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MODEST DONOR breaks ground for the Baldwin Acoustical Shell. J. A. Fredman gave OU all profits on the project.

Enthusiasm Hits Construction Crew

By the Observer Staff

J. A. Fredman and Sons Construction Company has returned its contractor's fee for the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion and the Lula B. Wilson Memorial Concert Shell, the Observer learned this week.

The fee, an undisclosed sum, now permits the Pavilion and Shell to be constructed at cost.

In addition to returning the contractor's fee, Fredman has donated some cast iron piping necessary for the construction of the Pavilion.

Concrete Donated

Fredman also announced that one of the suppliers, Boice Builders Supply, has donated 100 yards of concrete. This donation of the concrete is equivalent to approximately \$1500.

Contractors for all the buildings on campus, Fredman and his associates have taken an in-

terest in the development of the University.

When questioned about his contribution to the Meadow Brook Music Festival, Fredman stated, "We want to help the University."

He also emphasized that the contributions are not the work of one man, but of several.

Small Beginnings

The idea of the Meadow Brook Music Festival became a reality early this year when the Lula B. Wilson Trust Fund donated \$35,000 to the University.

"Community support for the Festival has been overwhelming," said Chancellor Varner.

Original plans called for a \$75,000 shell and pavilion, but contributions have upped the shell and pavilion to a \$250,000 building with a seating capacity of 2,000.

New Faculty Members Approved By Trustees

By the Observer Staff

Twelve new faculty members have been appointed to the Oakland staff for the fall semester, Chancellor Varner announced Tuesday morning.

Heading the list of appointments is Clifford Harding, Jr., currently Associate Professor of Psychology at Columbia University. He will be the chairman of the new Oakland Biology department.

Second Appointment

A second appointment to the new department will be an-

nounced next month after the Board of Trustees meet again.

Harding did his undergraduate work at Brown University and graduated Magna cum laude. He earned his M.S. degree at Yale and his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania.

Sociology

Emil Oestereicher, born in Budapest, Hungary, will join the OU faculty as an Instructor in Sociology. Oestereicher has received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Illinois. He expects to get his Ph.D. from Illinois in the fall.

ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKE-UP, SELLS, OBEAR PROMOTED

Obear Dean Of Freshmen

By the Observer Staff

Fred Obear, assistant professor of chemistry, who received appointment as associate dean of students only last month, has been appointed Dean of Freshmen, Chancellor Varner announced Tuesday.

"My duties will all concern the health, education, and welfare of freshmen," Obear said.

Chancellor Varner stated, "The appointment of a Dean of Freshmen reflects our concern with the problems entering freshmen face."

The new dean, it is hoped, will be at least a partial solution to the freshman-attrition problems Oakland has been experiencing.

Popular Proof

Obear came to Oakland several years ago, and has served as head resident in Fitzgerald House in addition to his teaching duties.

His popularity at Fitzgerald apparently influenced his appointment to the Dean of Students' staff. Under the new administrative re-organization, Obear will be attached to the Associate Dean of the University.

Freshman Problems

"Precisely what problems Freshmen face with respect to Oakland, and how Oakland can help overcome these problems, is a matter of great concern," Obear said. He continued, "We would also like to determine if Oakland presents any unique problems to entering students."

"In any case," he added, "all the offices of the Dean of Freshmen will be turned toward serving the best interests of the students in the freshman class."

Chancellor Varner said of Obear's appointment: "It augurs well for Oakland."



SELLS: A Fair Shake.

Associate Dean Title To Sells

By the Observer Staff

Dean of Students Duncan Sells will become Associate Dean of the University, Chancellor Varner announced Tuesday. The appointment will become effective July 1.

The long-awaited administrative shakeup is intended to streamline Oakland's administration. "The Dean of the University needs a strong right-hand to free him for creative academic leadership," the Chancellor said.

Sells' new job will entail more than assisting Dean O'Dowd, however. Not only will he continue his present function as chief link between the students and the administration, but he will also be in charge of communication with parents.

New Administrator

The Associate Dean of the University will not be responsible for the dormitories. A new administrator will probably be hired to supervise student housing and direct student activities. The new man would report directly to Chancellor Varner.

Informed sources indicated that the office of Dean of Students, in its present form, would probably be abandoned.

