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## MSUO JOINS NSA

### New Setup For Paper

An administrative proposal to provide administrative assistance in publishing the OBSERVER was announced last week by the University Publications Committee. The change will be effective in January.

Necessitated by an acute staff shortage, the change will not effect the format or editorial freedom on the paper.

For the past three months one-half of one per cent of the student body has been trying to publish a newspaper for more than 1,000 students. "This has meant that the editorial staff has not had enough time to devote to building a better paper or to writing editorials," Managing Editor Bill Hoke said.

"Hopefully, the assistance from the administration will enable us to publish a more complete newspaper," he said.

Editor Susan Bierstein said that "the administrative involvement with the OBSERVER was brought about because so few students were working on the paper."

"If four of five students had helped us two months ago, this move would have been unnecessary," she said.

Publications editor Norman Prady will provide the OBSERVER staff with technical assistance. Of these responsibilities Prady said: "Although this is not a popular decision, there seemed to be no other way to publish the OBSERVER on a weekly schedule — the staff has been too small and too few students have been doing far

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### Faculty Senate Vote Announced: 5 Yet Unnamed

By Bruce Plaxton

"Reorganization," not "dissolution" of the Faculty Senate was the action taken by prior agreement last spring, according to Dr. William Hammerle, chairman of the Senate reorganization committee, and recently appointed director of MSUO's engineering program.

Thus last spring Chancellor Varner appointed a reorganization committee consisting of Dr. Hammerle, Dean O'Dowd, Dr. Beardslee, Dr. Tafoya, and Mr. Wilder to draw up a reorganization plan. The committee recommended a plan to the senior faculty members this fall which they felt that although limited in size would be representative of most faculty viewpoints. The Senate consists of 39 members — 30 elected by the faculty (five from each division and the remaining 15 in proportion to the number of faculty members in each division), 2 professional board appointees, and 5 appointed by the Chancellor.

Composition of the Senate is about 4/10 full professors, 3/10 associate professors, and 3/10 all others. This means that in the election just completed, the following persons automatically became members because of the limited number of faculty members of professor and associate professor rank at this time: Professors, Galloway, Hetenyi, Hoopes, Hucker, Matthews, Mobley, and Roose; associate professors, Beardslee,

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### Senate Batters Provincialism Here

By Paul Turk

Agreement was reached in Friday's Student Senate meeting to affiliate the MSUO student body with the reputedly controversial National Student Association.

Membership in NSA is MSUO's first step away from the intense provincialism which has prevailed over the last two-and-a-half years. Senate requests for membership brings MSUO into the 400-member confederation of student bodies across the nation in both the regional Michigan organization and the national organization.

Condemned by ultra-conservative student groups in many universities, NSA has maintained an essentially liberal philosophy, especially on civil rights and anti-discrimination issues.

Drawing only three abstentions and no dissenting votes, the measure's passage ends an

investigation which started last spring. Senators talking on the measure seemed to feel more than a little pressure from students to take such action, and proceeded accordingly. Thus far, the opposition has not raised any objections to membership.

"No immediate stand by the Senate on NSA issues, or on the degree of participation in the organization has yet been reached, and will not be until MSUO students have had an opportunity to participate in regional conferences and deliberations," said Senate Vice-President Paul Allen.

Following are excerpts from NSA's stand on "In Loco Parentis" and the NSA student bill of rights:

"We recognize the right of every student to clear and concise written statements of regulations and responsibilities pertaining to education policies and curricular activities, the allied rights of students to be informed through proper channels of any change, such changes not to be effective until after such notification, no

punishment or restrictions to be ex-post-facto.

"We recognize the right of every student to protection against any unreasonable arbitrary actions by members of the faculty and/or the administration."

"We recognize the right of every student to be advised in writing of any charges that might lead to his suspension, expulsion or other severe disciplinary action; the right to trial by . . . student . . . representation."

"We recognize the right of every student to request liaison with the faculty and administration regarding changes in curriculum, teaching personnel and policy of the institution."

