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reporters

Apathetic Boycott

Student Assembly has gone down the tube. Voters approved the Constitution up for referendum last week, but too few voters showed up for the polls.

The vote would have required a 65 per cent voter turnout. Only 38 per cent of the eligible citizens (570 in number) appeared. The defeat could be a sad commentary on apathy, or something, but it is not. It is instead, an illustration of effective boycott, thoroughly unintentional, but deadly just the same.

Students who chose to vote were enthusiastic (69 per cent) in their support of the proposa. Voting opposition was buried.

We're sorry to see the proposal defeated, but it was all in accord with the rules. It would have done no one any good to have a government imposed by a minority, requirements had to be stringent. An honest defeat, in this case, will do more for Oakland than a spurious victory.

If the proposal is brought forth in another year, it stands every chance of passing, with a new and impressionable freshman class, and the existing gung-ho group. Seniors and others who remember the demise of the first government will be gone. So will the personalities who ran the first government and engineered the second attempt.

Student government can have a fresh start next year. The Student Assembly constitution is a workable document. It should not be scrapped, but brought forth to the voters at least once more. But let's wait a year.

Art Comes Closer

Last Friday evening, the Forum Theater of Pontiac opened to the public. If the community was hesitant, so, too, was the management. For Pontiac, prior to the screening of Fellini's "8½", had never been exposed to an "art movie", at least not in its downtown area, and the theater owners had never been so bold as to venture into such thoroughly barren surroundings.

The mutual exposure should be a rewarding one for both parties. The surrounding community will soon be able to take in "The L-Shaped Room", "Lord of the Flies", "Heavens Above!" among others without having to travel twenty miles and pay the \$1.50 to \$1.80 that it now does willingly.

And for the Forum Theater, ideally situated in the geographic sense, if it can maintain a high criteria for selecting foreign and domestic films and change its program not too infrequently, it will profit financially while, hopefully, enriching its clientele, opposition of Pontiac's clergy notwithstanding.

TEACHER EDUCATION

NOTICE!!

Students who expect to graduate or be sponsored for certification in any of the programs in Teacher Education and who are not currently registered for internship must complete application for internship no later than

1, 1963. Application forms and instructions are now available in the Teacher Education Office, 264 Science Building.

All those affected are urged to begin application procedures early, since the deadline will have to be strictly enforced.

Minority Report

By Daniel Polsby

Last week's Minority Report begat in its wake a flurry of righteous objection. The general tenor of the complaints was that the column was not criticism but mere oratory. If one is to be a sound academician, one must be scholarly, cautious, and prudent.

I have taken this criticism very much to heart, and have decided to mend my ways.

Judging from the short stories of W. W. Dixon, it is not unlikely that the author did not decide against submitting his work to other than less than the closest scrutiny, which otherwise would have produced not the least bad, or most best, prose not incapable of not being unwritten. It has not been without reason that no critical studies have been tendered in not too current times, for little enough evidence exists that no positive demonstration may remain unattempted while not avoiding the bounds of caution, perhaps.

If it would not be too incautious to say so, I do not but think that perhaps it would not but be but better to judge Dixon, not as a writer of prose and the novel, nor as a poet, from which ranks we must not exclude him, but next to his contemporaries, a distinction which I think no one will be unable to comprehend.

Perhaps the average reader will not understand my meaning here, but the trained scholar cannot but perhaps come to grips with a problem which faces him. Anyone who disagrees with my estimation of Dixon, I cannot but say in closing, is wrongheaded and has no right to his opinion or view, as he is certain to be, perhaps, a showoff.

PLACEMENT OFFICE

The following corporations and government agencies will interview on campus the week of October 21.

Oct. 22 Internal Revenue Service

Oct. 24 National Bank of Detroit

For further information, contact the placement office, 266 SFH.

