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## SACC Report

By Ken Weingarden

SACC has been active in the last weeks. A pleasant surprise was the appearance of about ten new faces at the steering committee for the Ramsey Lewis Trio concert, in preparation for the upcoming Feb. 25 concert here.

Last week's meeting was devoted to consideration of a student pamphlet which I believe students will never see. Because they had not liked the "bland" descriptions each organization had submitted of themselves, last summer's SACC took on the right themselves to engender a few "descriptive" words about each club.

Needless to add, this new piece of revealed truth will not neglect public relations for SACC, itself.

Other topics were the presentation of a drug addiction film; the Christmas Dance, winter festival, and the concert.

This Monday's meeting still concerned the handbook; it seemed that between bookkeeping and some dubious manipulation by the printer no one quite knew the exact finances. However, the matter was soon settled and it appears that the book may be worthwhile except for SACC's descriptions of campus groups, and SACC's description of SACC.

**Around campus:** Did you know that, under some circumstances, you can be disciplined here for behavior on other campuses? Is there really a committee being established to oversee the admissions office?

## Ex Libris Back With Books

Ex Libris Meadowbrook, a portable student-owned bookstore makes its second appearance this semester.

The store, built inside an old renovated school bus and painted bright red will begin selling textbooks across from Jerry's Citgo at Five Points on Jan. 3.

The bus first opened in the fall as the private enterprise of three university students and stocked books for a few freshman exploratory courses.

"This year," says Chuck Olson, "we are stocking books for every course, hardbounds and paperbacks. Since we are offering good, unmarked used books, we can offer good prices."

The store has added lights, a heater, and a drive-in window for car-side service. In addition to the cheaper used book prices, says Doug Kavanaugh, a co-owner, a 10% discount is offered on purchases over ten dollars.

Another innovation is a pre-ordering system by mail. Books ordered ahead will be prepackaged and ready to pick-up. Kavanaugh estimates that by using the pre-order mail card, a student can do nearly all his book shopping in about five minutes. All purchases will be fully refundable if the books are not damaged.

Ex Libris Meadowbrook will be open until January 20.

### If Your Class Meets:

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:00-11:00 a.m. MWF  
10:00-12:00 a.m. TTH  
11:00 a.m.  
12:00 noon  
1:00-2:00 p.m. MWF  
1:00-3:00 p.m. TTH  
2:00-3:00 p.m.  
3:00-4:00 p.m.  
4:00-5:00 p.m.

### Exam will Be:

Tues., Dec. 20, 8-11:00 a.m.  
Mon., Dec. 19, 8-11:00 a.m.  
Wed., Dec. 21, 12-3:00 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 21, 8-11:00 a.m.  
Sat., Dec. 17, 12-3:00 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 20, 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 20, 12-3:00 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 21, 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Mon., Dec. 19, 12-3:00 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 17, 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Mon., Dec. 19, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

### In You Are Enrolled In:

Modern Foreign Language Sat., Dec. 17, 8-11:00 a.m.  
Evening class exams will be set up by the instructor.

### Exam Will Be:

# Rights Not Checked

By Marc White

Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP, delivered the first Sidney Hillman Lecture at Oakland, on Human Rights in 1966, Monday December 6, in IM Building.

Wilkins stated that in 1966 the Civil Rights Movement has been checked, but its forward progress has not been halted.

He said the outstanding Event of the year was the rejection of the Civil Rights Bill of 1966. He stated; "The Republican Congressional leadership with its eyes on the November 8, Election, was not ambiguous on Negro Civil Rights Legislation: it was opposed to it."

tion, and Welfare and reported in 1966 shows that Negroes attending segregated schools in the North lag behind white children, the gap widening year by year until it reaches 3.3 years in grade 12!"

The cry for "Black power" and the recent eruptions of racial unrest and violence in Watts, Cleveland, and Oakland California have not helped the Negro cause but hindered it.

Wilkins cited the fact that shortly after the great breakdown in community relations following the Oakland riots, Stokely Carmichael head of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee scheduled to speak at neighboring

2,660,000 Negroes were registered to vote, the greatest total in history. This number represented 52 per cent of the eligible Negroes as against the White percentage of 70.