Sells Leads Attack

"Students have had to face many environmental problems at Oakland," the Chancellor said. "Sells, in his new job, will lead the attack on these problems."

Sells' comment: "Of course I'm delighted with the promotion, but my main concern is that everyone understand that my primary duty, now as before, will be to see to it that the students get a fair shake."



OBEAR: Health, Education, and Welfare.

Mathematics

Author of two books on mathematics, John W. Dettman, Associate Professor at Case Institute of Technology, will become a member of the Oakland mathematics department. Dettman, a member of the American Mathematical Society and Mathematical Association of America, did his undergraduate work at Oberlin College. He earned both his M.S. and Ph.D. at Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Dettman will be a full Professor of Mathematics here in the fall.

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Strike Still On At Hill

By the Observer Staff

Settlement of the month-old electricians' strike has not been reached, according to George Karas, Director of Physical Plant.

The strike has threatened to halt construction of Hill House, Oakland's new six-story dormitory.

In an effort to work around the electrical work, the builders have proceeded to pour the fourth floor without the wiring.

Since the ceiling of the third floor is suspended, it will be pos-

sible for holes to be drilled through the floor of the fourth story and for the wiring to be dropped through the holes.

One More Week

Work may be continued for about another week before the electricians are needed. After this fourth floor is completed, work will be forced to halt until the electricians return to work. Karas said Tuesday that he hoped the strike would be settled by the first of June.

Sheet metal workers are also continuing their strike, but their effect will not be immediately felt on the building of the dorm.

Shell Okay

Construction of the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion and

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Project Needs You

Next time you drive through a slum, remember that the general disrepair and dishevelment of the physical surroundings is mirrored in the spirits of the inhabitants.

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The prospect of complete failure faces relatively few OU Kids, but it does face many youngsters in the surrounding community.

In the City of Pontiac, there are many pupils with the capacity to do some sort of post-high school education, who, because of a deprived socio-economic background, would never think of continuing their education past 12th Grade.

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If you are interested in becoming a tutor-factotum to an underprivileged pupil, sign up in the Dean of Students' office. You will not be making a hard commitment when you do.

Oakland has done its share by making two scholarships available to pupils who have tutors. The Wilson Foundation will re-imburse tutors for all expenses incurred, and, after they have put in one semester as a volunteer, tutors will be paid at standard student rates. So everything is just right . . . except you.

The Project needs you. Please volunteer.

Slave Sell Nets \$100

Ed Marroso announced that the Slave Sale, held Friday, May 22, was a great success. The sale brought around \$100 for the library fund.

Purchased slaves were put to a great variety of useful tasks.

Alfred DuBruck, assistant professor of French, finally put to use his many years of studying his specialty by singing the Marseillaise in keys B through G—very flat from the roof of the causeway between North- and South-Foundations Halls.

Harvey Burdick also found his niche, as he was impressed into the Oakland Society for the Advancement of Weed-Prevention. He and several colleagues did their stint outside the dormitories.

The girls of Ant's House purchased a fine specimen of Psychologist to give them a lecture on Sex. David Lowy was bought by the girls for around ten dollars. Quid pro quo?

Spirited bidding made a hot day seem even hotter, but no one—not even an academic doctor—keeps his dignity in the face of dollars.



CLOWNISHLY KELLIED Edward Heubel eats of the bitter fruits of slavery. He sold for over \$7.00.

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Letters to the Editor

An open letter to the Senior Class Committee:

How are you? Where are you? What have you been doing? I haven't heard from or of you for quite a while.

I understand that you were to have a meeting several weeks ago. Tell me, did it ever take place? Did the members show up? What happened?

I've seen very few of you people this term. Busy with your studies? Or are you all on vacation?

Has there been a decision on raising funds for the Class' activities this coming year? By the way, remember the initial meeting when Don Roe and others stated that much work had to be done during the Spring term? There was a commencement speaker to be decided upon by June or July, recipients of honorary degrees to be designated, and many other things to be done.

During the past term, there were many boasts, pledges and mottos made; a relatively large degree of interest was generated by the 65'ers. BUT THAT WAS THE PAST TERM! Since the reigns of authority were passed into your hands, things have been very quiet—too quiet.