"We recognize the right of every student to conduct research freely and to publish, discuss, and exchange findings and recommendations."

"We recognize the right of every student to participate through his student government in setting up activity fees and allocating these fees and other student activity funds."

"We recognize the rights of students and authorized student organizations to hear speakers of their choice . . ."

"We recognize the right of every student to establish and

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### Messiah, Stanley Top Offerings

By Dan Fullmer

Two recent events on campus indicate that MSUO truly is becoming a University. One of them was last Sunday afternoon when the University Chorus, directed by Dr. Walter Collins, sang Handel's Messiah, Part I. The 130 voices and the orchestral accompaniment gave the work humility and substance.

Five soloists: Nancy Kelly, soprano; Carol Yost, soprano; Alice Stentz, contralto; Kyle Wilson, tenor; and Duncan Sells (Dean of Students), bass performed with sincerity and skill.

The program almost ended with the choral benison "His Yoke is Easy and His Burden is Light". Afterwards, to our pleasure, they sang the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Another recent Concert-Lecture event was a performance by the Stanley Quartet from The University of Michigan November 30. The program included Hayden's "Quartet in D major, Op. 76, No. 5," Beethoven's "Quartet in F major, Op. 18, No. 1," and Ravel's "Quartet." No longer is Iowa the only place where MSUO can find good chamber music. The accomplished musicians played Hayden with lively unified delicacy, and they played Beethoven adequately. Their "home territory" was Ravel. They played the "Quartet" with soul-searching vitality as they demonstrated diverse abilities with apparent ease.

The MSUO Community Arts Council and Dr. Collins have been doing a fine job of bringing to the University a Lecture-Concert Series of high quality. Perhaps in the near future there may be adequate facilities on campus for such events.

### Anibal House Opened; Stock Aids Engineers

Dedication ceremonies were held Sunday for MSUO's first women's residence, named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Anibal.

Anibal, retired chief engineer of Pontiac Motors, gave the university a gift of 1,000 shares of General Motors stock, to be used to complete furnishings in the two student residences and to support the engineering science program.

Chancellor Varner and Norma Brock, president of the women's hall, accepted the gift at the ceremonies. The building was opened for inspection after the dedication.

"Anibal House" will be occupied for the first time Jan. 1, when more than 60 resident women move in. Fifty resident women have been living in Fitzgerald House, the men's hall, until Anibal House was ready for occupancy.

### Price Elected TEA President

Recently elected as Teacher Education Association officers for the new trimester are Milt Price, President; Shelby Lockamy, Vice President; Lynne Humphreys, Secretary; Jim Morrison, Treasurer; and Judy Gieluch and Chuck MacFayden, Members-at-Large.

The club plans a professor's auction and a barn dance, and promises a "new look" to the organization in the immediate future.

### Hammerle To Head Engineer Studies

Dr. William G. Hammerle, 34, associate professor of physics at Michigan State University Oakland, was named director of MSUO's engineering program.

Hammerle's appointment was approved by the Board of Trustees last week.

A member of the MSUO faculty since the university opened in September, 1959, Hammerle received his doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton University. His bachelor of science degree is from California Institute of Technology.

Prior to his appointment to the MSUO faculty, he was, for three years, assistant professor at Michigan State University, East Lansing. From 1954 to 1956, he was a research assistant in chemistry at Yale University.

Selection of a scientist rather than an engineer to head this program is in keeping with MSUO's plans to offer a new kind of engineering education to undergraduates, Chancellor D. B. Varner said.

"We must eschew vocationalism, give relatively little attention to the art of application, and concentrate on preparing the innovator and director of the future by giving him a broad grounding in principles. Our program will be directed toward giving these students a

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### Season's Greetings

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FROM THE REGISTRAR





# Big People, Little People

By now the dismissal of three faculty members has been so clouded by prejudices and rumors that it is difficult to sort out the facts. The main problems involved seem to be these: 1) poor communication within the administration, between the administration and the MSUO community, and between the university and surrounding communities; 2) need for definition of university policy concerning faculty dismissal and reappointment; 3) need for re-evaluation of the ideals of the university as interpreted by the students.

