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AND A VOID.

GOLDBERG BACKS US IN WAR



UN ambassador Arthur Goldberg explains point to interested students, before his speech to the annual Michigan conference on the UN. The theme of this year's conference was "The UN and Survival."

sees big UN role

The annual conference of the Michigan United Nations Association was held on campus last Tuesday. Highlights of the meeting were the addresses given by Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, and Arthur Goldberg, United States ambassador to the United Nations. The keynote speech of the morning was given by Reuther as he called for an end to the arms race and for America's leadership in a dynamic and positive policy of world peace.

Reuther discarded the "solution" of national supremacy as an outdated and no longer valid answer to the present world-wide amassing of destructive powers.

Reuther asked that the United States be ready to demonstrate a strong policy of peace by a program to eliminate poverty and suffering rather than a program to make war. He urged America to spend its time and money, to call on the help of its allies and on the peaceful competition of its non-allies, to join in the formation of an International Peace Corps under the United Nations. Reuther said that, in answer to the cries of hungry and desperate people all over the world, the United States must be able to say and to prove, "You can have both bread and freedom."

Mr. Goldberg closed the conference by reiterating the role of the United Nations as a peace-keeping organization.

He also re-emphasized the Government's policy towards Vietnam with the assurance that the war is not a stepping stone of United States imperialism.

In his speech, Mr. Goldberg also dealt with the position of the United Nations toward the admittance of Red China to the organization. He believed that China would not be admitted until it withdrew its exorbitant demands for the expulsion of Nationalist China from the United Nations and for an apology from the United States for being the aggressor in the Korean conflict.

The conference concerning the United Nations and survival was held in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education at O.U.

Contuse Now Available

After many trials and tribulation, the fifth issue of Contuse, Oakland University's annual literary magazine, is now on sale for one dollar in the bookstore. Containing a wide variety of artistic forms, graphic as well as literary, Contuse V now appears despite a delayed printing. Because of objections to its content, the original printers refused to set the type for the magazine; however, the editors, Steve Lefkowitz and Sally Macmillan, with the assistance of the Chancellor and his staff, located another printer and succeeded in putting out this year's Contuse.

Observer Needs Student Help For Spring Term

Positions are now open for anyone interested in working for the Observer during the spring term. Anyone willing to help may contact Norman Harper in the Observer office.

"If I were a father and had a daughter who was seduced, I should not despair over her; I would hope for her salvation. But if I had a son who became a journalist, and continued to be one for five years, I would give him up." Kierkegaard

Continuum Center With Child Care

For the next semester, the Continuum Center will operate a Child Care Center for pre-school children of Oakland University students, faculty, and staff. For information on this service, call the Continuum Center, ext. 2147. Registrations will be accepted now -- enrollment is limited.

New OUDorm

Chancellor Varner announced at the afternoon session of the Michigan UN conference that OU's \$4.3 million dorm now under construction will be named in memory of Michigan's late U.S. senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

Vandenberg, Republican senator from 1928 to 1958 was a



A smiling Reuther greets OU students at UN conference.

delegate to the 1945 San Francisco conference which organized the United Nations.

Editorial:

Low Enrollment Makes One Wonder

As of last Friday, the number of students registered for the spring semester was 807. This is the highest registration for a spring term at OU, but at the same time represents a difference in enrollment between the winter and spring terms of roughly 1600 students. Of course, this is nothing new to anyone who has been around for a while. The spring semester has always attracted relatively few students.

Without trying to analyze the problems of individual financial resources or expressed need for extended periods of rest and relaxation, we submit that at least part of the reason for the small enrollment results from a rather sparse offering in the spring semester class schedule. Additionally, many of the courses offered, especially the UC classes, are almost hopelessly overcrowded.

Under these conditions, everyone loses. Many faculty members cannot comfortably teach a class with an enrollment of over 50 students; nor do we feel they should be required to do so. The administration appears to be faced with the problem of convincing prospective students that OU can still claim academic excellence when most UC classes are taught only within the lecture format. But most important the individual student is being deprived of the possibility for fruitful faculty-student dialogue. We neither approve of these conditions, nor do we think that they are necessary. The spring semester does not have to be an overdressed summer session, as that term is traditionally construed.

