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\$17,374 Federal Grant Finances Anti-poverty Work-Study Program

\$17,374 in federal money has been granted to OU to initiate action on the work-study program, Duncan Sells, associate dean of the university, revealed Tuesday.

The university will add \$1,737 to the federal grant, thus bringing the total amount to \$19,111.

The work-study program was established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, better known as the Anti-Poverty Bill.

The essence of the program is to provide part time employment for needy students. Sells said such jobs as food service, research assistants, and motor pool, would be available for OU students qualifying for the program.

Sells pointed out that there are rather stringent qualifications.

Students who wish work under the program must:

1) be from a low-income fam-

ily. This has been defined as \$3000 for a family with one dependent, and a \$500 increment is added for each dependent.

2) be in need of the earnings from such employment in order to pursue a course of study at such institution.

3) Be capable, in the opinion of the institution, of maintaining good standing in such course of study while employed under the program.

4) Be accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at the institution, or, in the case of a student already enrolled in and attending the institution, is in good standing and in full-time attendance there either as an undergraduate, graduate, or professional student.

The law also states that a student may work no more than fifteen hours per week during the time classes are in session.

Sells emphasized the need for identifying the students who qualify for the program, so that OU can make effective use of the federal grant for this semester.

"Any student who feels he qualifies for the program and is interested should contact Mrs. Rappaport in the Student Employment Office as soon as possible, Sells said.

Need Profs Says AAUP

-- Reprinted from the Wall Street Journal

Faculty rolls have expanded over 30% in the past five years. But a new NEA survey of most colleges will show a substantial rise in unfilled jobs from the 12,000-plus found two years ago; that was up from about 10,000 in 1960. The AAUP's winter bulletin carries the most "help wanted" ads ever, with 175 institutions seeking over 200 teachers.

Shortages bring more and more retired professors back to the campus. The AAUP placed 60 men over age 65 in new jobs last year. Some universities raise mandatory retirement age a year or two above the usual 65. Mathematicians, physicists and chemists, also craved by industry, are in greatest demand.

It Snowed!

Obviously, the Observer was forced to delay publication this week because of a mass of meteorological conflicts. The next issue will be (on time) March 12.

A new midwinter activist organization named the "Oakland Committee" was formed during a gripe session last Wednesday in the room of a prominent Fitzgerald R.A. More will be heard from this group, maybe.

OU Frat Discussion Quiet

A fraternal-social service organization of Oakland students has been formed and negotiations concerning its relationship with the University are being conducted by the Dean of Student Affairs and the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, the Observer learned this week.

The organization, known alternately as the Association for Student Development and Alpha Sigma Delta (ASD), rents a house in Rochester which is formally the residence of member Cliff Rock. Several other members, all over 21, also live in the house.

Herbert Stoutenburg, Dean of Student Affairs, stated that the group is made up of "24 guys who like each other," who have banded together to create spirit and to help eliminate apathy on campus.

He thought that the house functioned as a club-house, a meeting place for members of the group.

The organization is divided into two parts, an off-campus

fraternal group with limited membership and no national or regional affiliation whose primary focus is social, and its on-campus auxiliary, organized like a school club, which is a University-Community service group.

The on-campus division, the Association for Student Development, has initiated two projects to date: the compilation of a guide listing all churches, entertainment facilities, retail establishments and other services available to students in the area. The guide will be distributed in the fall.

The group is also working with the Big Brothers of Pontiac helping fatherless children in that organization's program. Some 15 ASD members have agreed to become Big Brothers as a part of this project.

In a statement to the Observer, Vic Jarosz, who has been instrumental in ASD's relations with the University, stated, "ASD has a two-fold purpose: 1) of instilling in the members a

sense of brotherhood, maturity, and community spirit, and 2) as a group recognizing and attempting to fulfill the needs of the University and the Community to which it is a part.

"The house has proven to be a cohesive force, binding the members together in a common meeting place....social events held at the house have also increased group cohesiveness and drawn overwhelming support from parents and invited guests.

