



**STUDENT TALENT**—Oakland's first student-faculty talent show was staged last Saturday before a well-receiving audience in the Gold Room. Among the performers were Sandra Forsyth and Clive Enos, shown above dancing part of Khachaturian's "Masquerade Suite," and Maria Bessa who sang Greek folk songs (right). Featured here is still another talent: Observer photographer Ted Schwartz who took the pictures.

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## Record Freshman Class Makes Enrollment 1498

By The Observer Staff

Five-hundred and sixty freshmen and 155 transfer students raised OU's 1963 enrollment to a record 1498 this fall. Of these, 769 are men and 729 women, Thomas Atkinson, assistant registrar, told the Observer this week.

According to Chancellor Varner, this year's freshmen not

only constitute Oakland's largest class so far, but are also the "best in academic quality in the history of the institution."

Oakland students come from five countries outside the United States, from 23 states besides Michigan and from 41 counties in Michigan.

The foreign countries represented are Austria, Canada, Germany, Greece, and Liberia.

Almost 65 per cent of all OU kids come from Oakland County, Macomb and Wayne counties being next in area representation. There is a total of 77 out-of-state students and nine foreign students.

A breakdown into classes shows that there are 241 seniors, 237 juniors and 360 sophomores in addition to the 560 freshmen admitted this fall.

Forty-three students enrolled are not working towards degrees, five have already received degrees from the University but are taking additional courses.

At present, 620 students are in Teacher Education, 608 in Liberal Arts, 130 in Engineering Science, and 103 in Business Administration.

Among departments, English seems to be the most popular. 98 students are enrolled there, followed by 51 in Modern European Languages, and 47 in History.

### Flu Shots

Influenza vaccinations are available today only in the offices of the University Health Service, 115 NFH. The shots will be given from 3-5 p.m. Cost to faculty and staff is \$1. Student vaccinations are 50 cents.

### Want Times?

Students, faculty and staff interested in obtaining the New York Times, daily and/or Sunday through a central campus agency, may indicate such a desire by contacting Serge Shishkoff, 269 SFH.

## Athletic Policy Committee to Submit Report

By The Observer Staff

OU's Committee on Athletic Policy met last Friday to adopt unanimously a seven-page report on the advisability of introducing intercollegiate sports at Oakland.

The committee, which has been meeting since last November, will submit its recommendation to Chancellor Varner next week, thus closing one of the most controversial issues both students and administrators have ever faced.

Varner had appointed the committee citing an "increasing evidence that our existing policy (on intercollegiate athletics) works to the disadvantage of the institution, both in our efforts to attract a larger number of qualified students and our ability to maintain a healthy student morale."

In view of this year's record-size freshman class and an Observer poll taken last May the Chancellor is expected to drop the issue and keep Oakland on the present intramural sports level.

The Observer poll had shown that about 75 per cent of all students and 90 per cent of the faculty contacted opposed a possible intercollegiate sports program at Oakland.

## Students To Vote On New Government Next Week

By Paul Turk

Observer Editor

Votes will be cast by the student body Wednesday and Thursday to decide whether or not the constitution proposing a new student government, to be known as the Student Assembly, will be implemented at Oakland.

The new constitution, written

to replace the governing document of the old Student Senate, in moratorium for the last 18 months, was formed "With the peculiar problems and conditions prevailing here," according to Keith Bateman, chairman of the constitutional committee.

Bateman outlined the proposed government's structure as being "parliamentary, with penalty provisions for non-participation." The new constitution contains a

clause whereby a class might be deprived of some representation on the assembly if too few candidates presented themselves.

The new government would be organized on a three-class basis, with representation proportional to the percentage of the total student body in a particular class. Classes would be divided by credit hours. The entering class would consist of those with 0-28 credits; the intermediate class with 29-89 credits; and the senior, or graduating class, 90 or more credit hours.

Governmental organization also provides for class coordination, as one class representative would be responsible for the supervision of his particular class.

Members of the new assembly will pick their own officers from within the group, eliminating the presidential race fought under the old constitution.