On the myth that the government is helping the Negro too much, Wilkins quoted a June 1965 speech by President Johnson, delivered at the Howard University Commencement in Washington. Mr. Johnson said: "Other American minorities made a valiant and a largely successful effort to emerge from poverty and prejudice. The Negro, like these others will have to rely mostly on his own efforts. But he just cannot do



ROY WILKINS, executive director of the NAACP, as he spoke with students informally at dinner and in dormitory lounges. Wilkins spent much of his two days with students, sponsored by the Sidney Hillman Foundation.

The persistence of two myths (1) the Negro is going to fast, and (2) the Negro is receiving to much help from the government, were cited as prime reasons for the lack of concrete progress in the struggle for Human rights and dignity.

Wilkins pointed out the assertion that the Negro was going "too fast" was totally inaccurate. He stated "Compared to any thing except his own glacial like progress in the past, The Negro has been merely crawling."

He cited such facts as the Negro rate of unemployment is twice that of the national rate, and the negro from common laborer to the highly skilled white collar worker averages only 55 per cent of the annual income of white workers

Wilkins was especially critical of the various real estate boards. He pointed out that their anti-fair housing stand makes it difficult for Negroes to believe in democracy.

School desegregation, both in the south and de-facto in the Northern Urban areas still looms as a major impasse Twelve years after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled racially segregated schools unconstitutional, there are still two million Negro Children attending inferior, and morally degrading segregated educational facilities.

He stated; "The latest and most shocking study, made for the Department of Health, Educa-

Berkeley was asked not to appear, by a group of local Negro leaders.

He stated "The Negro has continued his choice nonviolence as a tactic, and has shown a willingness, even an eagerness, to use all the traditional American methods to achieve his ends."

Relations between the police and the Negro Community still loom as a major problem. The police remain high on the list of factors which make for racial unrest.

The recent defeat of New York's Civilian Review Board was an extremely large setback. Wilkins said: "The popular slogan Support Your Local Police, is an appeal, in part, to support them in their encounters with the Negro minority. The slogan Stop Violence In The Streets, is regarded by Negroes as a euphemism for controlling the Negro community."

He felt, that in general the police are not doing all they might to build the kind of sentiment that eliminates racial violence.

Wilkins also aluded to the fact that the Negro has made progress through the ballot box.

A Negro Senator, Edward Brooke of Mass, was elected. Negroes were elected to public office in Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas. In the South,

it alone. For they did not have the heritage of centuries to overcome. They did not have a cultural tradition which had been twisted and battered by endless endless years of hatred and hopelessness. Nor were they excluded because of race or color."

### POSTSCRIPT ON THE MYTH OF THE NEGRO REVOLUTION AND BLACK POWER

(Editorial)

In his appearances, here, Roy Wilkins has been perpetuating the myth of the Negro Revolution.

In a recent article in Ramparts it was stated "After more than a decade of the Civil Rights Movement, the Black American in Harlem, and Haynieville, Baltimore and Bogalusa, is worse off today than he was ten years ago. There are more Negroes in segregated housing, and Negro unemployment is higher. The Movement's leaders know it, and it is the source of their despair."

The myth that most white Americans believe is simple: The Negro has steadily advanced, and still has some distance to go, and will get there faster if he doesn't push too hard.

The unfortunate thing is that the movement leaders have accepted the Myth. Roy Wilkins was quoted as saying "We've already

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## Collect Stamps For Dance

This year, as in years past, WXYZ radio is sponsoring "Stamps for Toys" in cooperation with the Detroit Kiwanis Clubs. This drive collects all kinds of trading stamps to earn money for under-privileged youngsters' Christmas toys. Over 10,000 area children benefited from the drive last year.

Starting soon, the OU Young Republicans will be collecting

trading stamps in the OC. They will then be sent to WXYZ for the kids. There will also be a dance Dec. 17 from 9 - 1:00 with stamps necessary for admission.

As last year, too, the college contributed the most stamps will win a free dance, featuring all the WXYZ dj's and all the big name talent they can round up.

It's about time we got some good vibrations going at OU.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Last Issue

The Oakland Observer

The opinions expressed in this column are the opinions of the paper. They are not necessarily the views of the university, faculty or other students. Signed columns are the personal opinions of the authors.