Certainly the dismissal should not have been covered in the Detroit newspapers; if there is any dissension among the administration, the faculty, or the students, it should be cleared up on this 1,600-acre campus and not over the surrounding 30 miles. We think Mr. Pearson should not have aired his disillusion in area newspapers. This matter should not concern the man in the street; it is the business of the man on the campus. We hope that the university's reputation has not been damaged.

We emphasize our disapproval of Mr. Pearson's public expose, but we think that some of his comments as published in the Detroit News, point up issues that should be carefully examined by the whole university. For example, this statement: "The student body is aware of the administration's confusion. Many students have voiced concern over it. Conditions are serious enough to warrant a re-evaluation of our aims here."

We think there is a need for an objective appraisal of the university's progress in attaining its ideals. While we do not expect immediate attainment of these ideals, we do expect the university to be constantly striving to attain them. During its three years of existence MSUO has grown rapidly in all areas — curriculum, enrollment, faculty, facilities. It is not strange that, in spite of a liberal arts education of the highest quality. The process, some of its ideals have been trod-upon by crowds of students registering for courses, bulldozers and workmen constructing new buildings. But if after three years a university is not broad-minded enough to admit that it cannot perpetually be "on target," in 25 years its fine curriculum and handsome facilities will mean nothing.

Surely no one questions the goal of the university: "To procure with the ideals as they were put forth in brochures and pamphlets. At mention of "propaganda bulletins" a hoot goes up from transfer students who realize that a university catalogue can never be depended upon for accurate information. But these statements are responsible for bringing students to MSUO. An example is this statement by Dr. Robert Hoopes, professor of English and assistant to the chancellor for university planning. It appears in the latest brochure published this fall. "What do we ask of our students? Simply this: that they raise and confront fundamental questions; that they develop the ability to state those questions in intelligible terms; that they press forward in conversation with their teachers irrespective of the consequences involved; that they commit themselves, in short, to the belief that only the truth as we see it shall make us free and that service to anything else is bondage."

Another example of publicity abounding in ideals is this well-known statement, printed in Life magazine: "We are not interested in producing well-rounded men, but men with sharp abrasive edges — rebels with clear minds and uncowed consciences, critics of society, not adjusters to it." In reality, edges are not sharpened here, nor are consciences uncowed. Any clear-minded rebel soon learns that his efforts to seek "the truth" will be stymied by the administrative snowline. With student apathy a major problem at MSUO, it seems to us that any student interested enough in an issue to seek an answer, deserves an honest answer. Yet he encounters an administrative wall. Although our administration is friendly to students, one gets the feeling that, to them, students are "little people," not mature enough to understand what the "grownups" are doing, and not old enough to ask. Much of the clamor for "student rights" is trite and immature. But students who are supposed to be learning to think should not be put down as "little people" when they raise "fundamental questions."