The new constitution has been approved by Duncan Sells, dean of students, and the Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

According to Donald D. O'Dowd, dean of the University, integration of students into areas of administrative concern "Has been delayed at least two years, for lack of a place to turn to find student spokesmen." At this point, only a few students serve in these areas, such as David Brockmann and Tom DeLamar on the cultural programs committee.

Lack of student support, popularly known as "apathy" on the Oakland campus, was a large factor in the demise of the old student government. According to Bateman, one time vice-president of the old government, the vote on the new constitution "Will determine if any area can be found on this campus in which apathy does not abound."

Voting will take place in the Oakland Center, the Fishbowl, and in the lobby of the Science Building.

## Cherno Hopes For W. I. Staff Increase

By the Observer Staff

No plans for a structural change of the Western Institutions sequence are contemplated at this time, Melvin Cherno, associate professor of history and chairman of the Western Institutions staff, emphasized this week.

Instead, Cherno is hoping for an increase in staff next year which would enable him to offer a larger number of sections in the course and alleviate crowded class meetings.

At present 565 students are registered for 17 sections in the course. Average class size is 34 students.

Cherno said he expects about three new professors or faculty members from regular academic departments to be added to the Western Institutions staff next year. His aim is to have a thirty-students-per-class ratio for next year's course sections.

On present class sizes he commented that "they are already too large," adding that everything will be done to maintain group discussion as a basis for teaching the course.

## Revised Budget Approved By Board

By the Observer Staff

Chancellor Varner has disclosed that the Board of Trustees has approved the proposed budget to be submitted to the legislature. The new budget calls for an increase of \$650,989 to \$2,213,504 in the general operating fund for the coming fiscal year.

Included in the budget is \$125,000 for the library, "which would supply the library with an increase of 12 to 15 thousand volumes," according to Robert Swanson, director of finance.

Capital outlays for a new well near the Science Building, an improved water system, and extension of the road by the IM building to Squirrel Road were also requested. These appropriations are not included in the general operating fund.

The proposed budget includes the necessary funds for operation with next fall's expected increase in enrollment.

"We are anticipating approximately 1,875 students by the fall of 1964, a 25% increase in enrollment," said Varner.



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## Good Job, Goodwin

A good job is always worth mentioning, simply because good jobs are as rare as witty hendecasyllabics.

The regrettable conditions of crowding in the dormitories have lead to the presence of almost one hundred resident students more than the current physical plant is designed to accommodate. This means that all resident student services are operating under considerable strain. This is especially the case with the food services.

At every meal, the line to the dining facilities is six blocks long. In response to this, the students who dish out what we quaintly call the meals have risen to the task and have developed considerable speed and efficiency in discharging their duties. The quality of the food also deserves mention. Many freshmen complain about the food, but considering the conditions under which it is prepared, it is astonishingly comestible. Had we a man of less merit than Ed Goodwin supervising the concoction of the meals here, there is little doubt that the food at Oakland would be downright hair-raising.

The food-services staff is operating overtime and under pressure. Considering that these are the worst of circumstances, we get more than our money's worth. Ed Goodwin and his crew deserve our congratulations and thanks.

## 2nd Symposium on the Arts Schedule of Events

### Miss Pearl Primus

Dance recital and discussion

Thursday, October 3 - 8:15 p.m.—Gold Room

### G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

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Friday, October 4 - 1:15 p.m.—Gold Room

### Professor Robert M. Watts

An Art Happening

"Yam Lecture, Oakland Version"

Friday, October 4 - 2:30 p.m.—Gold Room

### Formal Conference

Speakers:

Professor Charles Seeger—

"Primitivism in Contemporary Composition".

Professor Paul S. Wingert—

"Art as Expression in Primitive and Western Cultures".

Saturday, October 5 - 10:30 a.m.

Room 190, Science Building

(Followed by panel discussion)

## Minority Report

By Daniel Polsby

Bulbitating John Corker Oakland Center manager is the busiest man on the Oakland campus. At any hour of the day and most hours of the evening he may be seen leaping from job to job, trying to keep the ball in motion.

