

FRESHMAN
HANDBOOK

OBERLIN COLLEGE

Freshman Handbook

*. . . written for and by students
of Oberlin, being their
version of the facts
of student life*



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Packing up the family carpetbag and setting out for college is an exciting, happy, bewildering, and sometimes difficult adventure. In this handbook we have tried to answer the first hundred of your thousand-and-one anxious questions and to help you find your way through some of the surprising newness that is college life today.

This is no "bible." We don't know all the answers. But we who have been over the hurdles and have spent here some of the most deeply satisfying years of our lives herewith offer a few hints which may be useful to you in achieving these satisfactions for yourselves. We speak for the Oberlin that is ours, the Oberlin that will soon be yours.



Introduction—featuring

How to Get Here and What to Bring

You might as well resign yourself to the fact that Oberlin is not exactly on any main east-west thoroughfares (or north-south ones either, for that matter), and keep this advice in mind:

In traveling by train or bus, aim for Cleveland or Elyria, from which you can easily 1) take a connecting bus to Oberlin, or 2) be picked up by the College (see below).

Barring a parachute jump onto the athletic field, air travelers must debark at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

From wherever you arrive (assuming it is within a reasonable distance from Oberlin), the College Transportation Department will bring you from the station or airport at a "nominal" fee, currently anywhere from \$3-9, depending on the number of passengers. You will receive a travel information blank during the summer on which you may request such transportation.

Of course, you may travel by car, in which case the following highway information may be useful:

Travelers from the northeast will probably arrive via the New York State Thruway and the Freeway which runs through Pennsylvania and Ohio to Cleveland. Take Interstate 271 to U.S. Route 20, and take that to Ohio Route 10, which brings you right into Oberlin.

If you're coming from the east, get off the Ohio Turnpike at Interchange 9 and take route 10. If you're coming from the west, get off the Turnpike at Interchange 7 and take routes 250 to 113 to 58 respectively.

And from the south, Ohio Route 58 from Ashland comes right into town.

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Now that we've disposed of you, let's consider your baggage. If you've got a lot of heavy things, it might be best to ship them Railway Express or by Air to your dorm address. You can ship some last minute things on your railway, bus, or plane ticket. Your travel



agent can help you here.

The most important thing is to get that stuff shipped or sent on your ticket early. Trunks are notoriously slow travelers.

Don't send anything C.O.D.! The chances are that your dorm director will be broke at the time the delivery man arrives with your trunk, and it's your trunk anyway!

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Unless you have a brother or sister in college, your vision of collegiate attire is probably pretty strongly influenced by full-page color advertisements for forty-dollar sweaters. But during an Oberlin blizzard the best thing about clothing is that it keeps you warm, so forget about the glamour and bring the practical clothes that got you through high school. Women will want to bring bermudas and slacks as well as standard school clothes. Dress-up occasions are fairly rare. Jackets and ties for men and skirts or dresses for women may be required for evening meals occasionally, depending on what your dining hall decides. If you keep alert, you can find at least two times during the year when social events demand formal or semi-formal dress.

From November to April it snows in Oberlin, and the rest of the time it rains. Consider yourself warned.

You can make ample use of a swimsuit, tennis racket, sneakers, boots and umbrella, knife, fork, spoon, cup, bottle-opener, sewing kit, cloths for dusting and shoe-polishing, alarm clock (a loud, insistent, monster of an alarm clock), clothes to get dirty in, typewriter, thesaurus, collegiate dictionary, laundry bag, pocket knife with attachments, musical instruments, towels, washcloths, your prescriptions, and money.



If possible, plan to pick up your light clothes at Christmas or Easter — winter in Oberlin is usually longer than your closet. The Phys Ed department will provide swim suits for women taking swimming, but you gals will have to provide your own \$10.50 for your gym suit. You'll do well to bring a swimming cap and tennis shoes if you have them or buy them when you get here; for splash parties you'll want your own swim suit.



Everybody must provide his own linen or arrange with the linen service serving the College for a supply of linen which is exchanged weekly. (You'll be hearing by mail about this). Better consult first your room, then your roommate before hurrying into town to buy room furnishings. All rooms are provided with beds, bed pads, desks and chairs, overhead light, dresser, mirror, bookshelves, and lounge chair. Students must supply their own study lamps and metal wastebaskets.

Electric heaters, hot plates, electric blankets and sunlamps are branded as fire hazards; radios and record players are OK. You can get good reception of the College station with an FM radio, though sometimes an AM will do it. The confusion can be kept to a minimum if you contact your prospective roommate ahead of time and arrive at some sort of an understanding as to who's supplying what. Things will be crowded enough without having two radios, two record players, and similar duplications to contend with.