There are obviously many reasons why spring enrollment is relatively low and many courses are overcrowded. It might be a question of money. Certainly this is necessary if the departments are to hire a sufficient number of professors to teach the courses. If this is the case, we wonder why the condition has persisted with each successive spring semester. Without trying to second guess or cast doubt upon the reliability of those responsible for budgeting University monies, a sparse course offering does not seem the way to attract able students, and thus assure the successful continuance of the trimester system. Indeed, the trimester system and the supposed advantages received from such a program are left in grave doubt with the persistence of few and overcrowded classes.

We feel that the student body should be informed, under present conditions, of why the spring semester is existing in such an obvious state of neglect, and if any, what steps are being taken to correct and ideally eliminate the recurrence of such conditions during future spring terms.

Comment

on Issues of Interest
to the University Community

Letters to the editor are cordially invited. All letters must be accompanied by authors name and student number, if they are to be considered for publication.

To the Editor:

I would like to express my concern over the lack of proper facilities to aptly feed the commuter students. The grill certainly cannot provide adequate lunch service, or at least has not been able to do so during the last week. The lines approximate those waiting to see Stalin's tomb, mainly because the grill is a "or-

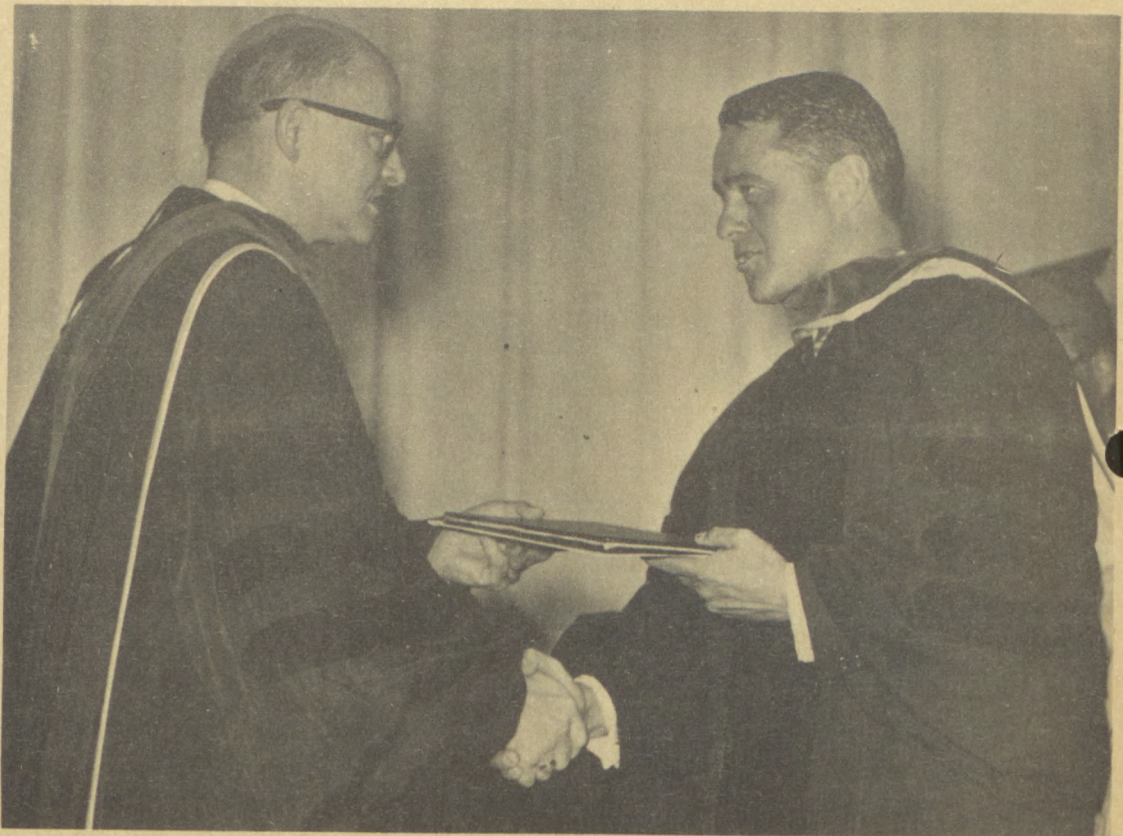
der what you will" operation rather than cafeteria style. The closing of Sunset room is, I think, a mistake.