Now you see the manager of the bookstore, checking out books. Now the manager of the dormitories, seeing that all is shipshape in the nether regions.

Now the businessman, trying to balance the books and show a profit.

If he gives the impression that he is a guillotined fowl, or a Dutch boy trying to plug up the holes in a swiss cheese, you have been watching closely.

Since he came here, John Corker has built an impressive record of achievement.

Reversing the pernicious proclivities of his predecessor George Fritz was Corker's first big job. Fritz once said "Flexibility to the point of disorganization is necessary to function, negating any formulation of standard operating procedure in the Oakland Center." In response to this triviality, Corker made rules respecting required attire in the Oakland Center, including no bare feet, no sandals, and no shorts. When Oakland opened its doors as MSUO five years ago, then-Dean Robert Hoopes prated about "Sharp, abrasive edges." Corker has had the keenness to see the sentimentality of such feelings, and change the old ideal to "Clean, well scrubbed faces," a truly ennobling advance.

In May of 1963, Corker beautified the campus immeasurably by changing the name of the "Commuter Cafeteria" to the "Sunset Room."

On June 27, 1963, Corker assessed each resident of Annibal House \$1 against the vandalism committed upon the buzzer-system. That the culprit later turned out to be a resident of Fitzgerald House is irrelevant. Corker taught the girls a needed lesson.

Singlehanded and unaided, in August of 1963, Corker tried to oust Swizzle, a vicious dog who lives with Fitzgerald House head residents, the Coopers. When the snarling hound refused to be moved, Corker valiantly offered to relinquish his post; an offer which he later forgot.

There is not a single Oaklander who can claim to hate prophylactics and "pot" as much as Corker. The entire University owes John Corker a large debt of gratitude.

## Photo Demand

Photo art is in demand on campus these days, according to James Dickerson, director of the Development Office.

"Campus amateur and professional photographers who have taken, or are taking general interest shots of the campus, as well as unusual shots of the buildings and grounds, may be able to sell such photos to University offices in the future," said Dickerson.

Those interested in doing photo work for the Development Office may contact Dickerson through that office, 101 NFH, ext. 2111.

## Editor's Tripewriter

By Paul Turk

Shuffling through some back mail in the office the other day, a copy of the student newspaper of the University of South Carolina, the "Gamecock," turned up, with a startling front page.

The Gamecock is a full-sized newspaper, such as the Free Press, and over half of the front page was an artful display of photo journalism. The display was enough to prompt a departure from the "Tripewriter's" weekly attack on Governor George Romney.

The pictures on the top left looked like shots of a Detroit police parking lot. Squad cars stretched from edge to edge of each picture. Depicted in the remaining eight pictures was the enrollment and registration of three Negro students, the first in the university's history.

Alabama, Ole Miss, and other schools have competed for headlines in the racial situations of the South for two years, all because of violent defiance of the federal government's authority in desegregating the schools. At the same time, the registration of the Negroes at South Carolina made no headlines.

South Carolina made no headlines because there was no violence. The event was just as profound a shock to South Carolina students as it was to students in the other Dixie universities. Carolina students were just as unhappy with the forced integration as their southern brethren. Yet Carolina students did not riot. They did not stone policemen, overturn cars and burn crosses. They accepted the registration. It was a defiant, bristling acceptance. But it was an acceptance without physical manifestations of the hate so obvious in the other cases.

The Carolina campus received

## Students Outbowl Faculty

By the Observer Staff

Faculty domination of bowling appeared to have reached its end last week as the students claimed their first victory in the history of Oakland's student-faculty matches.

The match, played at Rochester's North Hill Lanes, saw the students eke out a victory by a margin of .16 pins per game. The students averaged 145.83 a game, while the faculty's average was 145.67. Paul Silonike of the faculty, had high game for the afternoon with a 212 and high total with a 532 series. Lee Larabell topped the students with a 172 game and a 496 total.

Larabell and Bill Connellan were the only students bowling. Other faculty members in the match were Frank Lee, Associate Professor of Sociology; Don Hildum, Assistant Professor of Psychology; Nat Simon, Assistant Professor of Economics; Maurice Brown, Assistant Professor of English, and Harvey Burdick, Psychology Lecturer.

