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Trustees Act On Budget

Completing its annual three-day meeting today, the Michigan State University Board of Trustees is expected to announce the results of its meeting this week-end.

Final action on several measures affecting Oakland had not been taken by press time, but approval of most of them by the Trustees seems assured.

Library Budget

Among the expected items to be approved is the \$150,000 acquisition budget for the Kresge Library, as well as other budget matters pertaining to Oakland.

Several faculty appointments and promotions were expected to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The seven faculty members due for promotion are Walter Collins, Associate Professor of Music, Sheldon Appleton, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Maurice Brown, Assistant Professor of English, Donald Hildum, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Robert Howes, Assistant Professor of Russian, Norman Susskind, Assistant Professor of French, and John Beardman, Instructor in Art. (See story, page 1).

Graduates Go To Columbia

By the Observer Staff

Marjorie Hannah and Dennis Parle have been selected to attend the University of Valle in Cali, Colombia in the fall on tuition scholarships.

This is the initial step in a more complete exchange program with the University of Valle.

The two April graduates were selected by an ad hoc committee composed of Herbert Stoutenburg, Director of Admissions and Registrar, Edward Heybel, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Francis Tafoya, Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Transportation

Valle will award automatic admissions and tuition scholarships to the students and their trans-

University Relations

A new Director of University Relations will also be announced by the Board. James Hicks, who is currently filling the position, will move next year to full-time director of the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Another subject of discussion at the meeting will be student life at Oakland. The whole concept of student life, including dormitory living, cultural events, and intramural sports is under discussion at the meeting.

Attrition and freshman advising, two major problems during the current academic year, are also under consideration at the annual meeting. Chancellor Varner has stated repeatedly this semester that something must be done about attrition and advising. He was expected to bring up the problem this week.

Commencement Change Sought By Faculty

By the Observer Staff

Greater student participation in commencement exercises has been proposed by several faculty members, Donald D. O'Dowd, Dean of the University, stated Wednesday.

The faculty comments came in response to a questionnaire sent out by O'Dowd. The faculty sentiment now appears to be that students should be paid more attention at the commencement exercises, including the possibility of a student being the main speaker.

O'Dowd has stated his intention of working more closely with the upcoming senior class in this respect.

Boland, Lee Resign Positions; Go East

By the Observer Staff

Frank Lee, associate professor of sociology, and Walter Boland, instructor of sociology, have both resigned from the faculty of Oakland, effective August 14.

Lee and Boland were both appointed last fall, and were to form the nucleus of a sociology department, which, until their arrival was manned by part-time instructors.

Lee, who served as chairman of the department, has accepted the chairmanship of the department of sociology at Northeastern University in Boston. He will also be promoted to professor. The author of "Negro and White in Connecticut Town," and the holder of the Ph.D. degree from Yale, Lee taught both introductory and advanced courses in sociology and anthropology.

Boland to get Ph.D.

Boland will teach at Bowdoin College, in Brunswick, Me., where he has been appointed assistant Professor contingent upon his being awarded the doctoral degree, which he expects to get from U of M in September.

Boland stated that the offer Bowdoin made him was too attractive to refuse. "My leaving had nothing to do with Oakland," he said. "OU has great potential as a liberal arts commuter college. Varner is as fine a chancellor as you'll find. He does his job very well."

Dean O'Dowd commented: "Every effort is being made to acquire full-time teaching personnel for the sociology department. Our intention with respect to the department remains constant; that is, to have the best sociology department we can get, and to have it ready to teach for the 1964-65 academic year."



FRANK LEE



WALTER BOLAND

Promotions Earned By Seven Faculty Members

By the Observer Staff

Chancellor Varner announced the promotions of seven faculty members Tuesday. The Board of Trustees was expected to confirm the promotions at the annual three-day meeting beginning Wednesday evening.

Walter S. Collins was promoted to Professor of Music. Collins received his B.A. and Bachelor of Music degrees from Yale University and his M.A. and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Michigan.

The title of Associate Professor of Political Science was awarded to Sheldon Appleton. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from New York University and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

Maurice Brown was promoted to Associate Professor of English. He received his B.A. degree from Lawrence College and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University.

Donald C. Hildum, promoted to Associate Professor of Psychology, received his A.B. degree from Princeton University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University.