Many of the students often looked forward to eating their lunch without having someone else breathing down their neck. In the grill, the area is simply too crowded to allow a student to eat in relative peace and quiet. Tuesday during the UN convention I had to wait forty-five minutes to get something to eat. The situation will also only worsen when the Meadowbrook students arrive for the summer. Perhaps this situation should be investigated.

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Sargent Shriver receives honorary degree and hand-shake from Chancellor Varner

Grads Take Degrees & Awards

One hundred seventy-six were awarded degrees at OU's commencement Saturday (April 23), which featured an address by Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Honorary degrees were given by Chancellor Varner to Shriver, Matthew S. Meselson and Franklin W. Stahl, biologists at Harvard University and the University of Oregon respectively; and Roger M. Kyes, executive vice president for General Motors.

The evening ceremony, held at 6 p.m. in the Sports and Recreation Building was also the occasion for presentation of the University's Alfred G. Wilson and Matilda R. Wilson Awards and recognition of University honors graduates.

Recipients of the annual Wilson Awards, initiated last year, were Ann E. Parkinson, Falls Church, Virginia, and David B. Lewis, Detroit. Each received Wilson Award medallions and \$100 cash awards for "having made the outstanding contributions to the life of the University through scholarship, student leadership, and the expression of responsibility in the solution of social problems."

Miss Parkinson, a modern languages major, has been active in many student programs including the Women's Judiciary Board. She served as a student assistant to the freshman advising program, and was a participant in the Fine Arts Festival.

Lewis, who received his bachelor's degree in business last August, has been enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Chicago. At OU he was president of the University Chorus, active in intramural sports, a member of the Orientation and Student Affairs Committees. He was also a resident assistant and head resident in one of the dorms.

Highest University scholastic

honors for students completing degree requirements at the end of the winter semester went to Mark R. Allyn, a psychology major from Royal Oak, who graduated summa cum laude.

Graduating magna cum laude were Elsa S. Jakob, modern languages-German major from Richmond; Richard H. Swain, philosophy, Rochester, New York; Phyllis J. Vallier, English, Mt. Clemens; and Glen I. King, physics, Pontiac.

Cum laude graduates included: Karin P. Blair, modern languages

-French, Rochester; Bruce P. Cameron, area studies and German, Birmingham; John R. Cupal, English, Flint; John MacLellan, history, Pontiac; Terry D. Monson, economics-business, St. Ignace; Betty B. Mulder, social science-secondary education, Birmingham; Nancy E. Passarelli, chemistry, Royal Oak; Penelope B. Smith, area studies, Milford; Norma H. Steensma, history, Auburn Heights; Nancy M. Weidman, psychology, Walled Lake; John E. Wiczorek, political science, Rochester.

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Wayne Teach-in Thomas To Speak

Two University of Michigan professors, leading figures in the anti-Vietnam War Movement, will speak at the Wayne State teach-in May 11. They are Anatol Rapaport, mathematical biologist, and Marshall Sahlins an anthropologist.

The teach-in is sponsored by the Wayne Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy to mobilize opposition towards U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Professor Rapaport will open the teach-in at 1:30 P.M. in the Mart Room of Mackenzie Hall. Four other speakers, including Mr. Sahlins will speak between 2:30 and 4:30 P.M. Sahlins helped organize the first Ann Arbor teach-in against the nation's Vietnam policy. The teach-in is scheduled to break into panel discussions and seminars from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. Then at 8:00 P.M. Norman Thomas, the old lion of the U.S. Socialist Party, will speak in DeRoy Auditorium. His closing address is entitled "Road to Ruin."

History Profs Meet

History will be the topic May 7th when teachers from Wayne, Oakland, Genesee and Macomb counties hold a one-day conference at OU.

"New Interpretations of American and World History" will be explored by University faculty members who will lecture on recent historical interpretations within their particular field of study.

The program is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education, the Department of History and the American Historical Association. Each registrant will be invited to participate in three of the seven separate sessions offered, according to his preference. Topics range from "New England Puri-

tanism" which will be discussed by David Burner, to "Colonization and Decolonization in Western Civilization" which will be discussed in depth by Richard Brace, chairman of the History Department OU.

Questions and open discussion will be welcomed at these group meetings and bibliographic aids will be available.

