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Mrs. McThing Now Playing

Tombouliau:

Research Grants, Pure Science, Student Help

By Nancy Cowen

Hydroxoquatetraammine Cobat (III) Chloride, dimerization reactions, 1, 8-diarylnaphthalenes, spectrophotometers — these objects and processes are part of the daily life of Dr. Paul Tombouliau.

An assistant professor of chemistry on the campus, Tombouliau will use them all in advanced research projects this year.

Senior chemistry students working with him on these projects will be aided by three grants.

One is from the MSUO Faculty Research Fund which allocates money to faculty members in all academic fields for research and study. Another is a Cottrell research grant from the Research Corporation, a private philanthropic organization. Funds from both grants are being used for student labor and research supplies.

Through a National Science Foundation grant, Tombouliau and Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dr. Frederick Obeur will direct senior research projects from September, 1962 through August, 1963.

Four seniors—Robert Joyce, Larry Warner, Tom McAllister, and Charles MacFadyen—have so far been chosen to work under this grant.

Students participating in the NSF grant will work in four basic research areas: the suitability of 1-(a-pyridylmethylene) 2-(a-pyridyl) - hydrazine for the quantitative determination of cobalt; the kinetics of diol bridge formation in cobalt hydroxy complexes; the synthesis and reactions of pentaphenylethanol and its analogs; and the stereochemistry of o-terphenyl derivatives.

"The grant is very promising," Tombouliau commented, "It is this kind of support that makes a project a success. Its budget will provide supplies not available in a regular operating budget," he said. The grant's per student research allocation is \$700—\$200 for labor and \$500 for materials.

In the laboratory, Tombouliau spoke enthusiastically about student research. Heating devices, flasks, chemical compounds, measures, and students fill the small room daily. Drawers of supplies line the walls. He paused in this center of activity to speak about the nature of his research.

"When someone asks why you're doing all this, the only answer is that you don't know and you don't particularly care. Perhaps it's because nobody's ever done it before—like climbing mountains, it's theoretically interesting."

He differentiated between academic and industrial research by noting that, "In-

dustrial research must have an end in mind, while academic research usually doesn't. However, many contemporary drugs for instance resulted from this sort of initial interest. In the beginning, it was just a challenge to manufacture them," he said.

Tombouliau's special interests are organometallics and stereochemistry. He has done extensive work in both areas at MSUO and the University of Minnesota, where he was a post-doctorate research fellow from 1956 to 1959.

Webb Resigns SAC

Lauree Webb has resigned her post as chairman of the Student Activities Council's student services committee. Her resignation was announced at the August 1 Board of Governors meeting.

"I have been disappointed in the lack of leadership and cooperation demonstrated by SAC's president. Carrying out my responsibilities as a member of the Board of Governors is impossible," Miss Webb said.

No replacement has been named.

Listening For Pleasure In Fall

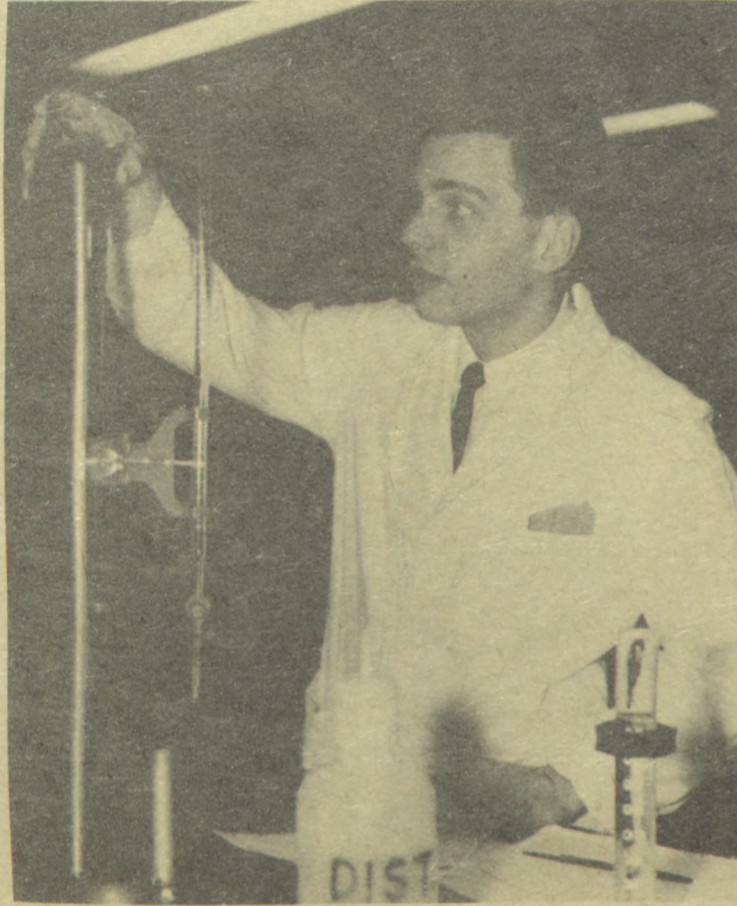
by Karen Zubris

New facilities are forecasted for the Music Department. Impending are plans for two or three practice rooms, each with a piano, and a laboratory with earphones for individual listening. It is also hoped that individual voice and class piano lessons can be offered.