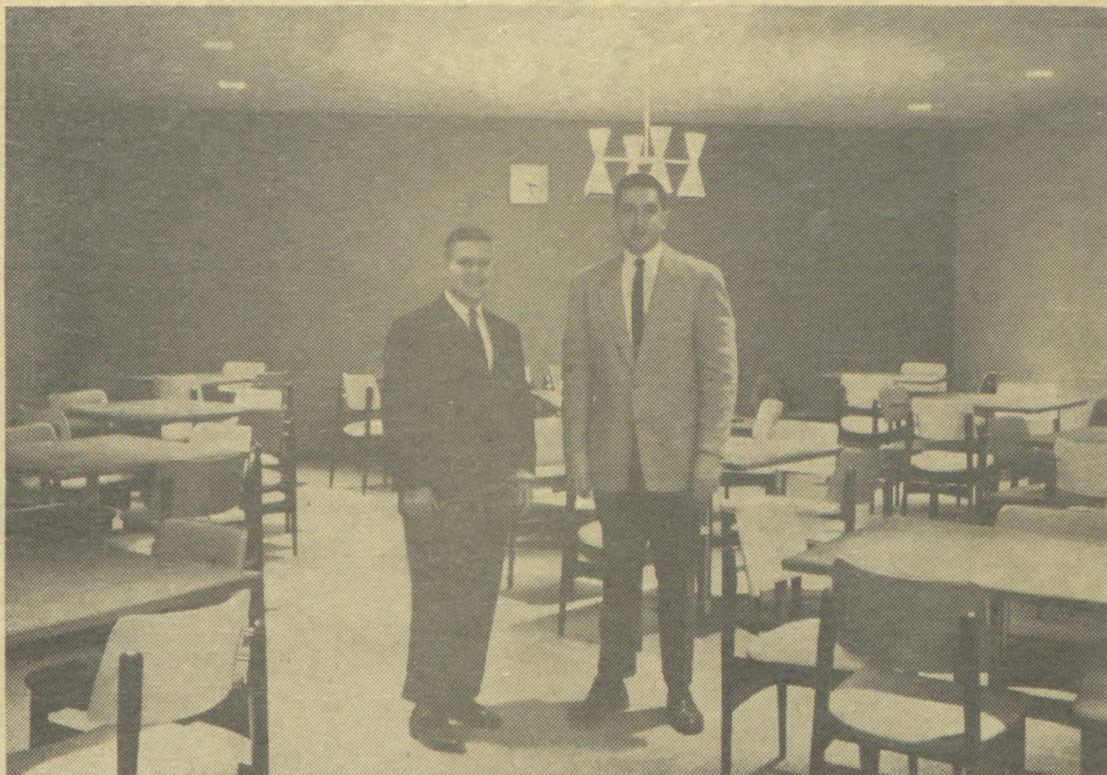
We respect the right of the administration to withhold reasons for dismissal of faculty. We understand that this information may injure the reputation of the people involved. But we insist that the student body should be informed of the administrative process involved in the renewal of faculty appointments. If a statement explaining this procedure had been released at the first sign of misunderstanding, the recent dismissals would not have been so distorted or so widely publicized.

In this instance silence has not been golden. There is a desperate need for a statement from the administration to the university community. There is also a desperate need for unity among the administrators regarding their comments on the renewal issue. Everyone has gone to a different office for information, and everyone has heard a different story. The confusion clouding this issue cannot be blamed wholly on the Detroit papers.

Four student senators were appointed by the Senate to invite administrators to speak to students at a meeting last Wednesday.

The preceding Monday Chancellor Varner called a meeting of the Senate and announced that he would not attend the student meeting on the grounds that the administration might be embarrassed and that the press had been called. By refusing to attend the meeting, the Chancellor virtually cancelled it. We cannot understand how, the meeting Monday would have been different had it been held last Wednesday. The questions that would have been raised then, were raised Monday. And the answers to these questions would probably have been the same had they been given Wednesday.

Although the situation has become ugly and distorted, we see one significant positive result: for the first time on this campus, students have united in a common interest.



FIRST PATRONS of the new "Oakland Room" in the expanded Oakland Center are George Fritz, Center Director, and Ed Goodwin, Food Services director. This

room, featuring table service and carpeted floor is one of four new dining facilities in the addition. See story, page four.

OBSERVER PHOTO

## Letters To The Editor

# Senator Attacks Petitions, Publicity

To The Editor:

Colleges and universities presumably should recognize that offering responsible functions to students would have the effect of hastening their maturation and their sensitivity to civic participation.

A look at actual practice in American higher education, MSUO included, reveals quite a different situation. College and university administrations, in the midst of their declarations of eagerness to give youth a proper sphere of campus activity, all too frequently interpret this "proper sphere" as one far removed from the serious and vital campus decisions. Furthermore, they are all too prone to show in their own administrative actions a disregard for the democratic process which shakes the faith of students who observe or are subject to them.

