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FINE ART—Contributing to the success of Oakland's 2nd annual Fine Arts Festival of last week is Assistant Director Paulette Kimball, as she adds final touches to actor Ed Rudolph's makeup. The occasion is Strindberg's "Ghost Sonata," which was seen on three nights during the one-week Festival.

Chancellor's Ball to Be Held With Senior Banquet

By the Observer Staff

Two major campus social events, the annual Senior Banquet and the Chancellor's Ball, will be held in combination April 10.

Both will be held at Hillcrest Country Club in Mount Clemens,

Shishkoff, Holmes Get Hi-Fi Awards

By the Observer Staff

Serge Shishkoff, Russian instructor, and Robert Holmes, former assistant dean of students, were named recipients of special awards by the campus Hi-Fi Club, for services rendered during the club's formative stages.

The club, now in its fourth year of activity, has been advised by both Holmes and Shishkoff during the time.

Presidents Honored

Four club presidents were also honored with similar awards. The four were Jon Lohla, Joe Prahler, Reinhard Arnold and George Griebel. Each has served as Hi-Fi president for more than one semester and had long service with the organization.

Lohla and Prahler founded the club as freshmen in fall 1960.

with the dance following the banquet.

Don Roe, chairman of the Senior Committee, expressed his enthusiasm for the program stating, "It's going to be the best blast ever thrown by this student body. Seniors will be getting together as a group for the last time until commencement, with the banquet, and with everyone eligible to come to the dance, we should have quite a crowd."

The Student Activities Council under Dave Bee is in charge of setting up the dance, which will feature the orchestra of Mack Pitt.

Steak or Lobster

Price of the banquet, which brings a choice of steak or lobster, is \$4, and includes admission to the Chancellor's Ball. Tickets for the dance alone are \$4 per couple. All April and August graduates are eligible to attend the dinner.

"We've broken the pattern of University social events by taking a major function out of the Gold Room and moving it off campus. The novelty of the arrangement should make for an interesting evening," said Bee.

Cocktails Available

Cocktails will be available to those of legal age at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner, which will feature a "surprise" guest speaker, and the dance, which starts at 10 p.m.

Ticket sales for the dinner start Monday, according to Roe, and will be open from 12-1 p.m. through Friday.

'Little College' Plan Takes Shape; May Be Tried in Fall

By Bill Connellan

News Editor

OU's Academic Affairs Committee has proposed a "little college" program to be instituted this fall.

Intended to alleviate the University's current freshmen attrition rate, the proposal ties in with recent plans for a stepped-up system of counseling and advising, first brought up at the all-day administrative meeting at Haven Hill in January.

Chancellor Varner stated then that the present policy of counseling and advising freshmen would be reviewed. This week, Varner appeared to be quite enthusiastic about the committee's proposal.

Chaired by George T. Matthews, associate dean for the humanities, the Academic Affairs Committee summed up its three-months study in a 15-page report to the Academic Senate two weeks ago. After a faculty discussion Wednesday, the proposal is expected to be debated in the Senate in the near future.

Matthews and Laszlo Hetenyi, committee member and chairman of the teacher education department, are generally credited with the development of the idea.

Committee Members

Other committee members are; Harvey Burdick, associate professor of psychology; Robert Hoopes, professor of English; Robert Williamson, professor of physics; Francis Tafuya, professor of modern languages; and Donald O'Dowd, dean of the University.

If adopted for the fall, Oakland's version of little colleges around the country will have the following highlights:

Plan's Highlights

- Three colleges, dubbed A, B and C, for Engineers and Science majors, Business Administration and Economics majors, and Liberal Arts and Teacher Education majors, respectively.

- Colleges would consist of about 120 students and six to eight professors each.

- College A students would take the two Western courses,

math and chemistry; participants in college B would study economics, math and the Western sequences; Liberal Arts students would be taking either art or music one semester, a social science the other, and the Western courses in both. One course, preferably a language, would be studied outside the college.

Open Sections

Matthews pointed out that there would be open sections of Western Institutions and Western Literature for those students who could not arrange their schedules so as to participate in the program. Such students, Matthews said, would be part-time, night, and transfer students.

One of the features which Matthews was particularly enthusiastic about was that in each College there would be at least one class of a seminar nature, with a maximum of 15 students in it.