The question of the organization's exact relationship to the University is now being discussed by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs in conjunction with the remaining members of the Student-Faculty University Council. Chancellor Varner is due to meet with the group this week.

Robert Howes, chairman of the committee, had no comment on the matter except to acknowledge that it is being discussed.

Stoutenburg commented that it had been decided to not dis-

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Taylor Addresses Honorees

Dr. Harold Taylor, former president of Sarah Lawrence College, climaxed his two-day stay at Oakland by addressing the Annual Honors Banquet Tuesday evening in the Gold Room.

Taylor spoke before a crowd of 200 after awards were pre-

sented by Chancellor Varner and Dean O'Dowd.

Twenty-seven students earned special awards for 1963-64. In order to qualify for these Honors Awards, students had to be in the top 2% of their respective classes.

Junior awards went to Kay Cline, Janet Dixon, Dick England, Ken Renner, and Mark Wirth. Wirth had the highest academic average of the five.

Fred Clegg topped the seven sophomores who received honors. The other six were Diana Haines, Nancy Hough, Bruce Parkinson, Fred Pearson, Dick Swain, Nancy Weidman, and Mark Allyn.

Fifteen freshmen earned awards. They were Gayle Barnes, Bill Connellan, John Cupal, Robert Hill, Jim Hood, Glen King, Steve Lefkowitz, Bob Wan-Tue Leung, Maureen McCloy, Paul Patent, Sue Sechler, Jim Stevens, Susan Stussy, and Stan Thomas.

Students who earned a 3.5 or better during one of the 1964 semesters were invited to the Honors Banquet.

Birmingham Seaholm High School won the prep school award for having the "highest standing group of five members of the Freshman class."

Rochester High won a similar award for having the highest standing group of three OU graduates.

The evening began with a reception in the Oakland Center lounge, followed by dinner, the presentation of awards, and Taylor's speech in the Gold Room.



Dr. Harold Taylor and Chancellor Varner take their places at the head table at Tuesday evening's Honors Banquet.

-- photo by Dave Kepley

DDO'D Returns From Month's Eastern Tour

by Maggie O'Reilly
Administrative Editor

Donald O'Dowd, dean of the University, returned last week from a month's tour of colleges and universities in the eastern United States.

O'Dowd's trip, to study the operation and organization of conservatory type programs in music and drama, was paid for in full by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation.

"The best programs are run by the best people, and not necessarily in the best facilities," O'Dowd said. "Oakland does remarkably well, as I observe the organization and management of others.

"I am amazed with our achievement and very positively disposed toward our activities. As I assess the climate of other campuses, ours is pretty good."

Later this semester, the second lap of the tour will take the Dean to the West Coast to explore the new campuses there. This segment of the trip will have a wider orientation than just the performing arts.

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Editorial

We Don't Need Greeks!

Word has finally reached the Observer of negotiations being conducted about the establishment of a Greek-letter-type fraternal organization of Oakland students, Alpha Sigma Delta. We have been told that consideration of the matter has not been made public in order to avoid controversy, so that discussion could be carried on without heat and in the clear light of reason, to give the group a "fair hearing."

While we agree that a controversy is bound to be raised when any talk about fraternities begins, we also feel that the administration's stated commitment to "involve the student body in the decisions making process" has been abrogated in this case. An issue as volatile as the fraternity question must be openly and publicly debated. If you want to know what we think, fellas, ya gotta tell us what's going on.

There has been a great deal of talk of late about the need to develop mechanisms to cope with the identity crisis which faces students coming to Oakland. Campus organizations have not met this need, for various reasons, among which is the amorphous nature of most of these groups. Fraternities, and presumably sororities, have been suggested as a partial solution to the problem because they do offer a unified social group with which the disoriented may identify, at least those of the disoriented whose tastes run in that well-known direction.

