

Chairmen Designated

OU last month officially established academic departments and designated department chairmen.

In its May meeting the Board of Trustees approved a recommendation by Chancellor Varner and appointed sixteen of Oakland's faculty to head the University's academic departments.

The appointments, for the next three years, "will formalize the informal," as Varner put it. In the past, senior faculty members have functionally performed what are considered to be the duties of an official department chairman, he said.

As Donald D. O'Dowd, dean of the university, explained, it had turned out to be very difficult to run academic affairs at Oakland without the establishment of more or less formal departments. The absence of these goes back to the 1957 Meadowbrook conferences when it was decided that there should be no academic departments at the University.

According to O'Dowd, the new chairman will primarily concern themselves with handing out teaching assignments to other professors, recruiting new faculty members, and keep an eye on the course offerings in their department.

The following department chairmen were formally approved at the Board meeting:

Division of Humanities: Dr. John C. Galloway (Art); Dr. Howard W. Clarke (Classics); Dr. Robert Hoopes (English); Dr. Charles O. Hucker (History); Dr. Francis P. Tafoya (Modern Foreign Languages); Dr. Walter S. Collins (Music); Dr. James C. Haden (Philosophy).

Division of Social Sciences: Dean Kenneth D. Roose (Business Administration and Economics); Dr. Edward J. Heubel (Political Science); Dr. David C. Beardslee (Psychology); Dr. Frank F. Lee (Sociology and Anthropology); Dr. Laszlo J. Hetenyi (Teacher Education).

Division of Science and Engineering: Dr. Paul Tomboulia (Chemistry); Dr. William G. Hammerle (Engineering Science); Dean James H. McKay (Mathematics); Dr. Ralph C. Mobley (Physics).

Professors Clarke and Lee were appointed acting chairmen.

Facilities Set For Summer

Outdoor recreational facilities are available for use by students. The tennis courts are open, and nets are up. Picnic tables and a grill have been placed to the north of the courts. Charcoal is available in the IM building.

An archery range has been set up in the basement of the IM building.

Qualifying trials will be held this weekend, and all next week for the student-faculty swim meet, scheduled for June 21. Participants may contact the physical education office for details regarding the meet.



HORSESCOOP—Observer reporter Clark Richardson gets the inside tip on this year's Detroit Horse Show, at the Bloomfield Open Hunt, June 25-30, from Mrs. June Matthews, executive secretary of the Oakland Foundation. This year's show includes Oakland U. Day, June 29, with stunts, prizes and a show, all staged by O.U. students. Pictured in the center is Observer editor Paul Turk. (Birmingham Eccentric Photo)

Prizes to be Awarded to Top Ticket Sellers

Mrs. June Matthews, executive secretary of the Oakland Foundation announced this week that ticket salesmen for the Detroit Horse Show, June 25-30 at the Bloomfield Open Hunt, will be competing for prizes. Included among the prizes is a traveling bag, a lady's purse, and three pairs of tickets to the Fisher Theatre.

Mrs. Matthews also announced that students who wish to donate their services to the Horse Show on OU Day, and throughout the week, may pick up blanks, covering availability of work hours, in her office. She added that student help is badly needed, and will be greatly appreciated.

A Dodge Mobile Home will serve as headquarters for the Hunt Fair Committee at the Show.

Spot radio announcements will be made all week, publicizing OU Day at the Horse Show. Also planned is a taped TV show on WXYZ by Edith Fern Melrose to help boost revenue for the Oakland Scholarship Fund.

Local ticket sales will be augmented by a booth, to be placed in downtown Rochester, from noon to 5 p.m., Friday, June 21, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 22. Shetland ponies, loaned by Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, will be featured at the booths as drawing cards.

State Law Requirement on Government Changed

Dean of the University Donald D. O'Dowd reminded students and faculty this week that UC 052, introduction to political science, or any two courses of the social science and American history sequences now satisfy state law requirements on student background on the governmental process.

Up to now, all students had been required to take a special exam on American governmental institutions in addition to regular graduation requirements. This has now been abolished, O'Dowd said.