The next match is scheduled for next Thursday, Oct. 10. Everyone is encouraged to participate. If transportation is a problem, contact the IM office for a ride.

no headlines, yet protested, through the Gamecock, which, though urging acceptance of the registration, deplored the action as not "for the good of both races." The stand of the paper, while almost a standard "No Integration" outlook, was like a small break in an epidemic of the bubonic plague.

"Crowling for a Bigger and Better Carolina" is the Gamecock's motto. Right now it's "Jim-Crowling." But it has the sound of a bad case of avian laryngitis, permanent variety.

## the Spectator

by

Phil Iannarelli

Last week a friend and I were talking to an English professor who was effortlessly weaving the conversation through several of his favorite authors. At one point in the discussion the professor turned to Aldous Huxley and related to us that the English novelist-scientist advocated that writers reject the traditional world of Greco-Roman symbolism; Huxley, however, offered a unique substitute collection of symbols. The world of science offered this new symbolism. Startled, I turned to my friend, who is a struggling poet and currently struggling through the UC Science requirement, and whispered, "There, and you said those carbon chains never had a future." My friend snickered in continued disbelief.

James Joyce's "Ulysses" is probably the most important recent work of literature which attempted to superimpose the world of traditional myth on a twentieth century personal history. To better understand his work, Joyce circulated among his friends a detailed outline of the myths and their parallels in Bloom's Dublin. The mythological index that John Updike appended to his novel "The Centaur" is not as complicated as Joyce's, but Updike is interestingly at work with another world of symbols which can be understood by any reader of Scientific America.

Caldwell, the hero of "The Centaur," is not the casual speculator of science like Bloom, rather he is a high school science teacher, quite knowledgeable of recent discoveries in one of the most dramatic points of the novel, Caldwell tries desperately to microscope the evolution of the earth and man into one class period, during which the class riots and the observing principal makes love to a female student at the back of the classroom.

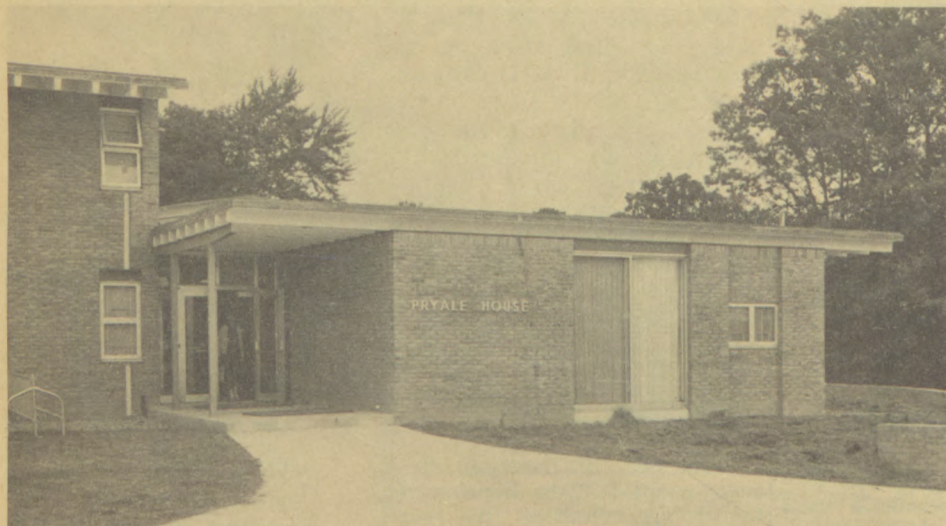
Updike's treatment illustrates that the universe bears heavily on the shoulders of an animal wounded by his own humanity, man who becomes more lamentable when he fails to observe the bare human and physical realities around him. To achieve his theme, Updike uses both traditional and scientific worlds of symbol. The latter may suffer, excusably, because it may fail to hit upon previous associations in some readers' minds.

But the actual presence of scientific symbolism in the book does start bells ringing in the ear of the contemporary reader and it is then that Huxley's words also ring back.