Have you met with the members of the old Committee? Have you acquainted yourself with the manifold problems you face?

Have you made any effort to resolve them?

Take a little time off from soaking up the sunshine; rekindle that spirit, initiative, and resourcefulness you displayed last term. Let's have some action!

Let us hear from you. We miss you.

Anxiously,
Charles E. Fredley
(Class of '65)

To the Editor:

"Whenever there are elections, there are campaign speeches, and whenever there are campaign speeches, there are always platforms," (or editorials) "jettisoned therefrom, floating around afterwards." It is obvious, however, that last week's editorial took only two of the many platforms into consideration, both of which were the platforms of unsuccessful candidates.

A candidate is free to present any platform and pursue it if elected, but the candidate's platform is not necessarily an expression of the organization's goals or the goals of any other candidate. Contrary to the opinion expressed in last week's editorial, the Dormitory Council recognizes its position and responsibility and does not request full legislative power.

The Dormitory Council represents the dormitory residents and does not intend to take it upon

itself to organize an all campus student government. It will, however, encourage such a government if it appears on campus.

Again contrary to the opinion of the Observer editorial, the Dormitory Council has proven itself to be an effective channel of communication between the residents and the administration. It believes that it does face important issues and it has no intention of disbanding as long as it enjoys the support of its constituents.

Jim Annesser
Joe Bryans
Sue Crosby
Diane Smith

To the Editor:

The last Observer editorial made some good points about some of our campaign platforms, but I'm not ready to forget student legislative responsibility, a set of written rules, and an all-university representative body as "dead issues."

I agree that power accompanies responsibility. But where are we supposed to learn to handle responsibility? We're old enough to be called adults in many parts of the world; isn't it time we were made accountable for most of our own affairs, and were given the power to accompany that responsibility?

A uniform set of rules is going to present plenty of problems at Oakland, but the principle is still sound: we have a right to know

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New Faculty Members

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Replaces Becker

Besides Oestrereich, there are two new members in the social science division. Roger H. Marz, 33, will become Assistant Professor of Political Science, replacing Theodore Becker. Becker resigned last month to accept a position at the University of Hawaii.

Marz received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1960 and has been Assistant Professor of Political Science at Harpur College, State University of New York since then.

He is currently writing a book on voting behavior and democratic theory. He has also held the position of science editor of *Background on World Politics*.

The other appointment in the social science division is 25-year old Edward Starr. Starr will be an Instructor in Economics in the fall. He is currently a candidate for a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota.

New Chinese Prof

Amitendranath Tagore, born in Calcutta, India, will teach Chinese in the fall. Tagore received his M.A. in Chinese Language and Literature from the National Peking University in 1950 and his Ph.D. from Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, India, last year.

Tagore has taught at Visva Bharati since 1950. During this time he spent two years as a visiting lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to his academic experience, Tagore was a member of the organizing committee for the XXVI International Congress of Orientalists and New Delhi this year. He was also secretary of the East Asian Section at the Congress.

He will be Assistant Professor.

Two In Education

Two new members have been appointed for the Department of

Teacher Education. Francis X. Russo, who expects to receive his Ph.D. from Boston University next month, will be Assistant Professor of Teacher Education. Russo has been Chairman of the History Department at Central High School in Providence, Rhode Island.

Marc E. Briod, who earned his M.A. at Northwestern last June, is the other new member in Teacher Education. Briod will be an instructor. He plans to complete work of his Ph.D. next year.

Interlochen Instructor

A former summer teacher at Michigan's famed Interlochen Music Camp, Wilbur W. Kent, Jr., will join the Department of Music as Assistant Professor in the fall. Kent obtained his Master of Music degree from the University of Illinois in 1959.

John Browning Cameron, new Assistant Professor of Art, received his B.A. from Princeton and his M.A. from Yale. Cameron will get his Ph.D. in June from Yale.

He has also studied at the University of Paris. Cameron's specialty is the history of mediaeval art.

Sculpture

Another appointment is expected in the next month to the Art Department. The person is to be a part-time sculpture instructor. Plans for a new sculpture studio are underway, according to John Galloway, Chairman of the Art Department.