Psychological Services

Prospective graduate students note: Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) will not be given at Oakland this year. The exams will be offered at Wayne State University, University of Detroit, and University of Michigan. Applications and information bulletins for GRE's, the Law School Admission Examination, and the Admission Test for Graduate Study may be picked up in the Office of Psychological Services, 134 NFH. Deadlines and fees are:

	Registration Closes	Test date	Fee
Graduate record	Nov. 1 Jan. 3 Apr. 10	Nov. 16 Jan. 18 Apr. 25	\$12
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Editor's Tripewriter

By Paul Turk

George Romney just can't seem to lose these days, parked up on the plank fence. Hopefully, it won't last. He's about ready to compromise with Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh on some of his tax proposals. Democrats may support the proposal if compro-

mise in Detroit is reached. Then the Governor will have some kind of a plum (finally) on his record for next year's campaign (be it local or national).

George even ducked responsibility for the Michigan-MSU-EL football game last Saturday. He switched to the Michigan side after the first half, with the Wolverines leading, 7-0. He got crossed up, though. MSU-EL tied it up, and the game ended in deadlock, leaving the Governor still sitting on the fence. Which is where he usually sits, anyway.

He's sitting on that same divider waiting to see who is maybe going to be his opponent if he decides to run for re-election next year. MSU-EL's State News finally got around to making the same prediction as the Observer as regards the Democratic candidate. They say it will be Neil Staebler, John Swainson, or John Mackie. They left out Jim Hare. They also left out the well-known local dark horse.

Watch out for splinters on top of that fence, George.

the Spectator

by

Phil Iannarelli

When approaching symbolism in a novel, one ought to ask exactly what effect does the symbol have on our impression of the novel. Are we drawn more to the characters by the symbolism or are we made more aware of the symbols through the characters? If the answer leads us to the latter conclusion, it would seem that that particular novel stands as a fairly dead piece of literature.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, with his thumbnail vision of reality, is an example of this type of literary bungle. We cannot deny that Hawthorne had important things to say, indeed, his topics of sin and guilt occupy an important place in the human consciousness, especially that of the Puritan era. But it seems that as soon as Hawthorne fixes his mind on a concept, he naively plunks it right into a symbol, leaving hardly any room for the character to breathe.

In "The Scarlet Letter" there is no impression of character development through the character; what we do get, however, is a development of symbols. Instead of a transition in character we are left with the impression that in each scene the symbols are re-constructed to fit the concept Hawthorne is trying so eruditely to expound. Soon enough the reader even finds it difficult to separate the concept from the cumbersome baggage of symbols muddled with character.

In opposition, one might say that through dissection we can find all that I said Hawthorne lacks. Proof by dissection, however, does not discount his lack of art and workmanship in the novel as an organic piece of literature. For a superb example of the integration of symbolism, character, and concept look to Thomas Mann's "Death in Venice", next to which Hawthorne's material seems as if it were a product of a crank garage machinist.

Engineers Win 44-4

By The Observer Staff

Daryl Keezer and Phil Williams scored three touchdowns apiece as Bajek's Engineers walloped Young's Commuters 44-4 in Intramural Football League action last Friday.

The Engineers failed to score in the first period and the Commuters took an early 2-0 lead on a safety. Williams scored his first touchdown in the second quarter to give the Engineers the lead. Keezer scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to break the game wide open. Williams scored his last two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, and Keezer and Anderson each scored once in the high-scoring period.

Jackson's Moonshots kept pace with the Engineers as they downed the Clansmen, 15-0. The loss dropped Dave Lewis' team into a three way tie for third place in the league.

In the other two games, LaFleche's Suicide squad handed Wilson's Meng Bros. its second straight defeat by a 17-0 score; Grant's Jetfires forfeited to Lavis' Colt 45's.

Next week's Schedule:

- Wilson vs. Grant (Wed.)
- Lavis' vs. Jackson (Wed.)
- Bajek vs. LaFleche (Fri.)
- Lewis vs. Young (Fri.)

Photo Demand

Photo art is in demand on campus these days, according to James Dickerson, director of the Development Office.

"Campus amateur and professional photographers who have taken, or are taking general interest shots of the campus, as well as unusual shots of the buildings and grounds, may be able to sell such photos to University offices in the future," said Dickerson.

Those interested in doing photo work for the Development Office may contact Dickerson through that office, 101 NFH, ext. 2111.

12,000 Books Four Years, And No Hurry

By the Observer Staff

In 1959, a 12,000-volume, \$12,000 book collection was purchased by the Kresge Library. Four years later, over half of the books are gathering dust in the Library basement.