# How Happy, How Miserable...?

## Students Comment On Dorm Life



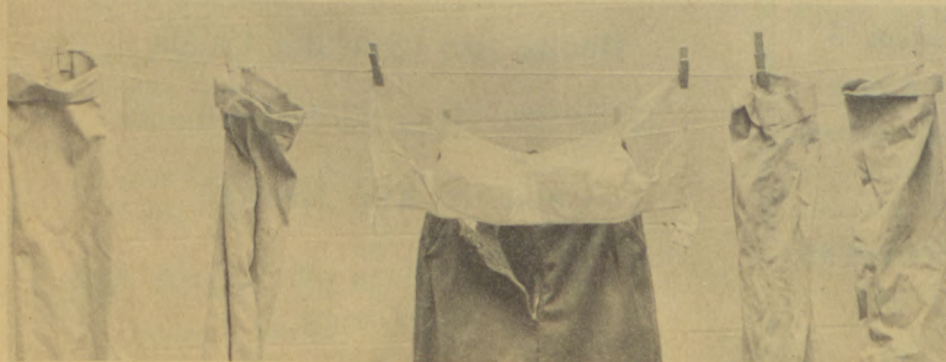
Pryale House,



... its lounges,



... bunk beds,



... and laundry rooms.

I'm unhappy about it (living three in a room), of course. I think it's a shame, study-wise and psychologically. It's hard to keep everything neat. We all come in at different times. I was lucky to get a closet. One of my gripes is we can't move the beds because of the towel rack. I don't think the room is very attractive and there isn't room for anything. I was amused at all the propaganda that was sent out about congenial living. There's lots of noise through the walls and if you open the windows you hear everything that's going on. I don't think it would be too bad with two in a room.

My biggest gripe is the studies. I go to the library a lot. I think everyone is doing real well with the whole thing, but what else can you do. And it's always hard psychologically with three people: put them on a desert island with lots of room, and there's always one man out.

I'd like to be married my senior year but there are no facilities for married students. We can't afford transportation—we're each putting ourselves through—but if we could live on campus we'd be all set. — **Christine Decker, 20, junior, transfer from Flint JC, English major.**

I feel fine about the rooms. I like it, I really do, because I have good roommates. Lots of kids do not have as nice roommates as I have. I don't want two in a room. — **Barbara Beckhoff, 18, freshman from Royal Oak, teacher education major.**

Three in a room is great, but it would be perfectly fine and much more organized if there were two in a room. At night it's bedlam—they all come in at once. I suppose if I had been used to two it would be harder. We keep running into each other. I study when they're not here.

There are a lot of social things going on here—we can always get out of the room and we aren't stuck in it. If I had a car it would be much better. General daily living here is an experience that contributes to education.

Noise doesn't bother me at all because I learned to study in a study hall with 60 people. — **Liz Wollenberg, 19, freshman from Detroit, psychology and English major.**

It's terrible! It's like living in a Pullman. It's unthinkable for anyone born in France. I have to push my bed away to answer the telephone. — **Anne Berger, 17, freshman from New York City, French major.**

I don't mind having three in a room as long as it doesn't last eight terms. We use the library and share the desks. This is quite an improvement over dorms at old schools at home. The rooms are bigger here and there's enough light for a change. Usually, only one or two of us are in the room at the same time. Noise subsides at a fairly reasonable hour. — **Judy Yeaton, 19, freshman from Bridgewater, Mass., physics major.**

I think it is a good idea for a freshman. It's more fun. — **Gene Schultz, 18, freshman from Norfolk, Mass., engineering major.**

I'm bitter over the fact that I don't have a desk. I was the third to move in so I don't have one. I just hate the metal lockers: my clothes won't even fit in. You can't close the locker door without squashing them. The room is cramped and unlivable. I wind up spending as little time as possible in it. I'm paying \$385 and not getting my money's worth at all. — **Jeff Nickora, 22, senior from Bloomfield Hills, art history major.**

Not having a third desk is a pain; one of us reads in bed. It's first come, first served, on the desks. I don't know how long that will last. And those walls are awfully thin. There's a fellow next door who plays the radio loud. You can't tell him to shut up at 10:30 at night. I think the administrative end of this school is shot. The registration procedure is disgusting, and we're not informed of what's available in activities and facilities. Little things like the address—I didn't know what it would be until I moved in. The kids who have scholarships said their checks weren't ready at registration. These things don't help peace of mind.