Promoted to Associate Professor of Russian Language and Literature was Robert C. Howes. Howes earned his A.B. degree from Stetson University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University.

Norman Susskind was promoted to Associate Professor of French. Susskind received his A.B. degree from Adelphi College and his Ph.D. from Yale University.

Promoted to Assistant Professor of Art was John L. Beardman. He earned his B.A. degree from Oberlin College and his M.F.A. and M.A. degrees from Southern Illinois University.



WALTER COLLINS

portation costs to Cali will be paid by the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) The students must pay their own room and board costs in Colombia.

Miss Hannah and Parle will leave for Cali in September and return the following May or June. They will remain on campus for three or four weeks after their return to share their experiences with the students and faculty.



—PHOTO BY HOWARD COFFIN

Cali Scholarship recipients Dennis Parle and Marjorie Hannah survey the terrain prior to changing continents next September.

Confusion Marks Dorm Elections

By the Observer Staff

After a week of confusion, a fourth Dormitory Council member was elected from Fitzgerald Wednesday evening in a run-off election.

Results were not known by press time, but the run-off was between Joe Bryans and Larry Bailey.

The mix-up came last Thursday when no candidate had a clear majority. Council by-laws state that a candidate must have a majority of the votes cast to win the election.

Run-off

A run-off was then scheduled for Monday evening between Mark Dublin and Phil Matora. Dublin withdrew Sunday evening after a dorm meeting at which both candidates spoke.

When Dublin withdrew, the elections committee, chaired by Gail Houghton, decided to run the whole election over Tuesday. No majority was reached then, either, and a second run-off was necessary, this time with Bailey and Bryans.

Other Members

Council members elected without the necessity of a run-off were Diane Smith from Anibal and Jim Annesser and Sue Crosby at large. Annesser was a write-in candidate.

Student Body Increases 55; 703 Register

By the Observer Staff

Summer enrollment climbed over the 700 mark late last week with late registrations, Herbert Stoutenburg, director of admissions and registrar, stated Wednesday.

As of Wednesday, a total of 703 students had registered, a jump of 55 over last year.

Slightly Higher

The figure was slightly over admission's office estimates. Stoutenburg had estimated that between 650 and 700 students would attend the summer trimester.

Despite the increased enrollment, dormitory occupancy was only at 127.

Pryale House has been closed for the summer, leaving Anibal and Fitzgerald to house summer students. Neither house is near full occupancy.

There are plenty of good five cent cigars in this country. The trouble is, they cost a quarter. What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel.

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"Freedom of the Press"

The character of every act depends upon the circumstances in which it is done. The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing a panic.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
Schenck vs U.S., 249 U.S. 47 (1919)

Editorial

Hats in (Bull) Ring

Last week, the resident students elected a new Dormitory Council. Composed of two members-at-large and one member from each house, the Council represents the resident students to the administration.

Whenever there are elections, there are campaign speeches, and whenever there are campaign speeches, there are always platforms, or planks jettisoned therefrom, floating around afterwards.

Some of the main things we heard espoused by the candidates were that the Dormitory Council be given full power to legislate rules for the resident students; that the Dormitory Council write a code of ethics which shall define "conduct unbecoming an Oakland student"; and that the Dormitory Council be a starting place for an all-campus student government.

The suggestion that the Dormitory Council be given legislative authority is unthinkable. Not only at Oakland, but everywhere, power and responsibility go hand-in-hand, indivisible. The Dormitory Council does not have the responsibility for the dorms—they do not own them.

Student residences belong to the people of Michigan, and are run by their elected officials, the Board of Trustees. The ultimate power in the dorms belongs to the Trustees, which, so far as we are concerned, means the Chancellor and the Dean of Students; the prerogative to make rules belongs to them alone. This does not mean that the administration operates unchecked. Any student who wishes to voice a complaint may do so; the entire resources of the larger community lie at the disposal of any citizen with a just gripe.

No administrator can act with immunity to the impugnation of the students and the citizens of the state. But for the Council to ask for full power to legislate would be officious, stupid, and vain.

Let us forget the chimera of Council "power," legislative or otherwise. The last Council wisely recognized itself as an advisory board only, and an advisory board the Council should remain. But let us think: in whose behalf do the Council advise? In the behalf of the resident students.