He called it "a minor adjusting" fitting into OU's curriculum change of several months ago. In March the Academic Senate had ruled that students with a tight academic schedule could meet the University social science requirement by taking only one course of the four-course sequence. Such students, by taking UC 052, can now also satisfy state law demands.

USGS Tests Magnetic Pull for New Lab

United States Geological Services personnel will be on campus the week of June 10-14, to determine the magnetic attraction of the earth on the site of the new Kettering Magnetics Laboratory, according to George Karas, physical plant director.

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Grosse Pointe Group to Perform in C-E-L Concert

By Clark Richardson

Wednesday, at 8:15 p.m., the Grosse Pointe Chamber Singers will perform in the Gold Room, as part of the Concert-Exhibit-Lecture series. The Grosse Pointe Singers were organized by group director Donald Simmons in 1958. The group currently consists of 16 members, all but one amateurs.

The Singers will perform selections of late Renaissance music, as well as some selections by Randall Thompson and Paul Hindemith. The group is accompanied by Jerry Hughes.

In recent weeks, attendance at C-E-L functions has been limited, as at Oakland Collegium functions.

The Collegium, as an outgrowth of several lecture and discussion groups, has been in operation for two semesters.



Donald Simmons

Dorm Work Restarted After Strike

Pryale House construction resumed Monday as a month-long Detroit area strike of structural ironworkers was settled late Sunday.

Roofing of the new dormitory had been delayed by the strike, forcing cancellation of glazing and painting for almost a month. During the strike, bricklayers and electricians stayed on the job, bringing those phases of construction closer to completion.

Original target date for completion of the building was August 1, but with the strike, completion will be dangerously close to the opening of the fall semester, with an estimated 300-plus residents awaiting space in the existing houses, and in co-ed Pryale House. According to George Karas, director of the physical plant, there is a chance to finish. He said, "If the timing is right, we just might make it."

"All work is ready for the subcontracting, and if the weather remains dry, many of the walls may be painted, and plumbing fixtures installed."

During the strike, paving was delayed in the dormitory area, and on the road to the new building, due to heavy construction loads, notably the roofing "T's," which caused truck tires to sink well into the gravel/dirt roads now in existence. Sidewalk, and limited road paving was also started Monday. The road west of the IM building will not be paved as yet, due to a drainage problem, said Karas.

For instance, the University Debate Club will present, as part of the series, a Wednesday noon discussion entitled; "Should the United States join a world economic community?"

Other collegium presentations include the music listening program, recently switched from the Science Building to the Oakland Center to permit outdoor listening and to stimulate attendance.

Additionally, lectures by faculty members are regular Collegium inclusions, ranging from histories of Russian expansion to philosophies of satire, all delivered by specialists in these areas.

"Attendance has been, to say the least, the least," commented Robert Holmes, assistant dean of students and coordinator of the Collegium programs.

No admission is charged at C-E-L and Collegium events.

'Casino Night' Set Saturday

"Casino Night," a dance-games party, sponsored by the O.C.D.C., will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, in the resident cafeteria.

Bathtub gin, casino games, dancing, and intermission entertainment by barrelhouse piano player Don Roe will be featured, along with the award of a door prize.

Admission will be 50 cents stag and 75 cents drag.

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Join the 'Horsy Set'

Three years represents longevity at Oakland. The Observer is more or less four years old, a record of some sort. Some of the faculty, and a large segment of the administration have reached a three or four year permanency. Little else, other than the original physical plant has lasted this long.

One event, however, does have this longevity. Oakland participation in the Detroit Horse Show, at the Bloomfield Open Hunt.

Over two years, several thousand dollars have been realized towards scholarships, with a goal for this year of \$10,000.

In the past, students have supported Horse Show participation in goodly numbers, and have made the effort a success.

This year, an expanded program is planned, culminating in "OU Day," Saturday, June 29. The Octet will sing, students will model furs, sell popcorn, and man gates, all for the cause.

Volunteers are still needed for three-hour shifts. It's fun, it's fancy, and it's free. Come to the fair.