The food's good.

I don't like the business of three in a room. The light on the wall makes things tricky; there's no way for everyone to get decent light. I like the place generally, but these little things can get on your nerves. Food machines empty in two days—that's going over great with the guys.

Rules aren't spelled out too clearly. For me, the rules are fine, but the girls must not like them. — **James P. Stevens, 18, freshman from Detroit, political science major.**

I don't like it. You can't get anything done. It's not so bad if the rooms were bigger. With three guys in a room you have to be neat; you have to put your clothes away and things like that. No matter how you look at it it isn't as good as just two guys in a room. — **Terry Monson, 18, freshman from St. Ignace, engineering major.**

I'm not in the room much. I spend my time in the science building. The only thing that bothers me about the room is the influx—in, out, and sideways—of friends of my roommates, until 2 a.m. The noise is a nuisance, but it won't last. I have to remain detached—if I didn't, it would worry me. It takes so much energy to bitch. — **Bill Poffenberger, 21, senior from Pontiac, psychology major.**



## Old Grades Still Used, O'Dowd Says

By The Observer Staff

Surveying the grades given at the end of the summer semester, Donald D. O'Dowd, dean of the university, disclosed this week that some professors were still using the old ABCDF system.

Instead of using the many possible grades under the new system, O'Dowd observed that some professors were just giving grades of 2.0, 3.0, etc. while others were using a twelve point system.

The twelve point system uses only grades of 2.0, 2.3, 2.5, 2.7, 3.0, etc. instead of 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, etc.

Commenting on the new system, O'Dowd said, "I believe it permits distinction between, say, a strong C student and a weak C student." He also thought that the new system would be extremely beneficial to the student.

The new system of 43 points instead of the ABCDF scale went into effect this summer. The 43 point scale is intended to provide the student with grades closer to his actual performance.

## Students Want Greater Commuter-Resident Contact

By the Observer Staff

What's wrong with Oakland's social life?

According to students in three introductory sociology classes, it is the "difficulty of the commuter student in meeting the dorm student." Dr. Frank Lee's and Walter Boland's 90 sociology students are required to attend bi-weekly luncheons in the Oakland Center to "promote a better understanding between the student and teacher." Luncheon discussions are designed to augment the regular classroom sessions.

To alleviate the "integration" problem, students have suggested that the resident cafeteria be opened to all students. At the present time resident students can eat only in the resident cafeteria, while commuters eat in the Oakland Center's various other facilities. Another student suggestion is to place new dormitories in a different location, perhaps behind the Science Building, so that resident students will have more contact with commuters.

Students also revealed their negative feelings about inter-collegiate athletics. A majority of

students chose Oakland University because of its convenient location and not because of the academic program.

Only sociology students are allowed to attend the luncheons, but Lee said that "other students might be able to attend in the near future."

## Library Gets 697 Periodicals

Kresge Library's current subscription list of periodicals totals 697, David Wilder, University librarian, pointed out this week, commenting that the figure compares favorably with other colleges across the country.

According to a recent study made by author Robert Jorden, the top five per cent of 2,000 universities in the United States each have a minimum subscription list of at least 350 periodicals.

### Lists Available

OU's library subscriptions are divided into five categories: science, social science, humanities, newspaper, and bibliography. Lists of the journals arranged under these headings are sent to each faculty member. They are also available to students upon request.

The variety of titles range from Pravda, The Washington Post, and Hindustan Times, to Die Welt, The Pontiac Press, and The Rochester Clarion.

### Don't Fret

NEW YORK (UPI) — About 16 per cent of all Christmas cards arrive at their destination after December 25, says the Catholic Digest.