Why?

There is no need to be in "any too great hurry" about the volumes, Librarian David Wilder explained. Besides, he added, library policy stresses selectivity: "we are not interested in numbers for the sake of numbers."

Faculty members and librarians have gone over the collection three times to select volumes for cataloging. The third selection is currently being processed; about 4,500 of the books have been placed on library shelves.

Wilder said 5,000 of the books should definitely be owned by the Library. Duplicate editions, which comprise a large portion of the collection, may be sold.

Most of the books deal with the humanities and social sciences. They were bought from the Long Island Book Store, New York, at the death of its owner.

Library Classes

10 a.m. Saturday Library classes will be held at 1:30 p.m. starting October 19. Librarian David Wilder said that the time was changed because of poor attendance. One person attended the October 5 lecture and two students were present on October 12.

Varner Says 'OU on Schedule'; Attacks Special Interest Groups

By Roger Finzel

By the Observer Staff

"Oakland University is moving on schedule," Chancellor Varner told the assembled faculty last Thursday in his annual "state of the University" message.

"Oakland's ideals and goals are the same in 1963 as the were in 1958," he said, explaining that "we've set out to be a first class liberal arts institution. We have and will maintain a student-to-teacher ratio of 20 to one. We've set a program for a better-than-average student body and one which is serious and willing to learn. The student body is not as good as we wish, but it is improving and serious."

Varner reaffirmed his belief that there is "no better undergraduate faculty anywhere."

Two Problems

Two new problems are to be attacked this year by Varner and the faculty.

The first of these is the need for some means of integrating the commuter students with the swelling numbers of off-campus students. Varner reported that professors Frank Lee and Walter Boland of the sociology department, and John Blair, assistant professor of English, have shown special interest in that area and will continue to pursue the problem.

In explaining the second problem, Varner told the faculty that he had a "growing concern and an

uneasy feeling" that the "dynamics" of the University are slipping among the faculty. He warned of "a tendency for some faculty to grow comfortable here and concern themselves with empire-building instead of university-building." He asked each faculty member to concern himself with the problems of the entire university, not just those of individual disciplines.

Last year at this time, the Chancellor said, he saw two problems facing the university: "our freshman classes were getting progressively smaller and . . . there was a grave concern about the academically sound students we were losing."

1,000 Freshmen For '64

An expanded admissions office

with two new staff members, Glen Brown and Fred Shaddrick, has, according to Varner, successfully assaulted the enrollment problem. An enrollment goal of 1,000 freshmen has been set for 1964. Varner stressed the desire to increase the quality of these students ten per cent over previous classes and was quick to point out that Oakland "is not after numbers at the expense of quality." He expressed the hope that the on-campus student activities program now under way would help retain good students.

Commenting on the number of students tripled in the dorms, Varner said that he didn't like it, hadn't planned it, and didn't want it again. However, the overcrowding situation has given the Chancellor ammunition in seeking authorization for two new dorms. If construction plans are approved, the buildings will provide room for an additional 300 students next fall.

"What has been occurring at Oakland has not been the work of a few individuals but of men committed to building a university," he declared, and emphasized the importance of maintaining this commitment.

In concluding his address, Varner pointed out that Oakland "is not as good as we want it to be, nor as good as it will be."

Poor Turnout Kills Government Proposal

By the Observer Staff

A 38 per cent vote turnout in last week's student assembly referendum, stalled campus efforts to organize a new student representative body.

Of 1498 eligible voters, only 570 appeared at the polls Wednesday and Thursday. The required number of voters was to have been 65 per cent, with two-thirds of that number voting affirmative, in order to have endorsed the constitution.

Had 51 percent of the student body voted in favor of the new constitution, regardless of voter percentages, the constitution would have been adopted.

Requested By Sells

The student assembly proposal, and its companion governing document were constructed last spring at the request of Duncan Sells, dean of students, by a constitutional committee and members of the original freshman committee.

The document proposed a parliamentary government, with semi-federal divisions for class organization. Representation was to have been proportional to the numbers of students in each class. Classes were to have been divided on a three-class, credit-hour base.