We Hate Your Lousy Food

This open letter is being written in an attempt to restore the lost communications between the students and food services. Since none of the people who prepare the food are expected to eat it, or even pay money for it, how can they be expected to judge the goodness or badness of it? As Aristotle says, the best person to judge a pair of shoes is that person who wears them.

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Dear Food Service:

In case you hadn't noticed lately, the food stinks. And not just in a superficial manner, but down deep, through and through. And frankly, we cannot understand it. Last year, with the operation of the student food committee, the meals were excellent. But with the new semester, the committee was not renewed and meals were back in the same old rut. Even with the improved facilities and huge kitchen areas the rice, meat and potatoes come out tasting terribly flat.

During breakfast: There is either no orange juice at all or it is warm. Sometimes there is only grapefruit juice.

The only cold cereals are Cocoa Krispies and 40% Bran Flakes. The doughnuts are sparse, the selection is narrow. The good meals are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays when no one gets up, less can be served, cutting the costs.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday we get corn fritters (have you ever talked to anyone who liked corn fritters?) or pancakes, and occasionally Canadian Bacon.

Lunch rolls around: The milk machines don't work. Always it's Jell-O, cole slaw or salads with the withered tomato slice. The ice cream is soggy, the cookies are hard. The bread is as hard as the ice cream should be. The bread dispenser never has worked. The main choice is between the Super Sick Salad Bowl or meatballs on a stick in a hot dog bun. The soup of the day is Cream of Crud. And the coffee tastes like warmed over death.

After another eatless day, we look forward to eating at least part of our dinner. Alas, T. Rapp is trying to fix the milk machine that just went out. And because of the way the place is laid out, has to pull the whole food line apart to fix it.

Finally, after the 5:20 lull (every night at 5:20 the whole line just stops as we wait for something that has run out) we finally get to the salads. Well, a little raspberry Jell-O with a sprig of parsley, for a dessert a choice between either raspberries in a dish or raspberry turnovers.

Then dinners: stacks of carbohydrates. Breaded shrimp that tastes like cardboard. Rice that turns cold under the lights. And the cooks won't dish out another one that might be warm.

Five potatoes sit forlornly across from a piece of breaded veal. "More potatoes?" you ask. "No," they say. "These are the expensive potatoes. You can only have unlimited cheap potatoes." The meat shrivels a little more as we walk to the salad dressing tray. Either thousand islands, French, or peanut butter.

We walk to the table, sit down, light a cigarette and hope that breakfast will be something other than French toast and toast.

We're tired of hearing the food is bad because of the budget. If you cannot prepare decent meals on what we pay, charge us more.

If you cannot do that, at least the food can be ready on time, warm, and of a sufficient variety.

Why don't you join us for a week of dining in the Res Cafe? Sincerely, N. Hale



To the Editor: I am writing in regards to your last editorial condemning intercollegiate basketball for the reason that our school will be known only for its sports program and not its academic standards and opportunities, also for the reason that it will lead to football and undeserved athletic

scholarships. You are right, this will happen, but only if we let the educational opportunities cease to be new and appealing. You are like a weak democracy, fearing the evils for communism; you're afraid that communism will take over the government completely and kill all the freedoms and liberties of a democratic government. Really, the country is not strong enough to fight it. In other words, you are saying Oakland is not strong enough to control the athletic program. There is one major exception, though, basketball is a game and not a way of life. It is popular because men and even women

throughout the world are interested in a sport which develops a sense of personal satisfaction and promotes good welfare. You say that sports are not related directly to studies, you are right. You are also correct when you say that the function of a university is to make news in education. But you have also forgotten another important part of a university, that which develops an all-round person. You are limiting students just to learn mathematics, English, languages, and other courses this university offers. Maybe a basketball player won't break any records in getting good grades, but the athletic (Continued on top of page)

COMMENT Continued

committee here did not bend over backwards to let any athlete enter the school with a grade point average that wouldn't admit a non-athlete. Furthermore, four freshmen are not able to play or practice with the team because of fairly stern rules saying they must pass every class in order to play. They are supposed to use practice time for studying.