Appointed to the post of Assistant Professor of Classics is J. Norman Austin. Austin, who is completing the requirements for his Ph.D. this summer, earned his M.A. in Greek at the University of California, Berkeley. Austin has taught at Berkeley, as well as at the University of Oregon.

Tennis Player

James E. Davis, a tennis enthusiast, will join the Chemistry Department in the fall as an Assistant Professor.

Davis earned his Ph.D. in 1960 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also done some postdoctoral research in biophysics at the California Institute of Technology.

Student Golfers Dump Faculty

Student golfers clipped the Faculty-Staff last Friday at Bald Mountain Golf Course, 46 1/4-49 1/4. Gordon West headed the students with a 43 for nine holes. Fred Shadrack of the Admissions Staff, had a 43 also.

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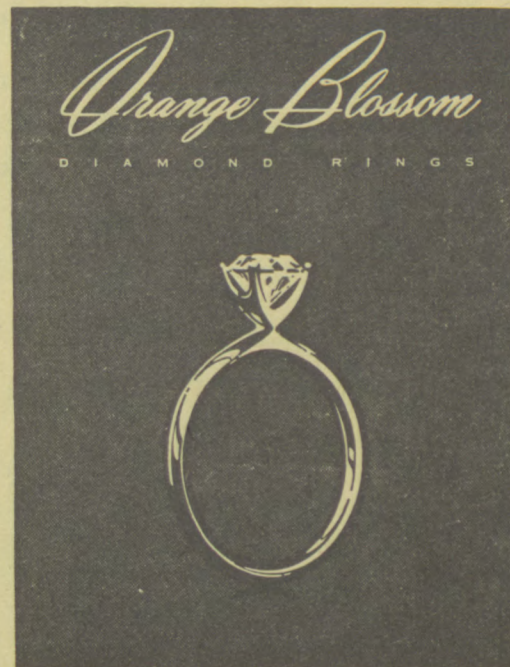
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what rules we're supposed to follow, and the administration has the responsibility of putting down in writing the rules it's going to enforce.

Because students have said "no" to all-university student representation in the past does not mean that the project should be given up; we'll never have such an organization if we don't keep working on it.

Nobody has any positive answers to any of these questions, but—I believe the answers are worth finding. Let's give all these issues the amount of study they deserve before we write them off to rigor mortis.

Mark Dublin

TO THE EDITOR:

Who is the editor of the Oakland Observer?

Bill Connellan is supposed to be the editor of the Oakland Observer, but is he in reality? Is there by chance another individual, who exercises more than a little influence in the Observer staff, who is actually doing the editing? It is my opinion such a situation does indeed exist.

In last week's Observer editorial the Dormitory Council was criticized for its lack of recognizing that responsibility and power are inseparable. The editorial further criticizes the Dormitory Council for its inability to recognize its scope as a student organization.

As a resident of Fitzgerald House and as a member of the Dormitory Council election committee Bill Connellan had an excellent opportunity to observe the recent Dormitory Council election campaign. I have no doubt that Bill Connellan was aware then, and is aware now that the programs condemned by the editorial were only advocated by candidates who were not elected. Why then did the Observer choose to print lengthy editorial about a bunch of dead issues. Why does the Observer want to intentionally mislead the students regarding the Dorm Council?

If Observer policy is against the Dormitory Council, have the courage of your convictions and say so. But if you are against the Dormitory Council I certainly hope that you have some reasons, and not just a bunch of old news on which to base your opinion. Should the story "Hats in the (Bull) Ring" have been titled Minority Report instead of editorial?

Edmund Marroso

Faculty-Staff Loses Opener

By the Observer Staff

Oakland's Faculty-Staff softball team dropped its first two games in the Rochester Slow Pitch League, losing a 15-14 heart-breaker to Paint Creek Tavern last Thursday, and a 10-2 drubbing to St. Paul's on Monday.

Paint Creek tallied four runs in the bottom of the seventh to turn a three run deficit into a narrow 15-14 victory.

Robinson Connects

Richard Robinson, Assistant Director of Physical Education and Recreation, paced the Faculty-Staff's 18-hit barrage with a home, three doubles, and a single in five trips.

St. Paul's continued the assault on Faculty-Staff pitching when they routed the Faculty 10-2 Monday. St. Paul's air-tight defense and strong pitching silenced Oakland's bats.