Of the 570 who did vote, 393 said "yes," to 177 negatives. The heavy vote in favor (69 per cent of those voting) was unexpected, according to Keith Bateman, general chairman of the constitutional campaign.

No Comment

Gillespie, who chaired the constitutional committee itself, had no comment on the measure's defeat. Sells was unavailable for comment on the situation. No decision has been made as to whether the document will be brought before the students for another vote.

The new government was to have replaced the old Student Senate, voted into moratorium 19 months ago.

New Bookstore Manager Here

David Bixby joined the OU staff Wednesday as new manager of the Oakland Center bookstore, John Corker, OC manager announced this week.

Bixby, a graduate of Western Michigan University, has worked for the past two and a half years as textbook manager of the Western Michigan bookstore.

Since July 31, when Louis Hahl left, the OU bookstore had been without a manager.



Karen Hefner

Observer Business Manager Resigns

By the Observer Staff

Karen Hefner, Observer business and advertising manager for the past two years, resigned Monday to enter her internship in Oakland's teacher education program. Rand E. Glass and Roger Finzel have been selected to replace Miss Hefner.

A Pontiac senior, Miss Hefner, 21, will intern in Pontiac schools.

Miss Hefner joined the Observer staff in September, 1961, in advertising sales, and was appointed business and advertising manager, and Observer Snow Queen candidate in January, 1962.

Glass, 19, a Southfield sophomore, took over the duties of the business manager Monday.

Finzel, 20, Detroit senior, has taken charge of Miss Hefner's duties in advertising sales and supervision.

Pay Raise At MSU

MSU-EL's State News reported on Oct. 3, 1963, that a boost in the minimum student pay rate from 95c to \$1 per hour had become effective at East Lansing Sept. 30.

Oakland to Request New Water System

By the Observer Staff

Last week's temporary water shortage should not occur again.

"Included in our budget request for 1964-65 is a provision for a new \$150,000 water system," Robert Swanson, director of business affairs, explained recently. Plans call for a new pump and well, reinforcement of the present water pipelines and a larger, more practical water storage tank.

With a capacity of 250,000 gallons the tank would replace the present 60,000 gallon tank built for the Wilsons' farm, now Oakland's campus site, several years ago.

Part of the entire OU budget request of \$2,213,504, the water revamping plan will be presented the Michigan State Legislature next spring.

Lost and Found

OU's Social Science Division reports that a number of lost articles have been turned into 201 Sci. They may be reclaimed upon proper identification.

Contuse Accepts

Contributions

The editors of Contuse III, Oakland's literary magazine, are still accepting manuscripts for the March issue. Potential contributors may contact Joy Beaudry or Keith Schall via the student mailboxes.



RECREATION—The Oakland Center basement has a new recreation center. Since the Pickwick Club opened Monday, pool and ping-pong tables have attracted an increasing number of relaxation-bound OU Kids. Total revenues for the first three days of operation: \$33. Club president Dennis Arvidson looked satisfied. (OBSERVER PHOTO)



STAN KENTON (left) and his band, plus vocalist Jean Turner (right) will perform in the Oakland Center tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kenton will play for a party given in honor of Mrs. Matilda Wilson's eightieth birthday. Dress for the dance, which is sponsored by the University and the Student Activities Council, will be semiformal.

Chicago, MSU Deans to Visit OU in November

By the Observer Staff
Charles Perry, assistant dean of students of the University of Chicago graduate school of business, and Paul Smith, dean of the MSU-EL business school, will be on campus November 1 and November 18, respectively.

In individual conferences with students and in group meetings, they will discuss graduate work in business, generally, and the specific programs in business at their universities.

Nat Simons, assistant professor of economics, and Gary Woditsch, director of alumni education, invited the Chicago and MSU-EL representatives to the campus.

Students, regardless of major, interested in attending group discussions or in scheduling personal conferences may contact Simons, 370 Science Building.

U Buys Art Works

By the Observer Staff
Two primitive art objects from the current Oakland gallery exhibit have been purchased by the University, John C. Galloway, chairman of the art department, announced Tuesday.

They are an African bovine mask, owned by Allan C. Davis of Washington, D.C., assistant to Assistant Secretary of State G. Mennen Williams, and a Bambara comb mask, also African, owned by the Klejman Gallery of New York City.