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SFUC to Hold Open Meeting

Richard Burke, chairman of the Student-Faculty University Council, announced Tuesday that "the SFUC wishes to invite all interested persons to attend its next meeting." The meeting is to be held Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 in 156 NFH.

The meeting is to be the first in a series of periodic open meetings proposed and passed by the SFUC last November.

According to Burke, "the agenda for the meeting contains two items that we hope are of interest to many members of the University Community! The Place of Religion on the Campus and Spring Semester Problems."

The Rev. James McAlpine has consented to join the group discussing the first item, Burke said Tuesday.

Pittsburgh Physicist To Lecture Here

From News Releases

Professor Walter Goldburg, of the Department of Physics at the University of Pittsburgh, will serve as a visiting lecturer at Oakland University on Thursday and Friday, April 2 and 3.

Goldburg will visit under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics as part of a broad, nationwide program to stimulate interest in physics. The program is now in its seventh year and is supported by the National Science Foundation.

Lectures, Meetings

On Thursday, Goldburg will lecture on "The Study of Solids by Means of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance," in 195 Science at 1 p.m. An informal discussion on Goldburg's work on nuclear spin systems will be given in 235 Science at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3.

Luncheons are scheduled for both days in 126 OC at 12 noon.

Goldburg, who was born in New York City, obtained his B.A. degree from Cornell University in 1951; and his Ph.D. degree from Duke University in 1954.

New Library Duplicator Is Coin-Operated

A coin operated Ducostat machine has been placed in the library on a "temporary, experimental basis" to replace the worn out Thermo-Fax duplicator, the Kresge library released this week.

Reasons cited for the choice of the customer operated unit were the decrease in staff time and cost of materials.

The cost for using the Ducostat is 20c, which would be lowered to 10c if the number of copies were doubled from the present 500 per month, according to library sources.

The release said "would very much appreciate comments from users as to the adequacy of the present set-up."

Commencement Planning Under Way

By the Observer Staff

Planning is under way for the second commencement exercises in OU's history.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at 3 p.m. in the Intramural Building, Oakland's 1964 commencement is likely to include about 200 graduates plus some 2,000 visitors and guests, Donald O'Dowd, dean of the University, announced this week.

Sociologist Logan Wilson, president of the American Council on Education, is slated to be the commencement speaker. Logan ("The Academic Man," 1940) is a one-time president of the University of Texas.

1960-61 Freshmen

Of the graduates, 93 entered the University as freshmen in the fall of 1960, 66 came in 1961, and 29 enrolled on various levels since the school opened in 1959.

89 men and 99 women make up a list of 188 candidates currently posted around campus. They will be joined for the April commencement by students who graduated in August or December last year.

Only 22 per cent of the 1960 freshmen class of 424 are slated to graduate this April; 19 per cent of 356 '61 freshmen will join them.

Screening Process

A system whereby the department in which a student is enrolled as a major reviews his fulfillment of departmental requirements, and the registrar checks on each student's compliance with over-all University requirements, is used as screening process for graduation candidates, Herbert N. Stoutenburg, University registrar, explained.

To receive a degree, a student must have accumulated 124 credit hours, have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above, and have successfully completed all UC courses.

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Once More

Mere reviews will not do adequate service to the effort displayed in the just-completed Fine Arts Festival. In fact, we have not the space necessary to give each event the review it deserved, thus we move to the editorial column.

Not everything presented was pure, unadulterated art, yet we were certainly not handed a high school talent show. Instead, performances ranged from the thoroughly professional Saturday dance offerings and harpsichord work of Robert Facko, music instructor, to the exuberant amateurism of the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild.

Indeed, the Guild continues to improve with every performance, lending more and more support to the more polished performers, such as Richard Painter, who may never again be permitted onstage unless in a wheelchair. Painter has portrayed, with horrifying success, crazed invalids in two of the Guild's last three productions, Samuel Beckett's "Endgame," and the Festival's presentation of Strindberg's "Ghost Sonata."

Readings offered, by individuals, and in a group, as in the case of Auden's "For the Time Being," were well-presented and well-received.

Attendance at most events was slightly less than adequate, but that's normal at Oakland. Even a Communist Chinese invasion of the campus wouldn't interest most. In all, some 1,000 persons attended the various events and exhibits.