Does the University restrict failing freshmen from attending a good speaker's program, the John Fernald Meadow Brook Theater, or a good student activities program because they should be studying?

You state that mid-western colleges that are big-time colleges are mediocre. The University of Michigan disproves your statement. It is one of the top ten academic schools in the nation and it still fields top sports teams.

It is up to Oakland whether it follows a policy of letting sports take a place as an important phase of the University, not as important as education, but still needed, or a policy of letting sports overrun the University. I think the people who make Oakland what it is won't let the latter happen.

Gordie Tebo and Mike Robinson

Editors of the Banana:

You, sirs, are consumed with deceit and most despicable hypocrisy. The truth and American spirit, which you so 'nobly' presented, was so construed and contrived that it was only slightly elevated from the spineless whimperings of the milsop stooges of Moscow and Peking which usually clutters the Oakland Obstructor. I fear you are a band of bearded atheists and communists masquerading as loyal Americans so that you may more easily infect the minds of American youth with your filth. The very title of your rag is indicative of the depth of your conspiracy.

For your information, gentlemen, the banana is not grown in

the United States. It is a completely Un-American fruit. Furthermore, the banana is grown by pro-Castro peasants. Gentlemen, if you truly professed the American spirit, you would have entitled the paper with a truly American appellation; such as the Burbank Potato, or the American Chestnut (sic).

But by your carelessness in the naming of your 'newspaper', you have laid bare the diabolical schemes you have concocted. We are watching you!

Sickened American

ED. NOTE: Due to the relevance of this letter to the editor, the Observer thought it only fair to print it, contrary to the standing policy of only printing signed letters.

To The Editor:

Of late, complaint laden writings have papered OC's student commentary board with a huge, ludicrous stench.

An interesting lot; these free lance editors hope to eliminate their apathy guild pangs by stuffing the already wretched board with "biting" commentaries on topics ranging from virility crises to "Haleian" insipidness, all written in torrents of expository goose pimply-ness.

Well, all you unsyndicated insighters, big god Fraudys had news for you. You're not gonna get satisfaction from your high school criticisms any more.

If you're filled with so many suggestions, as the board indicates, offer them to the Observer. If your humble claims of outstanding creativity are true, submit work to Contuse, or a publication of your liking. Because ornamenting a sloppy cork board won't give you "thumb-suckers" et. al, the satisfaction or notoriety you want or need. OU's intellectual character will crumble faster than its architecture unless you "creative" critics get off your proverbial... and do something worthwhile.

Decadently yours, Myles Schlank

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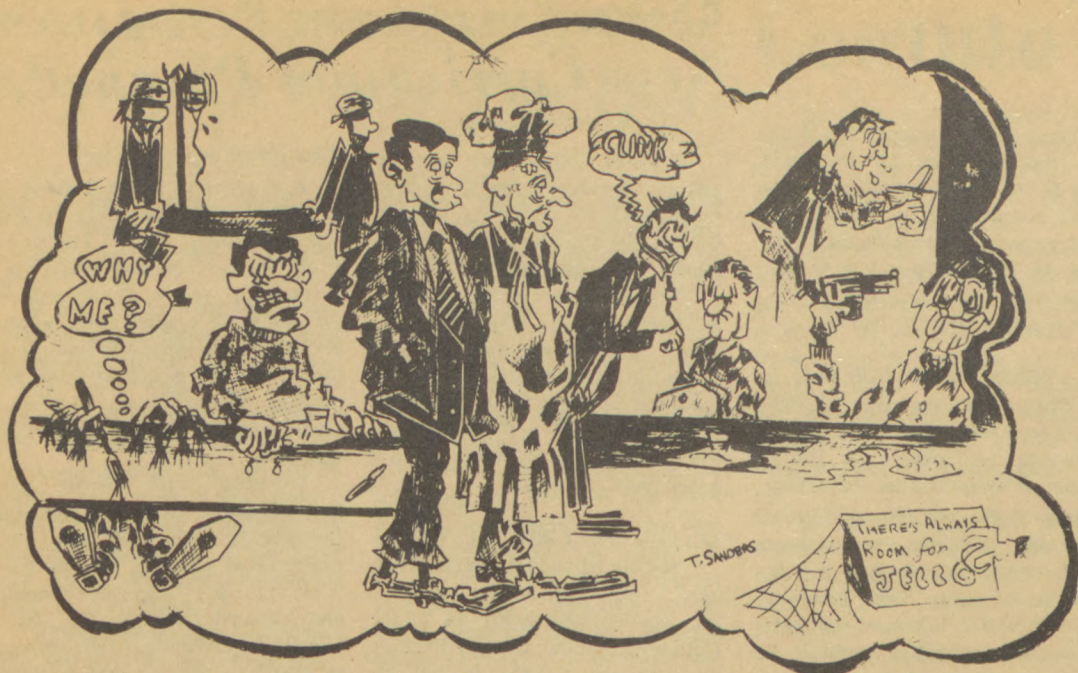
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"I dunno, John, if the students don't like the food, why don't we ever hear about it?"