We have no objections to fraternities per se, except for the principle of limited membership, which grinds our egalitarian soul, but we do object to a fraternity-dominated social atmosphere. The Greeks have a tendency, in the Midwest, to take over. Look at Sister State or Central: most students who don't "fraternize," don't socialize; they rot. The organized Alphas and Deltas dominate the student governments. And worst of all, they effectively foist their non-scholastic, plebian, rah-rah values onto the student body in general.

We don't wish to imply that these students apply to the ASD Boys. They seem to have a genuine interest in the service aspects of their organization which could be of real use to the University and the surrounding community. But we don't see any way of controlling the flood once it gets started. We hope that thorough and adequate safeguards are being sought to insure the integrity of this and the imitation brotherhoods which will follow, if that's possible.

The Observer opens its editorial page to comment from the University community: let's hear plenty of discussion, fruitful or otherwise. We're sure the faculty committee now considering the question will be glad to know what you think.

Quality not Quantity

It has become obvious, perhaps, that the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild's program of two plays each semester is too ambitious for its resources. "Hasty" is probably the best word for last week's production of "Dark of the Moon."

OU does not at this time have a sufficient number of students and staff, nor enough money, to support two full-length productions in a fifteen week semester without a loss of quality.

Tom Aston, director of theatre, has been saddled with more duties than one man can reasonably be expected to perform and still retain his artistic standards. In addition, the nerves and grades of that enthusiastic core of theatre eager-beavers are bound to suffer.

We suggest that the Guild (namely Director Aston) face up to it realistically: one high quality, thoroughly rehearsed play is a more worthy artistic endeavor than two "not half-bad" potboilers, even though the former may impress budget-minded administrators. d.e.j.

Council Notes

On the Road

J. Hinga

Dorm Council has recently stated a program to bring influential people into the dorms so that students may have an informal chance to meet with them.

Project VIP, as the DC project is called, last Tuesday brought Harold Taylor, noted educator and author to the Hill House Lounge for a coffee hour.

Though, it seems, we're swamped with lectures, DC feels that getting noted speakers to the dorms will be a greater educational opportunity.

A whole group of distinguished and influential persons will visit the dorms Sunday, February 28. Dorm Social committee is in charge of this annual open house for faculty and administration from 2-4 p.m.

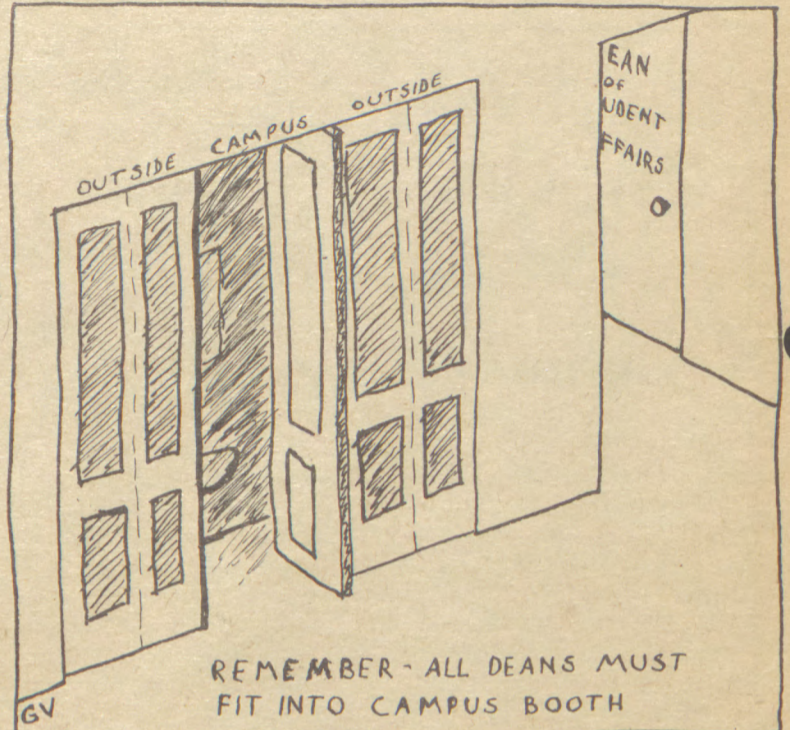
Many OU profs have never had the "blessed" opportunity to enter our peaceful abodes. This will give them a chance to see the conditions in which dorm students exist and will also give the students a chance to meet their instructors in a non-classroom atmosphere.