Praise must go also to John Galloway, the Festival's honorary chairman, for his forthright statements in his two public appearances.

Finally, to Roger Bailey and John Gillespie, the two draft horses who hauled the whole Festival into workable shape, credit for the greatest accomplishment of the Second Annual Fine Arts Festival—the guarantee of a Third Annual Fine Arts Festival.

'Little College'

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Varner stated earlier this year that he felt freshman students needed closer contact with their advisors, primarily because the freshman year was a transition period. Statistically, the freshman year is the worst year for dropouts.

The Matthews-Hetenyi proposal includes provisions for advising and counseling freshmen and provides for what Matthews termed "group identification."

Each team of faculty members would be headed by a chief-advisor, who would be the co-ordinator for the College, as well as being responsible for the advising of the freshmen in the particular College, Matthews outlined. There is also a possibility of the appointment of a Dean of Freshmen, who would oversee the whole program, he stated.

Money for Group ID

In an attempt to provide group identification, each College would be given a nominal sum of money, about \$500, for social purposes. Each college could do as it saw fit with the allocated money, the Dean explained.

Matthews emphasized the autonomy that each College would have under such a program. Classes could be taught in much the same way as they are now, or the professors could integrate them very highly. Also, each team of professors would be given a certain period of time to schedule classes as they saw fit.

Faculty Comment

Maurice Brown, assistant professor of English and present Little College B instructor, commented on this aspect of the program. "I support the idea in principle insofar as it would provide a decentralization, greater autonomy, experimentation in education, and provide intellectual and social units of manageable size for freshmen." He conceded that there were many de-

tails to be worked out.

Brown also pointed out that the dropout rate in little colleges he has taught has been considerably less than the all-university attrition rate. Putting all freshmen in a Little College program would be a tremendous boom to the intramural athletic program, he added.

Support and Caution

Melvin Chernov, head of the Western Institutions staff and instructor along with Brown in Little College B, commented, "I'm very enthusiastic about it and intend to support it all the way."

John Blair, assistant professor of English, and James Haden, chairman of the philosophy department, had more reservations about instituting the program this fall. Blair and Haden are currently teaching Little College A.

Blair feels the Little College idea is a good one, but is concerned about the timing of OU's program. With several faculty members being off-campus this summer, Blair was worried that not enough faculty members would be in the consultations and preparations.

'Shut Your Eyes'

Haden stated that he had participated in "something like this at Yale," and that "it is not easy to do. I am afraid of a 'shut your eyes, leap in' approach."

He said that student interest must be high, the faculty excited. Without one or the other, success would be impossible, he felt. He suggested that the Observer poll the student body to find out their feelings on the matter.

Teach 2 Courses

Matthews explained that because of the extra load faculty members would have to carry, each instructor participating in the program would only teach two courses instead of the normal load of three.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

On behalf of our wives and ourselves, we should like to congratulate the student co-chairmen of the 1964 Fine Arts Festival, their many committee chairmen, and all of the participants in the various programs for a

highly successful venture and a rewarding cultural experience. The Festival more than met our expectations and is something of which Oakland can be very proud.

We should also like to commend the editors and staff of the Observer for their most thoughtful job of reporting the Festival. Throughout the past two terms, the Observer has lent valuable support to the arts on campus, and we greatly appreciate this attention. In this connection, we are especially glad that space has been provided for Miss Susan Bierstein's cogent reviews of the exhibitions we have presented in the University Art Gallery.

To all of those involved in the Fine Arts Festival and to the Observer, our sincere thanks and congratulations.

John Galloway
Danie Stillman
John Beardman

IM Spring Sports Program Announced

Hollie Lepley, physical education director, has organized a spring intramural sports program open to all Oakland students.

The program will include a variety of sports from tennis to horseshoes. It will also include softball—both men's and women's teams, golf—men's, women's and mixed teams, archery, and swimming.

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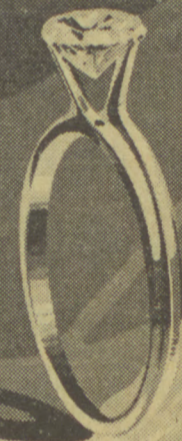
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Dorm Rule Change in Effect Now

By the Observer Staff

Dorm Council and the Women's Judiciary Board in a joint resolution recommended changes in late permission and sign-in policies for women residents last week.