Theatre Study to be Offered

ROCHESTER—Summer stock theatre atmosphere will prevail on the Oakland campus again this summer. Plans for the second theatre school for high school and college students and adults were announced this week with the appointment of actor-director Harry Goldstein as theatre school director. Fees to O.U. students will be reduced by one-half.

Six weeks of morning rehearsals and classes will begin June 24 in one of the yellow barns. The final week of the theatre school will include several performances of a 3-act comedy, similar to the production Oakland theatre students gave last year to the comedy hit Mrs. McThing. The theatre school is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education.

Director Goldstein is a free lance actor and director who has appeared in productions at Northland Playhouse, Petosky Playhouse, Will-O-Way, Vanguard Theatre and for the USO. He works for such companies as Jam Handy and Wilding and is head of the English department at Southeastern High School, Detroit. He was formerly managing director of the Detroit Actor's Company, a classic repertory theatre. He holds an M.A. from Wayne State University.

Mrs. Elizabeth Appleton, wife of Sheldon Appleton, assistant professor of political science, is returning to the theatre school staff for a second year to teach modern dance. She teaches advanced techniques and choreography in the Wayne State University Dance Workshop and the Apprentice Dance group.

The entire theatre school program includes four courses: Show Rehearsal, Acting and Speech, Modern Dance, and Technical Theatre Production which can be selected individually. Taken as a group, these four courses offer an intensive training in the professional techniques of contemporary theatre.

Information or reservations may be obtained in the Continuing Education office, 263 SFH, Ext. 2147.

Art Exhibit

"Collector's Items", a group of etchings, engravings, wood cuts, and lithographs from Baltimore's Roten Gallery has been placed in the O.U. Art Gallery.

Included in the exhibit are works by Degas, Durer, Renoir, Rouault, Picasso, and Goya. All of the works are for sale.

Minority Report

By Daniel Polsby

It was salty old Professor Hucker who noticed that the Golden Rule bred into Christian temperament the insufferable passion to do Good. Hence, Christian societies are societies of meddlers, breachers of the peace, busy-bodies, saps.

The unending and amusing spectacle of meddlers on the march can be isolated everywhere around us. On the street, women peddle paper carnations to subsidize the American Legion; in church, we are told how low-down we are, and then are expected to kick in to the collection plate—as if God could be bribed with a stinking two bits! And in school . . .

I can remember when this school was a restful, posterless stretch of real estate. But let us get going a little bit, and some busybody with time on his hands is going to try to organize something. The subject of today's lecture is the OCDC—the Oakland Center Dance Committee. Appointed by Dean Scratch for heaven knows what, these gay clubwomen have set about making Oakland Center a pretty unbearable place to be. They have pasted things on the ceiling and walls and floor, they have put up posters, they have plagued my office with their silly press releases, they have even erected a huge and attractive red sign outside that says "CASINO NITE." What a wonderful way to show the world what a serious bunch of scholars we are!

I make this plea on behalf of all sane, eyesore denizens of OU and environs: OCDC: Cease and desist. Take down your posters and your cutouts and your sign. Don't send any more press releases. Disband. Go home. Get married. Have children.

Clay, Not Wood

NEW YORK (UPI) — The Christ Child's manger probably was not made of wood, as most people imagine, says the Catholic Digest.

The manger was more likely made of potter's clay, says the magazine, since this was the common material used in Palestine for making stable feed troughs.

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.

Tickets Available To Stratford

The Stratford Shakespeare Festival is scheduled to open its 1963 season June 17 with Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida."

The company will also perform as part of its regular summer repertory program "Timon of Athens", "The Comedy of Errors", both by Shakespeare, "Cyrano de Bergerac", by Edmond Rostand, and the popular Gilbert and Sullivan Savoy Opera, "The Mikado."

Students interested in getting more information, exact dates of performances, or tickets, may contact Hollie Lepley in the IM Building.

THE WEEK ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Resident Assistants Training Program, noon; Fitzgerald House staff meeting, 1 p.m.