In other business, the Council appointed a finance committee, talked about cafeteria problems, and discussed vending machines. We decided to aid the project to collect paperbacks for the library.

The meeting ended in a discussion about strengthening the current Open House policy. The idea aroused a great deal of disinterest.

Next week's column will have more to say on this topic. Plenty more.

Enter the Newest Contest!



How many deans can you fit into the campus phone booth?

Misericorde:

A Translator's Note
by Jim Hays

O muse, to be more specific, O muse 5378, has rosy fingered Dawn broken up your intellectual crap game?

We observe (formerly: "It occurred to us"), we observe that the natives grow restless at the pitter-pat of polysyllabic words. How curious, how Carrollian.

Screams of "Thesaurus User", "Alliteration Monger" and (shame for such vulgarity) "Word Pander-er" bubble malevolently on the pages of this chaste journal.

Posh! and furthermore, Twaddle! The English language and, by the insipid by, the French, are constituted in such a fashion that no word in either can be exactly replaced by any other. To degenerate to specific facts, the phrase "esprit de l'escalier" cannot be translated into English except, perhaps, through the use of a short paragraph. (e.g., in the late 18th century the literary salon was quite popular in the old country, namely, to avoid subtlety, France. Literary types, the kind who could read and write, you know, would gather together and exchange cleverness. Now, it sometimes transpired that one of the participants, a literary type, you recall, would

think of a clever on this way out and down the steps. Voilal Brilliance after the fact!)

Later, for those who remember what happened after the comma in that sentence, we run into "La voix du peuple est la voix de dieu". This, it would seem to us, was a gesture to the rabble.

Instead of leaving the phrase in the much more scholarly Latin (Vox populi, vox Dei) it was translated into the vulgar: French (the language in which the untranslatable remainder of the sentence was written in, you will remember.) After all, with propriety well in mind, one could never say, "L'esprit de l'escalier reste mieux anonyme, Vox populi, vox Dei." (Actually it would be funny as hell, but not the sort of thing one does in public.)

on Issues of Interest
to the University Community

Comment

Reason Leads Us To Major Beards

To the editor

I apologize for the tardiness of this minor entry in the Great Beard Hassle, but I find that there is a common misconception as to the reason for the official departmental position on beards for its majors.

Apparently the common notion is that the order was issued in a fit of pique, as a retaliatory measure. Not so. The aim of philosophy is always to be reasonable, and "to follow the argument where it leads," as Plato put it. Hence, finding myself persuaded by the arguments of the other side, that persons in a college should govern themselves by the idea of them held by the external community, I had no choice but to issue the order. For, having gone about in the world for many years, I find the customary image of a philosopher is that of a peculiar fellow with a beard. Therefore I

would have been unfaithful both to the principle which has prevailed and to reason itself if I had not so decreed. I am sure that the Dean will find this entirely in accordance with his original view, and I hope that this explanation removes the suspicion of ignobility cast on my department.

James C. Haden

Blessed art thou...

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Viscount on receiving a new 65¢ paperback French-English dictionary.

- Clyde

Is there More?

To the Editor:

Thou noble deacon of us poor illiterate peasants. Tis up to you to save us all, you who art so far above us. Yea God himself would shudder in the sight

of such a wondrous, noble, enlightened, magnificent, pure, honorable, trustworthy, gentle, kind, beautiful, virile, all-knowing creature as you. Why would you ever stoop to such a low thing as using a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, copyright 1958: it has no character, no history, no dusty pages! Rejoice then that you were able to find one of the older copies.

REQ to Where the Girls Are



Richard Quaintance

- photo by McCosh

Richard E. Quaintance, assistant professor of English, has announced his resignation from the Oakland faculty effective at the end of this semester.