The resident students elect them, and the Council suggests with the weight of its electorate, some 2/5 of the summer student body. But yet we hear talk of writing a code of ethics for students, defining "conduct unbecoming." Can the Council be thinking of making a code for dormitory residents only, one which would not apply to commuters?

Then we would have two separate laws governing the same thing; the written law for residents, and the Dean's word for the others. Or can the Council presume to advise that their draft be made general for all students? If they do draft a code, we hope the Dean takes it with a grain of salt, for the Council has no right—legal, moral, or imaginary—to speak for the wishes of commuter students. And the resident students comprise about 15% of our population when Oakland is running at full strength. Can 15% speak for the wishes of 85%? Certainly not; Council suggestions should carry no more weight than any other suggestions with like numbers to back them up.

Certain candidates have felt that Dormitory Council would be a logical starting place for an all-student government. Having a student government is a good idea; we have always favored giving it a try if the students wanted it. But on several occasions, the students have rejected the idea that they need a student government. It seems incongruous for a small, valuable minority to assert that there ought to be a student government, when the voters have repudiated student government decisively every time they have been offered one.

Who, better than the people, should decide what is best for the people? And yet we have heard that a student government should be set up, even if the students want no part of it. The reasoning goes that once a government has been in business for four or five years, the students will accept it.

A curious, backward logic. It seems to us that students should definitely approve of student government before they get it, and that they should definitely be free not to have one if they do not want it. So positively have the people spoken on the subject of student government that the whole issue must be regarded as dead, at least temporarily.

So much for campaign prattle. If candidates for the Council are capable of running for office only on such platforms, the Council obviously faces nothing of any importance. If the Dormitory Council cannot find anything to do with its time, then why does it not follow the honorable example of the student senate and vote itself out of existence? What good, after all, was a government with nothing to govern? What good is a Council with nothing to suggest?

Letters to the Editor

Supports Metzger

To the Editor:

Although the Chancellor's egregious efforts have been proving it in his fashion, it is time someone said that the fired editor of the Oakland University Observer, Wolf Metzger, should be applauded and that the Chancellor should be censured for exposing attitudes inimical to those of a university.

This was a bald and flagrant case of violation of freedom of the press. This violation was and is the only issue. Sex and surveys are marginal, irrelevant, and diversions.

Wolf Metzger is a perceptive, incisive, and tenacious young bulldog for whom I predict a distinguished career in journalism, and for whose courage in the face of intimidation I have hearty admiration.

Good Reporting

Wolf Metzger's anti-Establishment sin was writing a publishing a story reporting that the Chancellor had threatened him (with suspension or expulsion) if he ran a story on a poll he had taken.

He was thus fired for good reporting, for serving his fellow students and those members of the faculty sensitive to such things. Whether the threat was panicky or prudent, Wolf did his reportorial duty, and did so in the face of danger.

The Chancellor was bold with threats, but afraid of their consequences. He could dish it out, but he couldn't take it—in public view. The university's leader failed to offer the minimum intellectual example: how to act like an adult.

The Chancellor gave a white-is-black, yes-is-no explanation that "the newspaper has enjoyed complete editorial freedom, but this freedom has now been abused."

As a student once observed of Oakland's claim to having no regulations, "There aren't any rules around here until you break one." According to the Detroit News, he named a committee to 'bring the paper more into line with administration thinking.' This kind of freedom goes beyond the Animal Farm kind of equality.

No Sensationalism

The Chancellor is quoted saying that "when the welfare of the students which the newspaper was designed to serve has been abandoned in the interests of journalistic sensationalism, it becomes necessary to take corrective action." The Chancellor in thus arrogating omniscience to himself equates the welfare of the students with his concern over being revealed as threatening a student who refused to knuckle under.



Dormitory Council.

There had been no sensationalism, only the courage of a foreign youngster who takes American ideas seriously to stand up to a university head. The charge that Wolf Metzger is "an irresponsible young man" is an absurdly transparent alibi.

The ironic part of all this is that the Chancellor, by frantically assuming that the poll would show much sexual activity on campus, has pulled down the house on himself and the resounding crash has made heads turn across the country.

Oakland Naive

Had he let boys be boys and make their little springtime survey, it would have shown—as quotes from the students plainly indicate and as everyone else knows—that Oakland is a naive and relatively pure place, much less preoccupied with active sex than the Chancellor fears.