Special Library hours for the Christmas Holidays will be:

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Dec. 18	2 p.m. - 12 midnight
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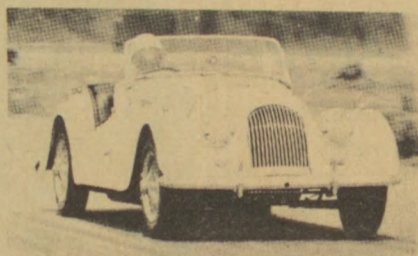
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**Enlightenment From Wallace**

Reminiscences of George Wallace, given to New York Times Reporter (no foolin'):

"All the police are for me", he said. "When I went to the Governor's Conference in Los Angeles last year, this big police sergeant came and got me and took me to the room where the off-duty patrolmen were resting and introduced me as 'our presidential candidate'.

I told them that in Alabama we try criminals on Monday morning, we don't try policemen, and until the rest of the country does that there won't be no law and order. I told them I was for the police. I said, I wish you could run this country for about two years. You could straighten it out."

You ought to have heard them cheer."

Opportunities will exist for full-time study of Chinese during the summer, 1967, at Columbia, Yale, Michigan, Stanford, and Washington University (St. Louis). Some programs are for intermediate and advance students only; the program at U.

of M. is for beginning as well as other students.

OU students wishing further information will be assisted by Amit Tagore, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. Contact him as early as possible, no later than Jan. 5.

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# Charter Judges Its Future

By Carol Rissman

When I decided to transfer from Michigan State, one of the things which drew me to Oakland was its size. Now, I find Oakland growing as, inevitable, any state supported university does, and that both students and faculty are discontent.

Charter College was begun last year to aid Oakland, while growing large, in retaining the advantages of a small school. And strangely enough, it works.

There is a self-selection factor involved. The students (freshmen and sophomores) with whom I spoke almost invariably explained that they had elected CC because of the adventure of an experimental school and the challenge of its courses. No one came up with, "Well, Oakland is close.. I didn't want to go too far away from home." Perhaps that's why CC works.

## CHARTER HAS S OR U GRADES

Students receive none but satisfactory or unsatisfactory grades. Val Browne, a freshman in Charter College, explained that, because of this, more time is available for individual research. "One comes to know the problem under consideration in a broad way." To most students, this is personally very satisfying. Maybe that's why CC works.

## Choral Presents Bach's Magnificat In Winter Concert

Bach's "Magnificat" will be the highlight of the annual Christmas concert to be presented by the Oakland University Chorus and Oakland Singers to be held Friday, Dec. 16, at Christ Church Cranbrook, the program will begin at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The 150 voice chorus will present Johann Sebastian Bach's "Magnificat" which was written for soloists, chorus, and orchestra. The choral group, assisted by the University Chamber Orchestra, will be directed by John Doyaras.

One great advantage concurrent with this system of grading is professor evaluations. Instead of returning a paper which says, in red, "lousy paper, 0.5," or "nice idea, 4.0" the CC professors are forced to thoroughly evaluate the students' technique and content. Certainly, this makes it work for the students.

Professors are, moreover, intimately involved with the students. They are socially acquainted, and both the students and advisors are pulling for the success of Charter College. The school was begun because of the enthusiasm of the faculty. Perhaps this, too, is a reason.