Next fall he will assume the position of associate professor of English at Douglass College, which is the women's college of Rutgers University.

At Oakland since 1962, Quaintance has served as chairman of the Publications Board in addition to his regular teaching duties, working in conjunction with the *Observer* and *Contuse* through many storms.

Currently at work on a review of several pornographic books for *Shenandoah*, a Virginia quarterly, he has recently signed a contract to edit a 600 page literature textbook, work on which will begin this summer.

Quaintance gave no reason for his departure, stating only, "Anything I said would offend somebody, and I don't want to do that. I have been satisfied with my department. It is not an easy move."

"Show and Tell"

Art of Eve will present the fourth in their series of programs -- a "Show and Tell Workshop", in Hill House Lounge Saturday, March 13 at 1 p.m.

Various members of the group and the faculty and staff will exhibit and demonstrate skills in knitting, sewing, needlepoint, decorating, and gift making.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Rules for the Fine Arts Festival art-essay contests are available in the Humanities office, 155 NFH.

Basement Area of Library To Get Vending Machines

by Carl Baranski

Lurking in the library these days is that little-known group, the Student Library Committee. This conclave of OU students periodically goes into high council with the powers that Be (?) making recommendations and inquiries.

The problem of reserve books being too reserved has caused hard feelings among certain commuter students. A new policy may eliminate many of the problems.

When multiple copies exist or the inactivity of a single copy warrants it, the library will let commuters sign out reserves at 3 p.m. This will be done whenever it will not deprive on-campus students of a book in great demand.

Vending machines are coming to the library. In the unexplored depths of the library basement candy, cigarette, coffee, and soft-drink machines are to be installed for the convenience of library patrons. Consumption of the food and drink will be limited to the basement area.

A paperback library is being set up to fill the need for current literature. To augment the books

being purchased by them, the Student Library Committee would appreciate the donation of paperbacks. Just take the books you wish to donate and give them to the assistant at the circulation desk.

There are plans for a library Research Award for next year. If you wish to make suggestions concerning library policies and procedures, just put them in the SLC Suggestion box in the library or in the committee's mailbox in the Activities Center.

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cuss the matter publicly in order to avoid the heat and controversy, which it was felt would be raised in light of the traditional Oakland policy concerning fraternities, especially among the faculty.

Jarosz stated that the organization wishes only to operate within whatever framework is equitable to the University. He added that the possibility of constitutional guarantees against the excesses which are associated with fraternities are being explored.

Overseas Study

Director on Campus Today

Dr. Sheldon Cherney, Director of the American Language and Educational Center at MSU will be on campus today to discuss with students language programs taught and/or supervised by MSU professors in Spain, France, and Germany. The intensive language programs will begin on July 5 and will end August 21 and will be followed by an optional eight or thirteen day tour in Europe. MSU will offer credit for language courses taken in Paris, Cologne, and Madrid. Priority will be given to students in good standing with two years of language training in French, German, and Spanish. Other students in good standing with only one year's background who have de-

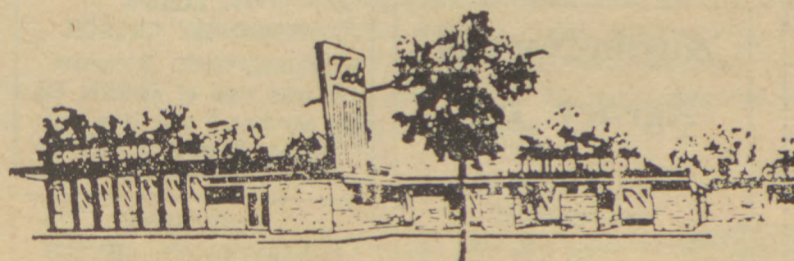
monstrated high language proficiency may enroll in AMLEC's non-credit courses. Students interested in learning further details are invited to attend a presentation of the various programs by Mr. Cherney in Room 163 SFH at 12:30 p.m. today.

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