A new addition to the department entitled "Listening for Pleasure" will commence this fall. The purpose of this project is to offer interested administrators, staff and students the opportunity to listen to serious music ranging from jazz to electronic music.

"The selection of recorded music to be played will depend on what is wanted by those who participate," says Reinhard Arnold, a member of the Hi-Fi Club and a promoter of the program.

Other organizers of the program include: Dr. Robert Holmes, assistant professor of music; Dr. Laszlo Heytenyi, and Loren Mayhew, a member of the Hi-Fi Club. Room 190, Science Building will house the necessary equipment and provide seating. The program will be scheduled for at least one hour a week. Exact time and day has yet to be decided.



PAUL TOMBOULIAU cautiously pours a solution in his laboratory. Now engaged in research and instruction duties, he will help direct senior research projects this year.

Thomas' Under Milkwood, Oscar Peterson, Taste of Honey

THEATRE

Dylan Thomas' Under Milkwood
University of Michigan Players
Trueblood Auditorium, Frieze Building, Ann Arbor
The Unsinkable Molly Brown
Fisher Theatre, Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
The Carol Burnett Show
Shubert Theatre, Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
The Tempest, Macbeth, Taming of the Shrew
Stratford Shakespearean Festival
Stratford, Ontario
Gilbert and Sullivan's The Gondoliers
Avon Theatre, Stratford, Ontario
Cyrano de Bergerac
Festival Theatre, Stratford, Ontario
The Complainant Lover, with Walter Pidgeon and Martha Scott
Northland Playhouse, Northland Shopping Center, 8:30 p.m.
Mrs. McThing
Oakland Center, M.S.U.O.

CONCERTS — COMEDY

Dick Gregory
The Elmwood Casino, Windsor
John Coltrane Quartet
The Minor Key
The Detroit Symphony Orchestra
State Fairgrounds Music Shell
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays free
Artie Nelson Trio
Nite Lite Lounge
Oscar Peterson Trio
Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Stratford Festival Concerts, Stratford, Ontario
For Information, phone DR 1-3700

FILMS

Fox and Krim — Hemingway's Adventures of a Young Man
Madison — West Side Story
Michigan — Robert Preston and Shirley Jones in The Music Man
Music Hall — The Wonderful World of Brothers Grimm
Studio — A Taste of Honey
Studio Midtown — The Lavander Hill Mob and The Tight Little Island
Studio North — Through a Glass Darkly
United Artists — The Spiral Road

OTHER EVENTS

Detroit Tigers Play the Minnesota Twins
August 3, 4, 5, Tiger Stadium
Detroit Zoological Park

A REVIEW:

Comedy Provides Enjoyment For All

by Bruce Plaxton

"I think they are very good, and they deserve a lot of praise," one member of Tuesday evening's audience said following the opening performance of "Mrs. McThing".

The Observer would like to second that observation.

Despite several lines which were forgotten in the true theatre tradition, "A's" are in order for Mrs. Howard V. LaRue (Shelagh O'Rourke), Howie LaRue (Rick Foxman), Poison Eddie Schellenbach (Ray Lyon) and Stinker (Bob McGowan).

Although the amateur actors overplayed their parts at times, the comedy was such that all including a large number of children in the audience had a very enjoyable evening. Playing to an audience of this nature is difficult to do well, and the cast, in our opinion, did very well considering their experience.

William Merrill, producer and director, did a fine job not only in teaching his students (the members of the cast) the details of theatre work but also in arranging the stage and properties.

"Mrs. McThing" was produced as part of the MUO's Continuing Education Theatre School.

Seats are still available for the last two performances, this evening and tomorrow evening at 8:00 P.M. in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center. Tickets are \$.75 for adults; \$.50 for children.

Copies of Contuse Still Available

Copies of Contuse, MSUO's first literary magazine are still available in the Observer office, 109 NFH, according to Miss Nancy Kelly, magazine co-editor.

"We have cut our mailing list to a minimum, and consequently have some copies left," Miss Kelly said.

Contuse contains 40 pages of essays, short stories and poems, and was edited by a student group.

The General Printing Company of Pontiac published Contuse free of charge.

Incoming freshmen, and students reentering in the fall are urged to write or call the Observer for a reserved copy.

Requests for copies should be sent to Contuse editor, the Oakland Observer, 109 NFH, MSUO, Rochester, Michigan, or call the Observer at FE 8-4515, university extension 2221 or 2222.

RETURN BOOKS

Just a reminder. All library books and materials must be returned by August 10 according to David Wilder, university librarian.

A Place For Humor

We were dismayed last week to see two students at the main desk in the library giggling over a recent issue of a monthly magazine which is, at best, a glorified comic book.

The magazine, unfortunately, fits into the MSUO grill. In the library their reading seemed like sacrilege.