## CC LIVES AND WORKS TOGETHER

Another advantage of CC is in the students living together. George Rawick, professor of sociology, is convinced that the students learn more from each other than they do from the professors. "The most fruitful thing that has happened so far is what happens on Friday afternoons when the class meets without me." Last week, when he walked into his class to make some announcements, Rawick counted thirty-five people attending his class of thirty-two.

Though the professor remains an integral part of the learning process, it is rather as a catalyst and organizer than as a body of knowledge and point of view. Another reason why CC works.

## SYSTEM BETTER, NOT PROFS

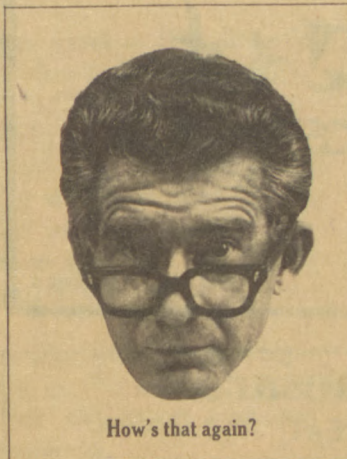
Cynthia Attwood, sophomore, summarized in saying that the professors are no better than the system is. It is one which introduces methods of analysis to the student; one which fights, on one hand, the anomic student, and on the other, those students who join

a group and experience life from their point of view. The system is one of relative freedom and personal responsibility for intellectual growth. Student faculty contact is close; shared academic experience is high. These, too, are reasons why CC works.

## DOESN'T WORK FOR ALL

For some students, though, CC's non-structure doesn't work. It certainly creates a lot of anomie. Some dislike the uncertainty of the grading system, or find the lectures disconnected. And many students find that the quality of their work becomes poorer under lessened competition. Fair warning ought to be given to these kinds of people.

It is obvious that Charter College is a success. Unfortunately, its future doesn't depend upon its success. CC will no longer exist if, or when (probably when) faculty enthusiasm wanes. I see this as damn sad commentary on Oakland policy. Charter College is a success. It goes a long way toward satisfying the educational goals of the students. Should it really depend on the whims of the faculty?



How's that again?

# Charter Aims Develop Further New Curriculum Planned

By Mark Anderson

A great way to work on a job and gain academic credit in such places as New York City, Mexico City, or Washington, D.C., is currently being planned at Oakland.

Taking shape is a new four-year curriculum which will include a year of independent work-study in metropolitan centers, with the possibility of receiving up to 12 credits for academic work done during the semesters away from campus.

## LITTLE COLLEGE II EVOLVES

The independent work-study plan is part of the new curriculum known tentatively as Little College II. Authorized by the Faculty Senate, the College will be started for beginning freshmen in Fall 1967.

David Booth, acting chairman of the Sociology Department, heads a committee currently working out the details of the College, to be a modification of the Blair-Cherno Little College (Charter College) of two years ago.

According to Booth, plans include a first year of an intensive Western Institutions sequence and a choice of a series of fire arts workshops, including art, dance, and perhaps poetry. The Little College courses would require about fifty percent of a student's class time. The field work would be taken in a student's sophomore or junior year.

The junior and senior years for the students might be spent in practice teaching or the independent study. Throughout the student's time on campus, dinners and forums will be held periodically to discuss the program.

## REQUIRES FOUR YEARS

A student in Little College II could not graduate early, in two and two-thirds years. The program as set up now would require four years. Some majors, for example engineering, would probably take longer to complete the Little College curriculum, depending on the amount of time a student has for general education courses.

Working with Booth are Norman Susskind of the Language Department, John Blair of the Department of English, George Rawick of the Sociology Department, and Richard Burke of the Philosophy Department. Also involved is Melvin Cherno of the History Department, who is currently on leave from Oakland.

Booth hopes that students can be involved with the faculty in the planning of the College. A budget will be submitted to the Faculty Senate toward this end.

## The Old Bearcats

The Baroque Bearcats, Oakland's oldest and (in the opinion of its members) finest musical organization, will perform in the Gold Room Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 1:00.

This concert, sponsored by Charter College, is open to the public without charge.

Faculty members of the ensemble are Messrs. Davis, Facko, Hadne, Lessing, and Susskind. Student participants are Miss Helen Gurley and Mr. David Letvin.

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