Casting, students vs. faculty, 3:30 p.m., Intramural Building.

Faculty Square Dance, 8:30 p.m., Intramural Building.

Dancing in the Grill, from 8:30 p.m., Oakland Center.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

O.C.D.C. presents "Casino Night" and dance, 8:30 p.m., Oakland Center.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Associated Women Students, Executive Board meeting, noon, rear of resident cafeteria.

Oakland Collegium. Music for Listening, Haydn: Symphony No. 101; Mozart: Piano Concerto in C Major. 1 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge and lawn.

Student-Faculty University Council meeting, 8 p.m., Oakland Center.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Modern dance class, 6:30 p.m., Intramural Building.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Oakland Collegium. Debate: Should the United States join a world economic community? 1 p.m., 128-30 Oakland Center (co-sponsored by Debate Club)

Concert-Exhibit-Lecture Series. Grosse Pointe Chamber Singers, 8:15 p.m., Gold Room.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

The tape of the José Feliciano concert at O.U. (May 21) will be played, 11:45 - 1 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge and cafeteria.

Modern dance class, 3:15 p.m., Intramural Building.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Resident Assistants Training Program, noon; Anibal House staff meeting, 1 p.m.

Archery, students vs. faculty, 4 p.m., Intramural Building.

Dancing in the Grill, from 8:30 p.m., Oakland Center.

Softball League Underway

Intramural softball got underway last week with a full three-game schedule. The Racers got off to a fast start by beating the Pathfinders, 14-2. The Racer attack was led by Fred Shadrack, admissions counselor, with two hits and two walks. The Racers also got two hits apiece from Dave Blank and Jim Anderson.

The faculty-staff team had a tough time with the Anibalettes, but came out on top, 5-3. Mary Swetter had two hits for the girls, and Rae Carlson homered late in the game.

Paul Stack had five-for-five as the Engineers whipped the Newshawks, 20-12. Ron Toles and Phil Williams each had four hits in the Engineer barrage. Rick Heldt had three hits, and Paul Turk two for the Newshawks.

Schedule for the week:
Anibalettes vs. Engineers,
Monday, 6:15 p.m.
Racers vs. Faculty-Staff,
Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.
Newshawks vs. Pathfinders,
Friday, 4 p.m.

Varner Back from Colombia

By Wolf Metzger

Back from Cali, Colombia, and his county-to-county foreign aid mission, Chancellor Varner found himself busy this week catching up with work piled up during his two week trip to Latin America. The regular 8-hour University work day just didn't seem to be long enough.

Farther down south, Varner said, he had spent a daily 14 to 15 hours getting acquainted with economic and educational problems facing Cali, a region about equal in size to Oakland County.

The Chancellor, who had gone to Colombia on a mission from the State Department with three other prominent county citizens, said he hoped a counterpart delegation will be invited to Oakland this fall.

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors and leader of the Colombia group, is presently preparing a report to the State Department's Agency for International Development, which may extend such an invitation.

"I've learned a great deal," Varner summarized his Colombian impressions. He said he was very depressed by having insight into the country's educational system, where almost no progress is being made.

Out of a hundred Colombian youngsters, the Chancellor reported, a mere 2.7 graduate from high school, and only 1.6 go on to college.

A great shortage of classrooms, textbooks, and teaching personnel are a few of the major problems of the educational system, already hampered by widespread bureaucracy.

R. W. H. Sr.: Oh Faustus, lay that damned book aside
And gaze not on it lest it tempt thy soul.
Read, read the scriptures. That is blasphemy.

Signed, Polsby

Locals Discuss Intercollegiate Athletics

OU Red Wings, Lions, Tigers Ready to Roll

(FOLLOWING IS A GUEST EDITORIAL IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS BY DR. HOWARD CLARKE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMPARATIVE LANGUAGES.)

