rampant through our streets and even our homes, but the police are virtually crippled by cries of police brutality and the communist-inspired civilian review boards. Teenagers in Los Angeles refuse to obey the reasonable 10 p.m. curfew, and when they are arrested they call the policemen "Blue Fascists."

The students of this very University recently defied wholesome Christian morals in a literary publication produced using public funds. It is a tragedy that our public institutions should serve as a front for this deranged collection of perverted pornographers.

It's a positive contuse on the American moral standard and the publication should never have gotten past the printer.

Where have gone our happy, smiling youth who were content to do as they were told? Where are the days when boys and girls shaved (with Shick) and boys were boys and you could tell they were? The male student body has gotten out of hand! We are a nation of sheep-dogs, lost in a moral abyss with only a small glimmer of hope that the American way of life will be preserved from among the mess.

Joe Banannas

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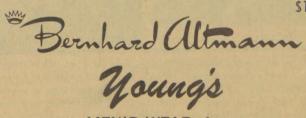
BANANA MAN OF THE YEAR — The BANANA salutes South Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky, pictured here receiving an award from the Federated Boy Scouts of The People's Democratic Republic of North Vietnam, for "Best-Dressed Man of the Lower Mekong Delta."



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# To Stir Debate Thoughts on General Education

Dear Editor:

In view of the recent institution of a new sequence of basic courses in the general education area at Oakland University, and the fact that this new program must be debated and evaluated on the basis of its performance, I would like to contribute an article which appeared in The Chicago Maroon, the student newspaper at The University of Chicago. I feel that his views may be of some value in weighing the merits of the new program at O. U.

I hope you find this material useful and will pass it on to the members of the Oakland University community. I hope my contribution will help to stir up debate, with the ultimate end of a better Oakland, able to prepare its students for their roles in the most valuable ways which can be achieved in such a community.

Yours truly,

Tom Soldan, '66

Chicago, Illinois



Recruiters on campus Dec. 5 to Dec. 8 will be as follows:

Monday, Dec. 5: L'Anse Creuse Public Schools; Waterford Township Schools

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Lake Shore Public Schools; Livonia Public Schools

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Berkley Public Schools; West Bloomfield Schools.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Utica Community Schools; Highland Park City Schools

Sign up for interviews at 201 MWH.

Any student interested in attending an informal luncheon for Roy Wilkins, Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 12:00 noon, is urged to contact Carol Rissman, ext. 2195 or 2196. The available places will be filled by the first fifteen who express interest.

All Student Employment must be renewed each semester. Please register for student employment <u>after</u> you have registered for classes.

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Ed. Note:

The article Soldan refers to is rather lengthy, so rather than print it all, we have exerpted the revelant portions.

"The usual view of a general education is the education everybody requires . . . to help (him) be a human being."

In answer to the Maroon's question 'Do you think it's necessary, in the college curriculum for (courses developing an individual's intellectual powers) to be drawn out and put into a separate general education program which is more or less self-contained, or do you think there can be alternative programs of general education which would all aim at the same goals but have varying contents, relating to different materials?" Hutchins said:

I do not think that special interests of individuals develop their role when they are regarded as either an impedance to general education of a substitute for its. I should say that the faculty should get together and agree what a general education, or perhaps you call it liberal, education is, how it should be given, allowing for individual differences by allowing each individual to proceed at his own pace."

"The primary goals of education may be to develop human powers, but there are various other incidental functions, and

the ideal curriculum would provide an education in which you would have a maximum of these incidentals and your main object combined. For instance, I should think it would be unfortunate for a person to go through life without having read Shakespeare. Now, if you can develop these powers of the mind by having the students read Shakespeare, then you've . . . killed two birds with one stone. You can accomplish the end of liberal education and at the same time acquaint the student with the great traditions of the West. . . "

"I think the (overall) goal of education is to help students understand the conditions in which they live. This requires, in addition to understanding these traditions, the effort to make some significant contribution to them. I think that one of the contributions education can make is to provide relevant standards of judgement for the student; one of the good ways to develop standards for the students is to give them the maximum sense of comprehension of the intellectual traditions in which he lives. One of the objects of education has to be to maintain a certain detachment of the student from the society in which you are immersed when you complete your formal education, not simply reflection and repeating the slogans of your time."



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### **Trustees Appoint Librarian**

The MSU Board of Trustees approved at its board meeting of Nov. 23 the appointment of a new librarian for Ou and a faculty appointment.