Such maneuverings do not pass unnoticed by the student body, and if the students at MSUO tend toward cynicism and apathy as a result, I feel that the administration should accept the majority of the blame.

It is, of course, the better part of discretion to put the student leaders out to pasture in some remote corner of MSUO's campus where they may graze peacefully and grow fat for protection against the world we must live in after graduation. We would then always be properly deferent, would be grateful for any little attention tendered us, and would never ask embarrassing or challenging questions. We would then graduate with the same sheep-like acceptance of directions that we brought with us as freshmen. We would also fail to make any contributions to our own growth or that of the campus except to advance the state of atrophy in ourselves and our institution.

Colleges and universities with this approach will only be able to champion a graduate whose only claim to recognition is that he has not been troubled.

If, on graduation day, someone rises and says, "Youth must remake the world," I would consider this as an appropriate final statement for an institution which boasts one philosophy and practices another.

Fellow students, before you wave a banner for liberation too hastily, we should look at the other side of the coin. This is the doctrine which assures students they are equal. When in this insistence upon equality we plunge into decision-making areas which we are unprepared to handle, hiring or dismissal of faculty members, it has the same effect as your first sip of champagne. Our chests expand, we make loud noises on every possible issue, and we plunge recklessly into new and untried ventures. (Notifying the press for example.) We develop into a juvenile dictatorship as a result, leaving administration either fearful or amused depending upon their own state of popularity.

I feel that both results are to be avoided if possible and that both are a result of administrative delinquency.

To the best of my knowledge I am the only senator who signed one of the controversial petitions circulated on campus. I do not condone the actions of the actions of the individual who notified the press. I, for one, signed with the understanding that it was to be a university action not a juicy item for eager-beaver press reporters. I signed for one reason and only one: clarification of the goals of the university. Close inspection of past press statements, I feel, justifies my concern.

"The Detroit News," August 25, 1959, "... 55,000 college-age students, 18 to 24 years old, now live within 15 miles of the new campus," or "The Pontiac Press," January 4, 1958, "One year at MSU or U of M now costs in the neighborhood of \$1,600. That same boy or girl can live at home and attend MSUO at about one-

fourth of the same cost. Hence, Oakland and Macomb students can enjoy four years and graduate for the same amount that it requires for one year away from home." The underlying implication seems to tend toward a local appeal for students.

I hope that I am wrong, but I still have a question in my mind over the issue.

Administration at MSUO chose recently to criticize the actions of the Student Senate in establishing a student body meeting. We admit that we had the cart before the horse in this particular case, but try to remember the fact that we were acting on your suggestion.

We know, only too well, that we are not infallible. Instead of criticizing the Student Senate for groping in the dark, trying endlessly to locate a sphere in which we may operate, set up a few signposts and we will be able to help ourselves, our university, and the administration.

Mickey L. McWilliams

To The Editor:

The Christmas tree in the library was voluntarily decorated by the SAC. We wish to thank them. It was done so badly that we had to redecorate it 30 minutes later.

Dan Fullmer  
Mary Lou Pung  
Milt Price

EDITOR NOTE — Perhaps effective communication has broken down.

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in angry response to the unwarranted blast our various campus buildings have received from an "aesthetically pleasing architecture" lover.

The main purpose of the campus buildings is a functional one, and with the limited funds available I firmly believe that the designers did the best possible.

Dale A. Secord

ED. NOTE: The above letter was abridged in keeping with the OBSERVER'S standards of decency and fair play.



## Faculty Senate Contains 39

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Collins, Fitzsimmons, Haden, Hammerle, Heubel, Lewis, Mahler, McKay, Schwab, Stubblefield, Tafoya, and Wisner.

Those elected by the faculty from within their division: Mrs. Collins, Hildum, Holmes, Mrs. Mahar, Obear, Rhode, Simmons, Susskind, Tomboulion, and Mrs. White.

Elected senators are to serve two years; however, at this election one half of the elected members were chosen by lot to serve only one year. The professional board appointees, Mrs. Cusack and Mr. Martin, and the 5 members appointed by the Chancellor, who have not been announced yet, will serve one year terms.