As a way out of the current controversy over intercollegiate athletics at Oakland University, may I suggest that we simply adopt the various professional Detroit teams, the Lions, Tigers, Pistons, and Red Wings, attend their games, cheer their successes, lament their losses, and generally enjoy the spectacle of athletics played as they should be—on an aesthetically satisfying level of professional competence. (To confirm them as "our" teams we might even have some appropriately symbolic ceremony, such as presenting Night Train Lane or Gus Triandos with an OU T-shirt.) This way we would know that our teams were spending their entire time doing what they can do best, playing ball, while our students were free to attend to their studies.

Might the small-minded object that these players are not genuine amateurs at all? Well, neither are the footballers at places like Ole Miss, and nobody seems to mind that. And this way there would be no fuss about academic standards or eligibility. "Our" players would show up at OU classes about as often as top athletes do at most schools, and, anyhow, almost all the Lions and the Pistons already have degrees from one sort of college or another. And just think, we might even lure our Saturday's heroes out to the campus: imagine an Oakland Collegium lecture by Alex Karras on "How Athletics Build Moral Character," or a Howie Young-Paul Foytack discussion of "Team Spirit," or an illustrated lecture by Frank Lary on "Stately Homes of Knoxville." We might even inaugurate an exchange program: Rocky Colavito could come here and learn to like Dante more and Mickey Spillane less, and I am sure Mrs. Kovachs could do as well as anyone else as coach of the Pistons.

How this would clear the moral climate! We would be spared all the corruptions of intercollegiate athletics, all their cynicism and hypocrisy, all the depressing hokum about "do or die for ole Siwash." Since their jobs depended on it, our boys—honest pros all—would be out to win (who wants a loser?); but win or lose, they would be performing with the glossy sophistication of professionalism (the trouble, after all, with amateur athletes is that they are so amateurish) without the distractions of classes, papers, grades, or other academic encumbrances.

And for us at OU I submit that it will be a far more heartening prospect each fall to play the "traditional game" with the Green Bay Packers than with Albion, Michigan Christian Junior College, or the Married Mens Club of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

But most of all, we would be assured that in athletics, as in all else, Oakland University was aiming for professional excellence. With this aim we dare not compromise.



Howard Clarke



Daniel Polsby

Observer Survey Discloses Opposition to Intercollegiates

By Daniel Polsby

When we heard the furor about intercollegiate athletics, we supposed that there must be two factions of fairly equal strength warring with one another over the question to have or not to have. So we decided to determine as nearly as we could what the prevailing sentiments about intercollegiate sports were—we asked people. We made up two separate polls; one for the faculty and one for the students. What we learned surprised us somewhat—the prevailing sentiment is overwhelmingly against intercollegiate sports, by a margin of 3-1 in the students and by more than 7-1 among the faculty.

We made up a questionnaire and distributed it among 170 random students. We learned the following things:

—31 out of 170 students wanted to have intercollegiate athletics. Their composite GPA is 2.4, and 7 of them have less than a 2.0 average.

—39 of 170 students were undecided or neutral about intercollegiate athletics. Their composite GPA is 2.6, and 4 are below a 2.0.

—100 of 170 students were against intercollegiate athletics. Their composite GPA is 2.8, and 5 are below a 2.0.

—60 of 170 students said that our present, no-intercollegiate sports policy was a major factor in their decision to come to Oakland. Their composite GPA is 2.8; five are below a 2.0. 32 have a 3.0 or better.

—11 of 170 students averaged one hour or more per day in the Intramural Building. Their composite GPA is 2.5.

—56 of 170 students said they rarely or never used the IM facilities. Their composite GPA is 2.8.

The conclusions to be gleaned from this questionnaire seem clear. The preponderance of the students at OU have rejected the notion that intercollegiate sports are good for them. The argument about Mens sana in corpore sano has left them yawning. Most of them said they had no objection to an intramural program like the one we now have, but positively drew the line at playing other schools.

The student poll attempted to be only a random sampling of student opinion; the faculty poll attempted to elicit responses from every faculty member. We heard from 41 finally, and seven out of eight of them were opposed to intercollegiate sports. Five professors wanted it, one was neutral, and thirty five did not want intercollegiate sports.