## Appoint Director of Professional Program

By the OU Information Service

Dr. Russell E. Elliott has been appointed Director of Professional Development Programs in the Division of Continuing Education, according to an announcement by Dr. Lowell Eklund, Associate Dean of the University for Continuing Education.

In the newly created post, Elliott will be responsible for developing conferences, seminars, evening courses and other programs for the business and industrial community in the Oakland area.

"Over 60% of the 2,410 students enrolled in the Division of Continuing Education last year were attending job-related courses," Eklund said. "Dr. Elliott's appointment will give the Division a qualified staff member to work closely with local business and industry in designing professional development programs of the post-graduate, non-credit nature for which demand is on the increase."

Elliott received his Ph.D. from Wayne State University in speech and management and is a graduate of the University of Illinois, School of Journalism.

Since 1943 he has been Director of Public Relations for the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. He has had 31 years experience as a newspaperman and public relations consultant, including positions as general manager of three daily newspapers and advertising manager of one.

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## Dropouts — Stay In School

Students contemplating dropping out of school to go job hunting take notice. "Where are they now?" is a feature of Newsweek magazine. It might be tried at Oakland. The Observer's first feature of this nature would be the above: Bill Martin, Grosse Pointe, one-time-freshman, tried it. Martin, (center, leaning on cart) is the junior member of the Grosse Pointe Sanitation Engineering staff.

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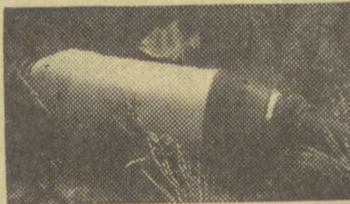
By the Observer Staff

First of eight voluntary classes to instruct students in the use of the library will be conducted tomorrow Saturday at 10 a.m., David Wilder, University librarian, announced this week.

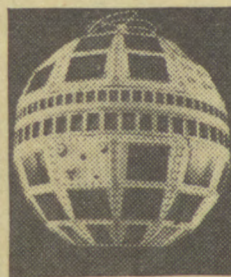
Wilder said the series "is an attempt to supplement our individual instruction with a general program." Classes will be informal, with discussion periods following the lectures.

Class schedule is:  
General reference books Oct. 5 —Mrs. Irwin  
Periodical Indices Oct. 12—Mr. Song  
Card Catalog Oct. 19 — Miss Ruskin  
Science Reference Books Oct. 26—Mr. Song  
Literary Reference Books Nov. 2—Mr. Doiron  
National and Trade Bibliography Nov. 9—Mr. Bruno  
Government Documents Nov. 16—Mrs. Irwin  
Question and Answer Session Nov. 23—Mr. Song

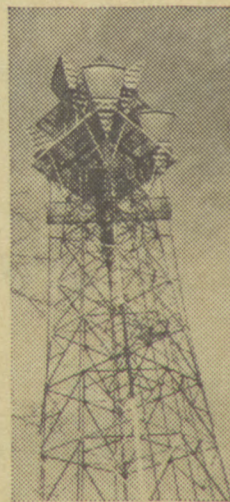
### Progress in the Bell System...



SWIMS...



ORBITS...



BEAMS...



FLASHES...



PUSHES...



PULSES...



TALKS...



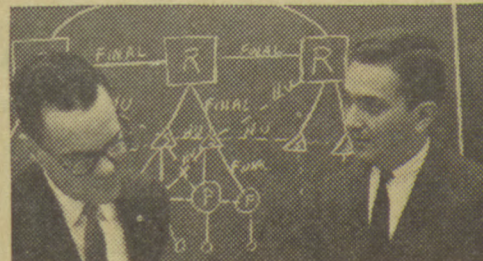
BURROWS...



WINKS...



BLINKS...



AND LIVES AND BREATHES...

Progress takes many shapes in the Bell System. And among the shapers are young men, not unlike yourself, impatient to make things happen for their companies and themselves. There are few places where such restlessness is more welcomed or rewarded than in the fast-growing phone business.

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## **STUDENT ASSEMBLY PROPOSAL**

**October 9 and 10**

**Polling will take place in the Fishbowl,  
the Oakland Center, and the Science Building Lobby.**