The helmet-like bovine mask, painted in red, white and black, comes from the Baole tribe in the Ivory Coast region. It is valued at \$325.

The Bambara mask, purchased for \$400, was used by a boys' secret society in the Mali region.

Funds for the acquisitions were provided by the McGregor fund in Detroit and by private donors.

Engineers To Hold Round Table Today

By The Observer Staff
O U Engineering Society has invited six engineers and physicists from area companies to participate in a discussion of the type of work done by an engineer and his responsibilities both in production and in research and development.

The Round Table is at 1 P.M. today in 235 Sci. Freshmen and sophomores majoring in chemistry, physics, and engineering are encouraged to attend, Bob Smith, the Engineers president, informed the Observer.

Freshmen Challenge Sophs In "Sports Day"

By the Observer Staff
Oakland's new freshman class has issued a direct challenge to the sophomore class to participate in a "Frosh-Soph Sports Challenge Day."

The challenge, issued last week by the freshman men and women through Mike Gilroy, involves touch football, tennis, volleyball, swimming races and a tug-of-war.

Freshman and sophomore women as well as men will compete against each other in the events, with the tennis doubles, volleyball and swimming events organized on a co-ed basis.

Points will be awarded for each event, with a trophy to be presented to the winning class.

Tentative date for the sports day is November 9.

A picnic and sock square dance will be held after the competition. Sophomores who wish to answer the freshman challenge (not the sundae offered in the grill) may do so through Hollie Lepley, director of physical education and recreation.

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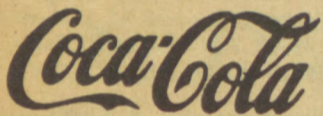
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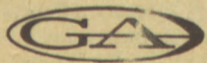
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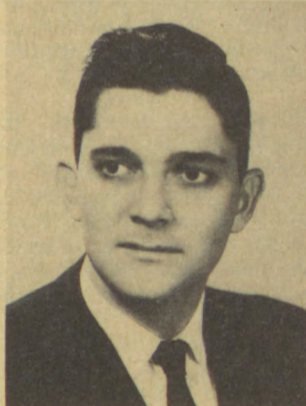
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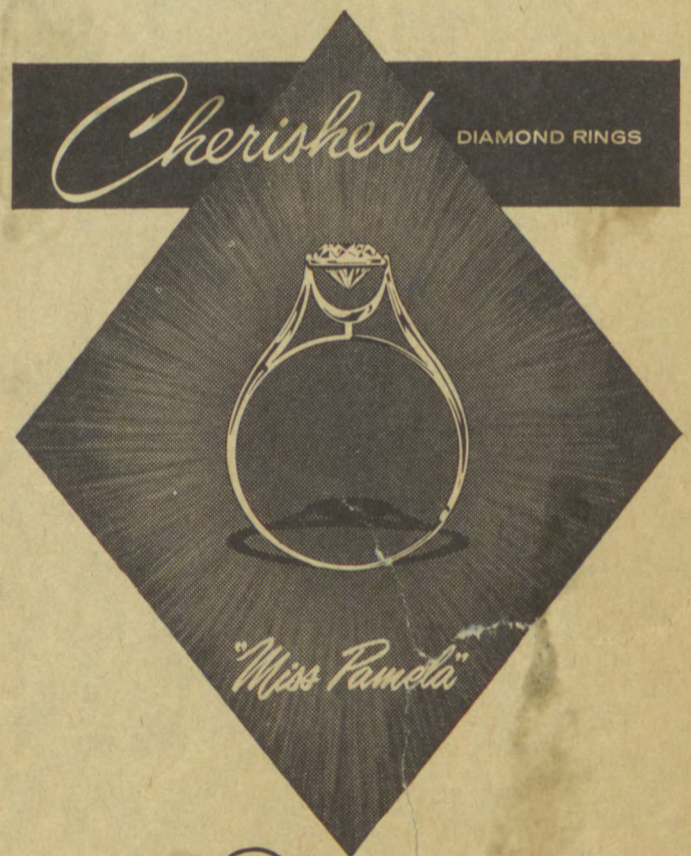
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