The new Senate will continue to make use of a number of committees held over from the last Senate but will probably form several new committees

including a "steering committee" of seven members chaired by the Dean of the University. The purpose of this committee is to determine agendas for the Senate meetings.

## Islands to Reds

By Bill Williamson

Quemoy and Matsu were delivered to the Communists last Saturday, when the United States refused to aid in their defense during an armed attack. According to the resolution passed in the mock Security Council, a mediative committee will meet at the end of the month, but no other action may be taken until that time, and the Reds will have taken the islands.

Projecting Dr. Sheldon Appleton's World Politics class from the theoretical to the practical resulted in the second annual mock UN Security Council, with students representing each of the 11 nations on the council. Accurate representation of the interests, ideologies, and policies of a given country by its representative are a must, as the exercise is graded, and accuracy is figured into the marking.

Confronting the class was an imaginary invasion of the off-shore islands, Quemoy and Matsu, by the Communist Chinese, and through negotiation, discussion, and compromise, a solution was to be reached. Each delegate was expected to obtain the solution most compatible with his position as stated in a required paper on the subject.

Final voting, after opening speeches and deliberation, brought defeat to US hopes, as they were forced to vote in favor on a proposal which, in effect, granted the islands to the Communists.

## NSA Stands Against 'Loco Parentis'

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issue regular student-directed publications free of any student government, faculty and/or administration censorship or other pressure aimed at controlling editorial policy or staff appointments and removals, provided that these publications do not transgress the code of common decency, civil or criminal laws against libel, pornography, or indecency."

"We recognize the right of every student to exercise freely his full right as a citizen in

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too much work. Students who fear for their newspaper's life should notify Miss Bierstein of their concern and available hours."

In accepting the publication committee's decision, News Editor Paul Turk announced openings for reporters. "We must have a reportorial staff willing to work. We will help those with no experience, but reporters must have a sense of responsibility and dedication to newspaper work," said Turk.

Yearbook editor William Hommel announced after consulting with the publication committee that it is likely there will be a yearbook this year. "It will be a new concept in yearbooks," Hommel said.

In approving the proposal, the publications committee ended seven weeks of negotiations with the administration and the student staff. Only five issues of the OBSERVER have been published this term.

"This is not fulfilling the responsibility of the newspaper," said Miss Bierstein.

"If we cannot publish weekly under the new system and if we cannot maintain editorial freedom, the Oakland OBSERVER will fail. It is the responsibility of the students to staff the OBSERVER — it is the responsibility of the administration to see that there is no editorial interference.

"It is going to be difficult to balance these issues, but with student support I am sure that the OBSERVER will remain an active student publication," she said.

off-campus activities in connection with local, national or international religious, social, political, economic or cultural purposes, and to publish and distribute his views without impairing his standing in the institution, provided he does not claim to represent that institution."

"USNA continues to affirm the belief that the university must not restrict those freedoms of thought, association and action which are simultaneously the prerequisites of a fully democratic social order and personal development. The vision toward which we strive is that of a democratic university in which all share certain rights of participation in matters of common concern, and of freedom of inquiry, association, and development, and where paternalism is replaced by fellowship in the company of scholars."

"USNSA calls on faculties and administrations to open the universities to fuller and more meaningful student participation in those university and community affairs which shape student life and development. These include the content of the curriculum, methods of teaching, the procedure of forming total university policies, the housing and welfare conditions and non-curricular concerns . . ."

"USNSA calls upon American students to seek not only an end to formal campus restrictions which prohibit legitimate freedoms, but also to seek the instruments with which to generate a community where men are linked by a common commitment to learning, not segregated by the atmosphere which paternalism fosters."

Michigan had between 7,000 and 8,000 more potential college freshmen this fall than it had a year ago, according to a study made at the University of Michigan. To accommodate the steadily rising percentage of students seeking admission enrollment in the state's colleges and universities next year would have to increase by 17,000.