W. Royce Butler, 52, was named to head Kresge Library. He will succeed Floyd Cammack, who is currently on a year's leave of absence and will return to OU as an associate professor of linguistics in the College of Arts and Sciences. Assistant librarian Lawrence Auld has been serving as acting librarian.

Butler has been associate director of libraries at York University in Toronto, Ontario, since last year. He previously headed departmental offices in the libraries of the University of Denver, 1962-65, and Boston University, 1961-62. A native of Canada, he received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of British Columbia and a master of library science degree from the University of California.

Nalin J. Unaker, 31, was appointed assistant professor of biology. He has been a research associate at the University of Toronto. Unaker received his

BA and MA in India, from Samaldas College and the University of Bombay, respectively, and a doctor of philosopta regree from Brown University.

# Christmas Tradition Demands Festivity

Christianity may be dying, but its by-product, Christmas, still lingers on Oakland U., deciding that Christmas is to strong a tradition to deny some form of festivities, has decided to celebrate the holiday with a dinner-movie-dance.

The dance etc. will be held on Dec. 10 and will begin with a dress-up steak dinner at Vandenburg followed by a movie Five Pennies at 7:00. No admission will be charged but the donation of a toy for Pontiac Tutorial Christmas Fund is requested. At 9:00 a semi-formal dance will be held in the Gold Room.

All students are merrily invited to come to one and all of the three events.

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# Basketball Season Question: Team Loses Three Players OU's hoopsters open their and the 6'2" Nyberg will hurt

OU's hoopsters open their season tonight at 8:00 in our gym against the Alma College Junior Varsity. The game is the first of 21, five to be played in December and the rest to take place next semester. Tomorrow the Aquinas College Junior Varsity visits Oakland, and next Tuesday, the Spring Arbor College JV makes an appearance here. Tomorrow's encounter features a preliminary game between our Junior Varsity and Midwest Baptist.

A recent ruling by the Athletic committee has cost the team their three tallest players, at least for the December games. Starters Tom Allen and Jim Nyberg and important reserve Dennis Brophy must bring their grades up from their mid-semester level. Most universities wait until the end of the semester to punish academically delinquent athletes, but Oakland has taken preventive measures in this area.

The loss of the 6'6" Allen

and the 6'2" Nyberg will nurt the team but not cripple them. "We'll have only five starters now instead of the seven we had initially. We'll be a running, pressing team. The shorter men are much faster than the boys we are losing so we hope to gain in speed what we're losing in height and rebounding.

The starting unit will be made up of four Juniors, Oscar Carlson, Jay Shutt, Jon Blocher and Chuck Clark, and one freshman, Gordon Tebow. With the loss of the three players, the team will of course suffer from a lack of depth, but Coach Robinson is confident of a successful season.

He likened the team to that of the University of Kentucky, which also plays a running game. The team might not play this year as well as Kentucky has been known to, but they should play a good brand of ball and provide plenty of thrills for interested observers.

### Swim Team Expects New Records

OU Swimming opens today against Henry Ford Community College at 7:30 p.m. here. The swimmers have been practicing since school started, including a six-week weight training and cross-country program.

Returning swimmers this year are Bill Asch, freestyle; Jim Banes, freestyle; Ray Barcalow, diver; Tom Davies, distance and freestyle; Pat Gibson, freestyle and breaststroke; Terry Koehler, who holds the pool record for

The Chinese film "The Beautiful Duckling" with English subtitles will be shown in 190 SCI Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. The showing is free and open to all. freestyle; Rick Krogsrud, who holds the pool record for the 200-yd. individual medley, 200-yd. backstroke, 500 freestyle and 200 breaststroke; Leon Mellen, butterfly and holder of the pool 200-yd. butterfly record; and Mike Nellen, butterfly.

Freshmen are Ed. Ambrose,

100 yd. freestyle; Ed Johnson,

Freshmen are Ed. Ambrose, freestyle; Rick Bishop, diver; individual medley, freestyle, and breaststroke; Ron Mickelson, freestyle; Jeff Neher, freestyle; The swimming team will face an upgraded schedule including U. of Buffalo, Albion; U. of Illinois, Chicago, and Western Michigan freshmen. Coach Corey Van Fleet predicts a good season with the improved team. There are good chances that every school record will be broken this year.

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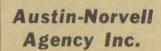
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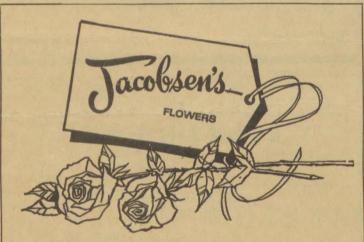
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