Speaking for the minority, Dr. Donald C. Hildum, assistant professor of psychology, said that intercollegiate sports could be the way to greater esprit de corps. The ideal, he said, would be intramural sports, "but use of the facilities has been low." Intercollegiate sports would encourage what Hildum termed 'Institutional identification.' "Greater institutional identification encourages academic achievement," he wrote. Echoing similar sentiments, Dr. Kenneth Roose, professor of economics, said that a program of "low-key intercollegiate athletics, such as at Oberlin, Carlton, etc., can buttress the academic program and provide an excellent experience for the individuals involved." Roose added that he would be opposed to high-pressure team sports "such as basketball and football," which he said are "disruptive." Another member of the minority, an assistant professor who asked that his name be withheld, stated that we should have intercollegiate sports only "with the stipulation that we build in protective devices against athletic scholarships, jeerleaders, football, and other delightful manifestations of a jock institution." He added that

this may well be impossible. "If so, we should forget the whole idea."

Speaking with the majority, Dr. John Blair, English instructor, said he would not oppose a carefully limited program of intercollegiate athletics, but made this reservation: "If an athletic program were introduced to attract students who a priori have less intellectual interest and/or commitment, I would look upon such an action as a deliberate attempt to wash away what stature we have thus far achieved."

Dr. Norman Susskind, assistant professor of modern languages, stated that intercollegiate athletics would certainly be too time-consuming for participants. "A potential A student might drop to a C+ and still play," he snorted.

Judging from the statements we received from the faculty, there seemed to be a healthy mistrust of the admissions office in this business. Several professors felt that the admissions office was an active lobby for intercollegiate athletics, and told us so. We interviewed officers Glen Brown and Herbert Stoutenberg, both of whom denied the admissions office had any stake in the question.

Still, the suspicion remains. Said Dr. James Haden, associate professor of philosophy, "The principal pressure for intercollegiate sports seems to be coming from the admissions people. My guess is that they, as salesmen, are not fully aware (despite their protestations) of what they have to sell here. Hence, they are trying to revamp the school into something that fits their preconceived notions of a salable product. They should revise their self-image so that they become genuine educators of prospective entrants, and not just high-class pitchmen. Why not require all admissions people to take a full semester of courses to acquaint them with what actually goes on? We are already succumbing to conventional expectations in many areas—witness the pathetic graduation ceremony we put on recently; I was told that it took the form it did because students and parents would be baffled by anything which departed from their norm . . . which is essentially that of a high school. If this is true, it is depressing. The admissions lads tell us that high school graduates expect sports in college; I fail to see why this same argument cannot later be extended to fraternities and all other such impedimenta."

Dr. Robert Hoopes, professor of English, was concerned that intercollegiate sports might have a substantial backing in this school. He said, "To the extent that there has developed support for the institution of intercollegiate sports, and I do not really know whether or to what extent, it seems to me to mirror a capitulation to a huckster psychology; as though we were in the business of hawking perishable wares, suddenly on the margin of spoiling; as though students were clients and consumers, and not respected apprentices in a much more privileged game than group activities; as though our idealism and dedication, which we once thought not only respectable, but imperishable by definition, now required artificial flavoring. At any rate, if the experience of college is supposed to get and keep students off their intellectual bottoms, I fail to see how spectator sports will contribute—except perhaps in the end."

Several professors said that they would not be opposed to intercollegiate athletics, provided the program were rigidly limited. "Limited" intercollegiate athletics are like being 'a little bit' pregnant," answered Dr. Howard W. Clark, associate professor of comparative literature. "Besides," he snapped, "we must step on the camel's nose before he gets too far under the tent."

So it appears that the intercollegiate athletics conflagration is over; with such a tidal-wave rejection among the Oakland personnel, it seems impossible that any further consideration of the question could be contemplated at this time. We would suggest to the Chancellor that he shelve the whole issue for at least eighteen months. And for those who devoutly wished for intercollegiate sports at Oakland, may we refer you to the Guest Editorial by Howard Clarke, which appears elsewhere on this page.

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Fran Swoboda

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