The point of this is that this country cannot afford second-class magazines. Everyone, and especially college students, is faced with the task of preserving the freedom of this country.

College students bent over a magazine intellectually fit for an immature eighth grader do not encourage us. At a time in history when we so desperately need prepared citizens, the whole scene in the library was incongruous and disheartening.

We are not suggesting that humor be disregarded—this we need too; but we suggest that efforts be redirected towards something more intellectually tenable than second-class magazines.

Our freedom is precious and is deeply challenged; we can ill-afford to sit back and decadently read satire, war stories and love stories written for children, frustrated war veterans and frustrated old ladies.

Our position is precarious; the clock is turning and time is running out.

MSUO Appoints 12 New Staff Members

Nine faculty members, an assistant dean of students, and two assistant librarians have been appointed to the staff of Michigan State University Oakland.

Dr. Harvey Burdick, 36, was named associate professor of psychology. He has a Ph. D. from the University of Minnesota and a B. A. from Syracuse University. Burdick has been at Smith College since 1955, two years as an instructor and the last five as an assistant professor.

Theodore Becker, 29, who will receive his Ph. D. next month from Northwestern University, was named assistant professor of political science. He holds both bachelor of arts and bachelor of law degrees from Rutgers University and an M. A. from the University of Maryland. For the last two years he has been a teaching assistant and instructor at Northwester.

Dr. Donald Malm, 32, holder of a Ph. D. and M. A. from Brown University, was named assistant professor of mathematics. Since 1960, Malm has been an assistant professor at State University of New York. He previously taught at Rutgers and Brown, and, during the 1959-60 academic year, was a visiting lecturer at the University of London's Royal Holloway College.

Dr. Paul Tipler, 29, who has Ph. D. and M. A. degrees from the University of Illinois, and a B. S. degree from Purdue University, was named assistant professor of physics. He formerly taught at Illinois and at Wesleyan University.

Arnold Seiken, 34, was named assistant professor of mathematics. Holder of an M. A. from the University of Michigan, and a B. A. from Syracuse University, Seiken was first appointed to the MSUO staff last September as a lecturer. He formerly taught at Southern Illinois University and was a teaching fellow and research assistant at U of M. He will receive his doctorate there this winter.

David Di Chiera, 27, was named assistant professor of music. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees at the University of California (Los Angeles) where he is now working on his doctorate. He is a teaching assistant at UCLA and has done research work in Italy on 17th-century Italian opera.

Thomas M. Jenkins, also 27, was named instructor in mathematics. He received his B. A. degree from Kenyon College and his master's from Yale. He is now a teaching assistant at Yale.

Genevieve Prevost was named instructor in French. She has advanced degrees from the Universities of Geneva and Rome. She has taught at the University of Geneva, Wayne State University, and the University of Detroit.

John L. Beardman, 26, was named instructor in art. He earned his bachelor's degree at Oberlin, and his master of arts and master of fine arts

degrees at the University of Southern Illinois where he held teaching fellowships. He has also taught at the University of Connecticut, and has exhibited his own paintings at a number of galleries.

Dr. Robert Holmes, 33, assistant professor of music and musicology at MSUO since September, 1960, is the new assistant dean of students. Holmes' Ph. D., M. A. and bachelor of music degrees are from Boston University. He previously taught at the School of Fine and Applied Arts of Boston University where he also served as adviser to the student government. Holmes will retain his academic title and will continue to teach.

Loren L. Sgro, 24, and Peter M. Doiron, 28, were named assistant librarians. Sgro is a graduate of Wayne State University and received his master's degree from the University this spring.

Doiron graduated from the University of Massachusetts and received his master's degree from Syracuse University this spring.

The faculty appointments are effective August 15; that of Sgro, August 6; and Doiron, July 1.

No Reduced Rates

"I doubt very much if we will be able to get any kind of reduced rates on MSU football tickets," Duncan Sells, dean of students said this week.

A number of students had asked Sells to investigate the possibility of getting a block of tickets for MSU home games.

Sign Up: SG

Students interested in following up Tom Kerley's suggestion that a student government be formed, may sign a list in the Observer office, 109 NFH.

The Observer will coordinate initial organizational activities for those interested in a new student government.

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To the Editor:

I would like to voice my opinion about "The Outcry" and "The Observer" in answer to Jim Morrison's letter in last week's paper.

No, the two papers should not consolidate. Each has its own job to do. "The Outcry" can be biased and humorous, while "The Observer" must conform to certain set standards. Neither can do a complete job, but both together can give full campus coverage.

As for the dollar that we pay with our tuition, none of it goes to "The Outcry". "The Outcry" is not supported by any university funds, but by private contributions.

Pat Thompson

Chinese Language

Dr. Charles Hucker, professor of history and chairman of the Asian studies program, announced this week that a course in elementary Chinese will be offered in the fall.

Chinese, 114-115, will be an introduction to modern Chinese (Kuo-yu), emphasizing both conversation and reading. The class will meet from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. five days a week.

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