But even if the average OU student weren't so fresh and scrubbed and close to the apron strings, his sex surveys even with exaggeration would hardly titillate a reading public already full of much racier fare from books, national magazines, and much worldlier campuses. Yet the Chancellor made the appallingly ludicrous statement that no matter what the results showed, the survey would have damaged the character of every girl on campus. Ho hum.

Faculty position

Of more central concern is the question: Why has not the faculty of an academic Athens taken up arms to oppose a violation of one of the basic rights? Their Hippocratic allegiance is to the pursuit of truth (a hazardous quest, often fuzzed by infinitely peripheral vision when an uncomfortable moral issue is too close to home). If they don't act, they ought at least to spend part of the unused time reading John Donne.

This affair traduces the whole idea of a university. If a university isn't big enough to accommodate a little freedom of the press, it is by definition not a university.

LOREN B. POPE
Former Assistant
to the Chancellor

Editor's Note: See editorial

"Freedom of the Press."

Prof. Objects To Editorial

To the Editor:

In a way it's a good thing no by-line was put on the May 15 Observer article entitled "Senate Summer Break?" The faculty will not be likely to bring a suit of libel against the publication as a whole.

I am hard put to imagine a reason for that diatribe; the only possibilities I can come up with are 1) righteous indignation against supposed feather-bedding, or 2) an attempt to inject humor into an otherwise news-filled issue.

The first possibility would seem on the surface to be the more plausible. One of the chief functions of journalists, I'm sure, is to alert public thinking to abuses of responsibility. But here the abuse has been by the journalist in basing his inventively verbalized arguments upon suppositions and untruths instead of facts.

To support my criticism it is only necessary to point out that the Faculty Senate is not composed entirely of tenured faculty—the present election rules make this virtually impossible. It does not meet at the pleasure of the Chancellor, but is convened by its own Steering Committee, which also prepares the agenda and nominates committee members. And other committees do not do "nothing at all." The sweatiest work on campus is done by the members of the Financial Aids, Academic Standing, and such-like Committees.

Why should it matter if, in doing its job of keeping the academic processes at Oakland running smoothly, it seemed to lack luster or even go unnoticed?

It now occurs to me that a corollary to this first reason might have been a desire to sneer the faculty away from implied submission to the Chancellor. Implied by our journalist, perhaps on the basis of the fact that the faculty do not always side with student opinion against the administration.

Such things will occur, not because the faculty feel pressure from a Chancellorial thumb, but because they act upon their own judgments of the case in question.

Possible reason number two would certainly be commendable, in view of the generally sober vein of the rest of last week's paper. Unfortunately, the good humor induced in me by our journalist's wit was too soon dampened by the feeling that if an author must prevaricate in order to make a joke on someone, his writing abilities are still too puerile to produce much of lasting value.

I notice that Mr. Polsby is still on your staff. I'd like to suggest that you let him have a crack at a humorous column soon. He used to be pretty good at it.

Steven R. Miller
Assistant Professor
of Chemistry

Connellan Acting Editor

By the Observer Staff

Bill Connellan, Grosse Ile sophomore, was appointed Acting Editor of the Observer for the summer semester Monday.

Connellan has been with the Observer since last fall, serving first as a reporter, then as News Editor, and finally as Managing Editor.

Several appointments were made by Connellan after his appointment.

Sophomore Carl Baranski, a rookie to the staff, was appointed Circulation Manager.

John Marshall, who has served as Business Manager since January, will also take over the position of Advertising Manager for the summer.

Connellan also announced that there is room for new staff members in both the editorial and business departments of the staff.

OU Dyes Dendriform Departed Oakland Wins Sports Day

"In spring when woods are getting green, I'll try to tell you what I mean."

Spring is here. Everywhere around us, the desiccated brown of winter gives way to the green of reborn life. Did we say reborn? Well, maybe not entirely. But let us begin at the beginning. Several years ago, C. Allen Harlan, gadget tycoon and MSU trustee, decided that what Oakland needed to set off the cinderblock and dust of a growing university was some nice trees. So he bought us some, in hopes that they would cheer up the skyline. Fine young pines, they were, of hearty stock. Our physical plant department planted them physically near our Grand Entrance, hoping that they would grow into a scenic windbreak within a few years.