Strike

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of the Lula B. Wilson Memorial Concert Shell is proceeding on schedule and is so far unaffected by the electricians strike.

Electrical work will not be

necessary for another three to four weeks and may be the last step in construction.

Steel work has already been completed without interference by the steel strike. The shell is expected to be completed before the Meadow Brook Music Festival begins.

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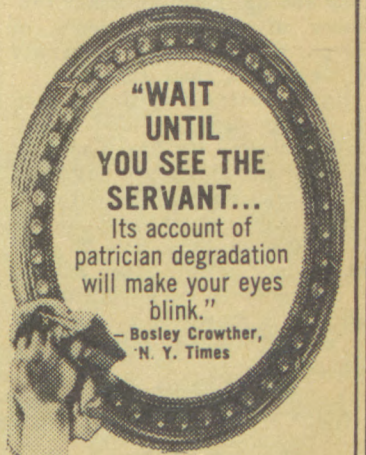
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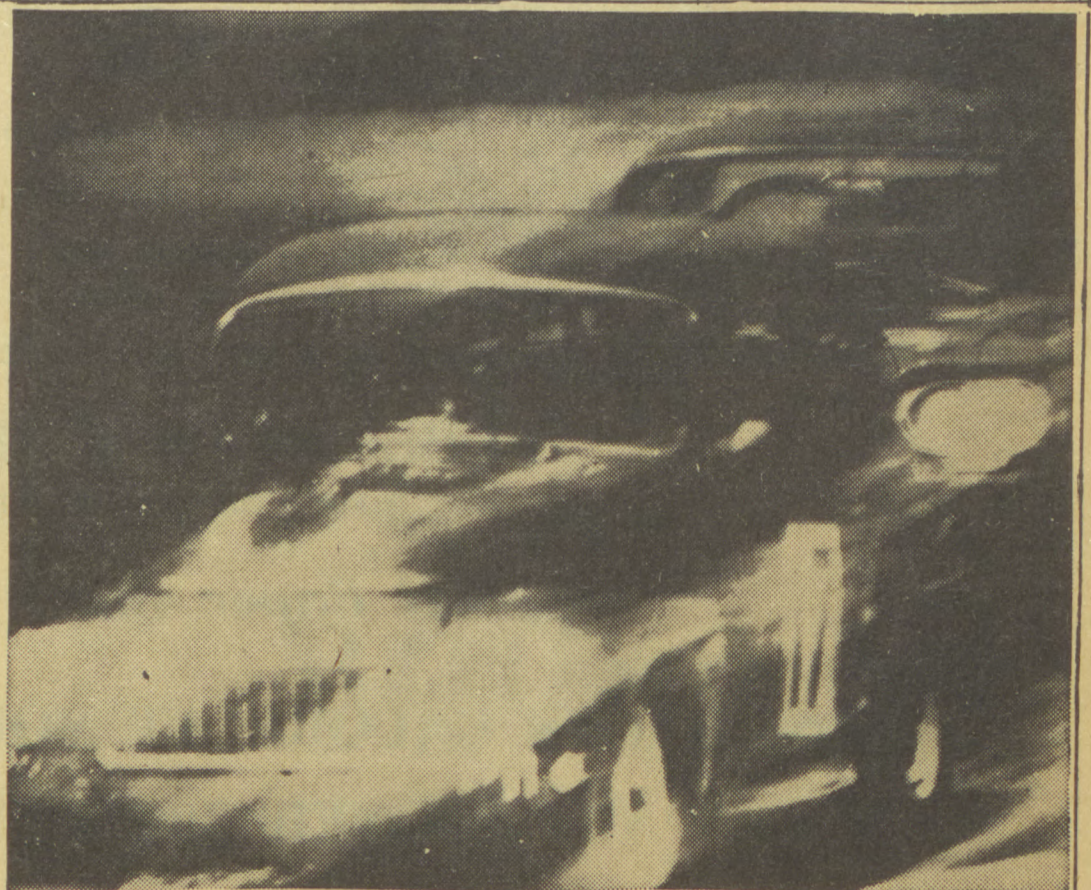
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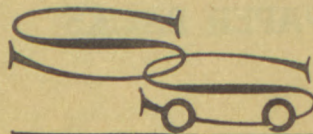
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