Their resolution went into effect Thursday, March 12, increasing late permissions to two hours each, ten per semester. Signing in is no longer required unless a woman resident leaves campus, when she must observe the regular sign-out-and-in procedure.

Changes Not Necessary

When questioned, Alice Haddix, director of residence halls, stated that she didn't think the changes in late permissions policy were necessary, but since they had been accepted, had no objections.

Her one reservation was that students tend to take advantage of the upper limits of regulation. She feels that the women may use the ten "late pers" simply because they are available.

Mrs. Haddix stressed she has no objections to the loosening of regulations provided the students realize they must compensate by restricting themselves. Increased freedom she added, necessitates greater individual responsibility.

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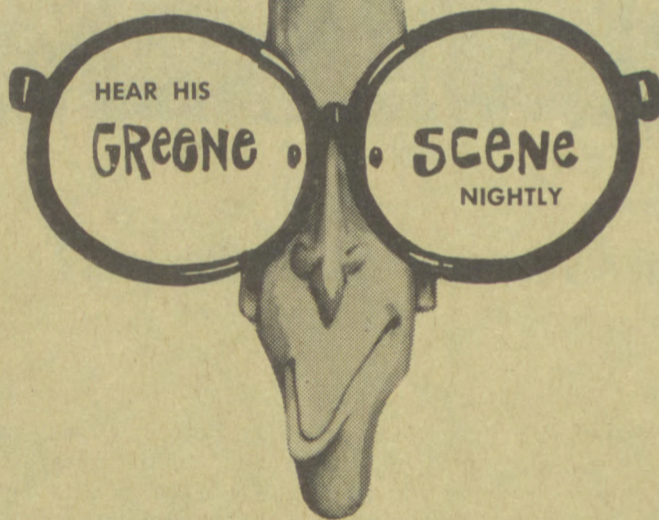
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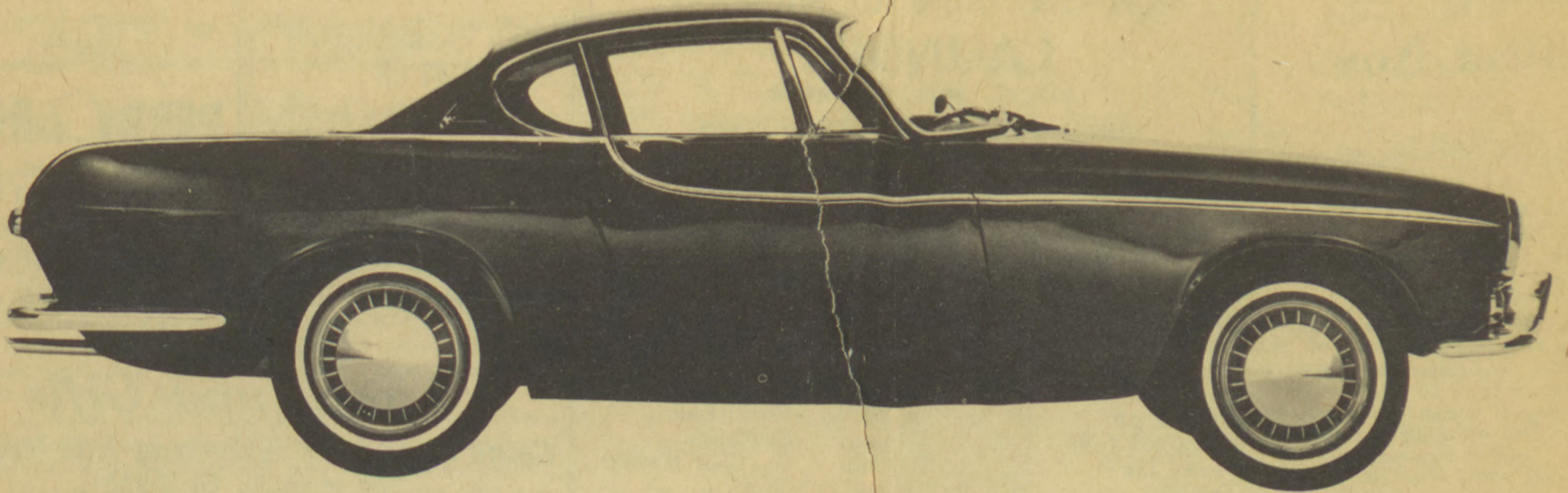
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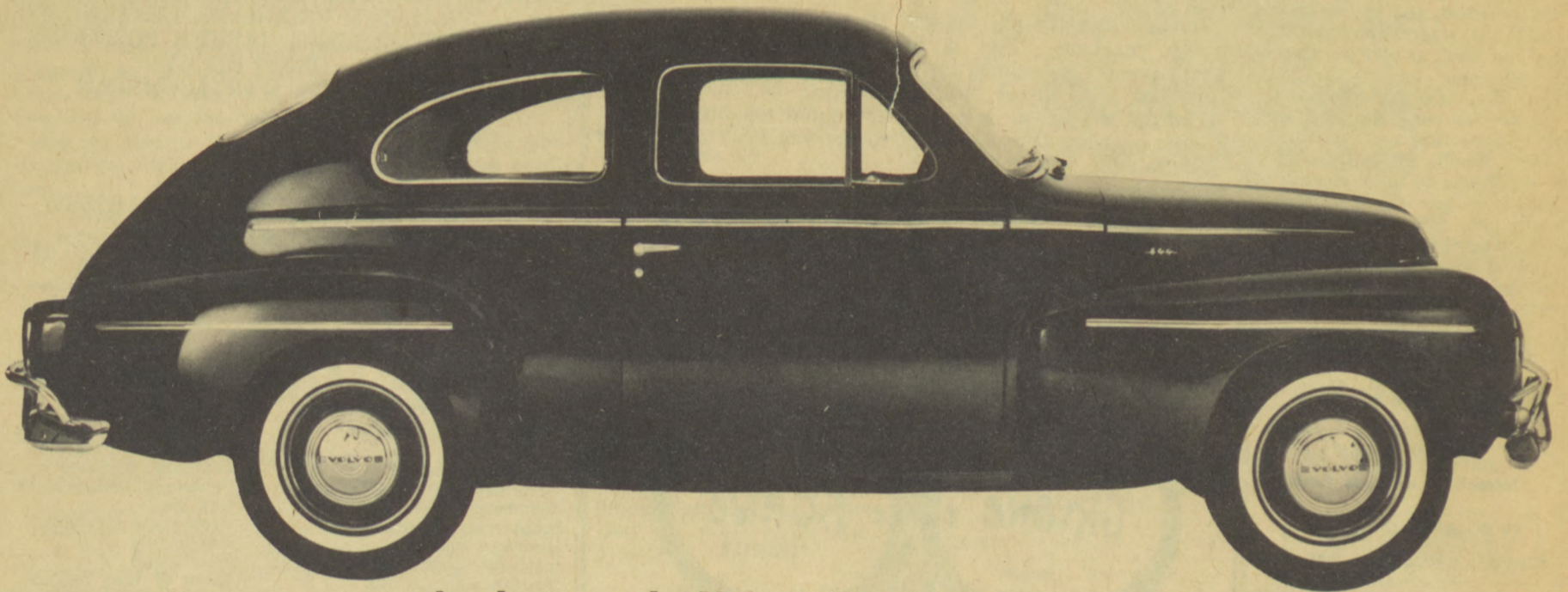
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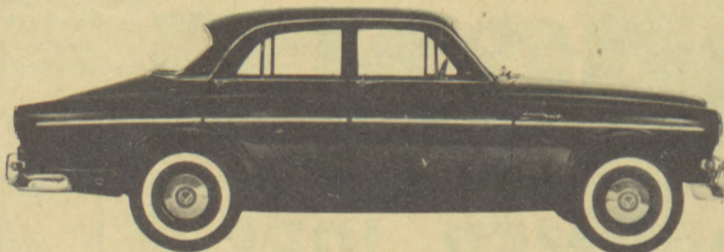
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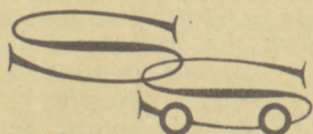
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