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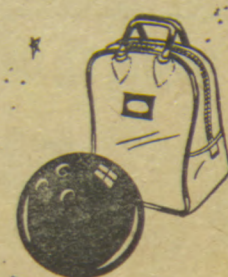
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## New Center Opens January 2; Employment Increase Expected

Four new dining areas, a new bookstore, rental lockers, and a barbership are included in the soon-to-be-completed Oakland Center addition. Because of a delay in obtaining heating equipment, the area cannot be used until January.

According to Oakland Center director George E. Fritz, a strike at one of the subcontracting firms made it impossible to get the equipment. The contractor and the architects switched heating firms, causing the delay. Except for the missing heating fixtures, the building is very close to completion, Fritz said.

Bowling facilities will not be installed now, due to high initial cost and uncertain demand, but there is an area architecturally suited for the construction of alleys. Supplementary recreational facilities in the addition may include coin-operated pool tables and ping-pong tables.

A two-chair barbership cancels the necessity of trips to Rochester for haircuts. A barber has already been hired to manage the shop. There will, however, be no beauty salon. A 1959 MSU-EL survey pointed up the relative unpopularity of campus beauty parlors. Fritz said only nine of the 210 coeds interviewed in the short survey at State thought there should be a beauty parlor on the East Lansing campus.

For those connoisseurs of the room is entirely plate

"Goodwin Gourmeteria," the best part of the new section will be the four new eating areas. The present cafeteria will be used as the resident dining hall, and will be closed, except at mealtimes. A la carte breakfasts and luncheons will be available from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the new general cafeteria, which will seat 300 people. This room will be served by the same kitchen as the resident dining room, and will feature the same menu selection as the resident dining room, and will feature the same menu selection.

Short orders and "brown-bag" supplements will be available in the new basement grill, open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. A contest to name the grill has been suggested, with the Center office aiding any organization which might assume management of the contest. The serving line will be a combination short-order-cafe, much like the main cafeteria last year.

Sit-down dining will be possible again in the new "Oakland Room," which will seat 80 persons. A carpeted floor and table service are offered in this room.

Private parties and small banquets can be served, on a rental basis, in the new "Meadowbrook Room," accommodating 20 persons. The east wall

glass, facing Meadowbrook Hall. The south is natural brick, and a 16 x 9 ft. aerial picture of Meadowbrook will be displayed on the north wall. This room is also carpeted, and has contemporary Danish furnishings.

With the expanded facilities, an increase in student employment opportunities is expected, especially in food services.

The expanded bookstore will be located in the northwest corner of the new building. Rental lockers, the first on campus, will be located outside the bookstore. There are 175 lockers planned, at a rental cost of about \$3 per trimester.

Upon completion of the addition, the Center will abandon "Machini's" the present basement snackbar, and partition the area for storage. The present bookstore will be subdivided into offices for Student Government and other student groups.

General meeting and banquet rooms and an expandable multipurpose room, to relieve the dance-assembly demands on the main cafeteria, are also being furnished in the addition.

Further addition is not planned until the enrollment reaches 5,000. At that time the Center may expand to the south, towards the library, becoming the largest building on campus.

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## Hammerle Appointed

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broad foundation in physics, chemistry and mathematics, which will be the tools of the innovating engineering scientist of the future.

"There can be no fixation with techniques in our rapidly changing society because these techniques will be obsolescent by the time the student is out of school," Varner said.

Dean of the University Donald D. O'Dowd said of the appointment:

"Dr. Hammerle has been deeply involved in the study of the ideal form of an engineering science program since he joined the faculty. His leadership will guarantee that engineering science will develop as an integral part of our science curriculum."

Hammerle's research reports

have been published by Journal of Chemical Physics and Textile Research Journal.

He is a member of American Physical Society; Rheology Society and Sigma Xi.

The Hammerles and their two children, Michael, 6, and Patricia, 4½, live at 431 Bay street, Pontiac. He originally is from Ohio.

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