Transplanting trees, however, is a tricky business, even for experts. And within a few months after they were planted, Harlan's generous gifts had departed this life, and were turning quickly to brown.

Oakland hearts sank. Gone were the hopes of a verdant grove, gone were the dreams of a splendid Entrance Causeway, gone were C. Allen Harlan's trees. Or were they?

If Fate had planned to ruin Harlan's trees, then Fate was obviously forgetting our Physical Plant Director, George Karas. Resourceful George Karas, victor of the Battle of Muddy Ruts, hero of the Water Shortage, builder of mighty Parking Lots and lofty Stop Signs, was on the job. Planning his next move in the battle against Fate, General Karas summoned his lieutenants and revealed an amazing scheme for saving the trees. Paint them.

What could be simpler? What, after all, is the purpose of trees in the first place? Why, to be green. And so long as they are green, what difference does it make whether they are alive or dead?

And our trees are greener than any trees in Oakland County. Not only do our trees have green needles, they have green bark, green roots, green cones, and even green soil around their feet. So the trees are dead; we have the two dozen greenest trees in Michigan. Why cavil about biological trifles? Nothing is either good or bad but painting makes it so.

Mercifully for OU's image, the trees were not dug up and thrown out as soon as they died. That would have been the coward's way, unworthy of Oakland. Not only would Harlan have been offended, but digging up the trees would leave two dozen unsightly holes at the public entrance to the campus. That would have been highly unattractive and — have you ever tried to paint a hole? Painting a tree is much easier. Thank God Karas noticed.

Cogito, cogito, ergo cogito sum, sed non certus sum.

An honest private man often grows cruel and abandoned when converted into a private prince. Give a man power of doing what he pleases with impunity and you extinguish his fear, consequently overturning in him one of the great pillars of morality.



Physical Plant staff amends natural law. From left, George Karas, Clare McVedy, Dick Moore.

By the Observer Staff
Oakland bested Detroit Institute of Technology in the final spring sports day last Saturday, winning the archery and tennis events and splitting a doubleheader in softball.

Oakland's Mike Ashley and Tom Parkinson finished 1-2 in archery, edging DIT's Troy Anderson.

Dan Fiore and Jim Meranda won both sets from DIT in tennis, 10-1 and 6-1.

The visitors needed nine innings to beat Oakland in the first softball game, 13-12. Oakland came back to post a 15-2 slaughter in the nightcap.

Rain cancelled the scheduled golf competition.

Oakland's intramural softball league begins its nine-week schedule next week. The Faculty-Staff

takes on the Observer Staff Tuesday, and Kennedy's Racers tangle with Todd's Dorm Men Wednesday. All games will begin at 4:15 p.m.

Original entries failed to provide enough teams for a league, but new entries last week insured a summer league.

Three intramural golf outings are scheduled for the spring semester. Bald Mountain Golf Course will be the site of the three tournaments slated for May 22, June 19, and July 17. Starting time is 3:15 p.m.

Anyone interested in playing ice hockey this summer on Friday evenings at midnight, please contact Bob White or Jim Gallivan.

What makes all doctorines plain and clear?
About two hundred pounds a Year.
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—Hudibras

Softball Club Blasts Church Team in Opener

Fitzgerald - Pryale, Oakland's student entry in the Rochester Slow Pitch Softball League, blasted Congregational, 11-5 in its season opener Monday night.

Oakland gave pitchers Ted Lorenzen and Dan Fiore all the runs they needed in the first inning, exploding for six runs while sending eleven men to the plate.

Left fielder Bob White belted a two-run home run in the second, scoring behind roving fielder Mike Kennedy who had singled.

White paced Fitzgerald-Pryale's attack with a perfect 4-for-4 night, including his round tripper. Kennedy and shortstop Bob Scott each had three hits. Center fielder Hal Raupp contributed a double and a single to the 14-hit attack.

While their teammates were belting Congregational's pitching, Lorenzen and Fiore scattered 11 hits and received fine defensive support.

Oakland's other league entry, Oakland Faculty Staff, began League play last night against Paint Creek Tavern and plays St. Paul at 7:30 Monday, May 25.

All league games are played at Halbach Field in Rochester.

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