Each group lecture will be given three times: at 10:00 A.M., at 11:15 and at 1:45 P.M. so that registrants may be able to attend the three sections of their choice.

Registration is scheduled for 9:30 A.M. at the Oakland Center. Luncheon is at 12:30 P.M. and the days program will close with a reception at the Center.

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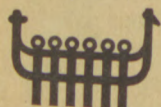
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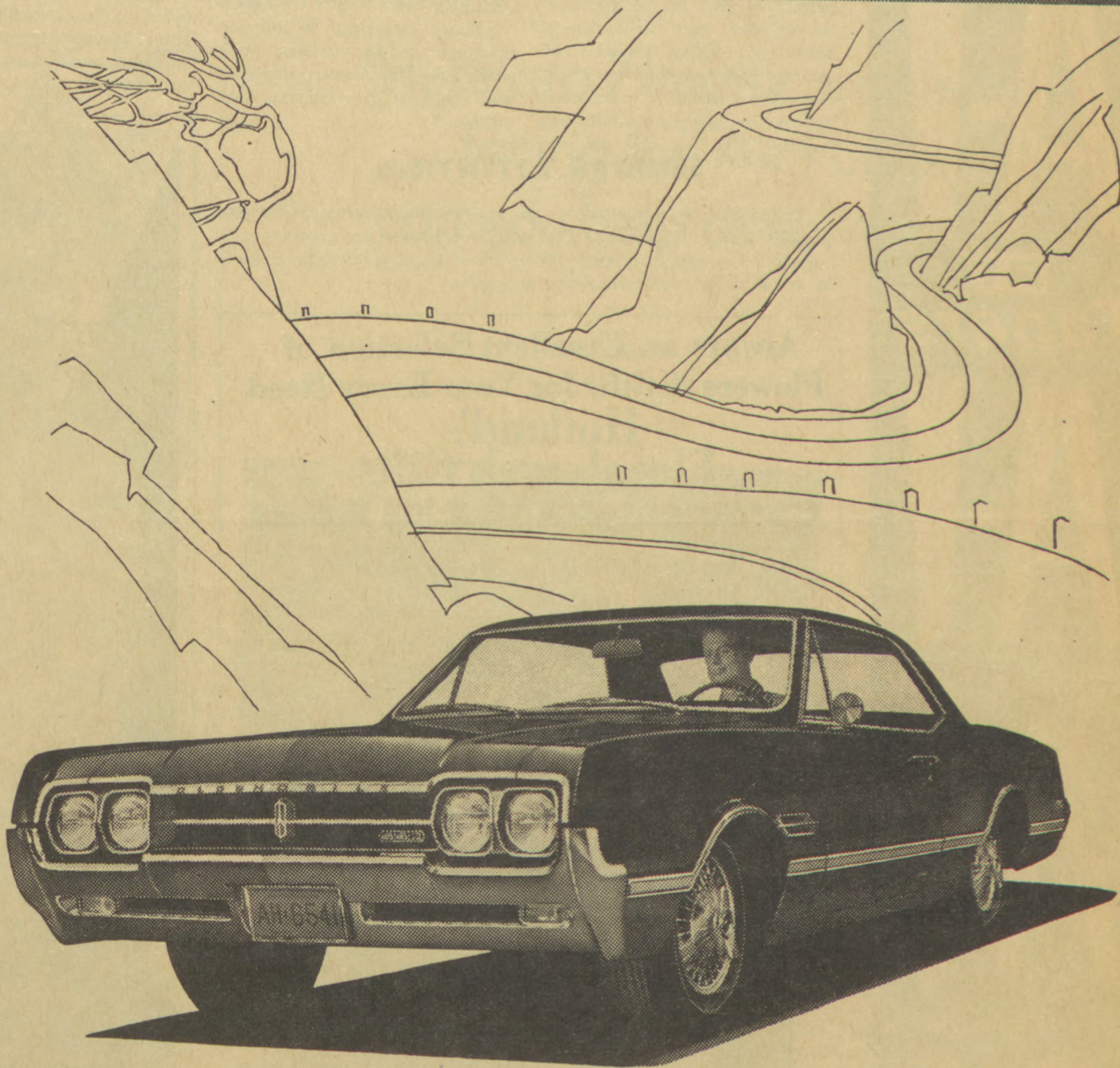
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