Unless you're lucky and really well-organized, after the first six weeks or so your room will hardly be big enough for all the library books, records, notebooks, coke bottles, frisbies, and clothing you've stuffed into it; it's best to bring too little from home rather than too much. Closets are generally small; footlockers are handy for storing extra clothes in the basement of your dorm. Also, don't bring too many books with you. Standard reference books are convenient, but too many old favorites might make it difficult to walk from desk to bed without tripping. Though in your enthusiasm for the complete works of Shakespeare, Tolstoy, and Alfred E. Neuman you might count

sprained ankles as naught, have pity on your roommate who may be a physical education major.

It's not that we have any collusive agreement with the local merchants, but we would recommend that unless you already have the following items or an uncle who can pick them up for you wholesale, you wait until you come here to purchase most of them.

This is particularly applicable in the case of a bicycle. There are more cycles than cars in Oberlin and with everyone from 6 to 60 pedaling on town streets, Oberlin, both town and gown, has always been intimately associated with the bicycle. But don't get the idea that it's impossible to get around without one. Oberlin is not a large town. It can be completely circumambulated in about an hour, and you can almost always get to where you're going in 10 to 15 minutes on foot. Bicycles remain popular nevertheless. If you have one already, bring it along — at least it's handier here than it would be rusting away in your basement at home. If you don't and still want one after witnessing some of the menacing bike traffic jams that occur around the libe between classes, we advise you to get it here. You can pick up a good bike, used or new, from \$5 to \$85 and you save costly freight or express charges.

While you can get along without a bike, a good study lamp and an insistent alarm clock are about as valuable as your right arm. Again you can avoid shipping expenses and possible breakage by getting them after you arrive. Running a close third to these two essentials is a typewriter. Even if you're a hunt and peck typist, you'll profit by having one, for often our weak-eyed profs have little patience with sloppy copy.

One problem that you will want to settle soon after you arrive is the laundry question. Washing machines and driers (eating 20c and 5c respectively) are provided in each dorm, along with irons and ironing boards. Local laundries are delighted to take in your wash if you don't want to handle the mechanics of it yourself.

Persons calling into the College must go through the main switch-



board (area code 216, 774-1221) to reach a phone within the system. Between midnight and 7:00 A.M. the operator will accept only emergency incoming calls. In general, persons trying to call you from outside the College will do best to try between 6:15 and 7:00 PM at the dorm where you eat. (You'll end up telling Mom how fine you are with a mouthful of squash, and then miss dessert, so it's better to plan to call them rather than v.v.) Each dorm has a pay phone. If you want to call long distance from the College, either use it, or plan to call collect or charge it to a third number through the College switchboard.

Not that we want to bring illness in at this point, but this is the most convenient place to tell you about the College Health Plan. It is served by the Oberlin Clinic. Dr. John Warner is the College Medical Coordinator. Students may see any doctor in the clinic they wish — gynecologists, internalists, G.P., and ear, nose, and throat (the well worn cold clinic). These services come under the General Fee. Other specialists are available in the clinic and town but their services are not included in the fee.

The Psychological Service is located in Peters Hall. It is understaffed and overworked. This service is included in the fee. Also a three day stay in Allen Memorial Hospital is part of the fee if you need it.

Getting Settled

In anticipation of the first two demands made by the average freshman immediately after his arrival, we will now discuss a place to sleep and something to eat. With those little essentials out of the way we shall, in some general way, attempt to prepare you for a few of the many other problems you will be called upon to face during your first few weeks on the campus.

Housing

This fall marks the beginning of a great change in housing at Oberlin. It is something students have been wanting for a long time. Finally, the changes have been made. In GENERAL, the men live on the north end of campus, the women on the south end. The big change is that there is now co-ed living at both ends of campus. South, Barrows, French House, German House, and Y-Dorm are all four-class co-ed. Y-Dorm was co-ed beginning in the fall of 1968. Asia House is co-ed, like Y-Dorm with men on one side and women on the other and lounges in the middle. Language dorms have men on one floor and women on the other. South and Barrows are both divided down the middle.

If you don't like the co-ed idea, there are four-class men's and women's dorms, North Hall for men and Fairchild and Spanish House for women. All-freshman dorms are Dascomb for women and Burton and one house of East Hall for men. There is great variety in the living situations at Oberlin. There should be something for everyone. More information should be sent to you with your housing application explaining specialty housing.

As a general rule, seniors and freshmen get their pick of the living quarters, with the juniors and sophomores taking what's left. But as another general rule, College policies in housing are currently in a stage of what we could term flexible flux.

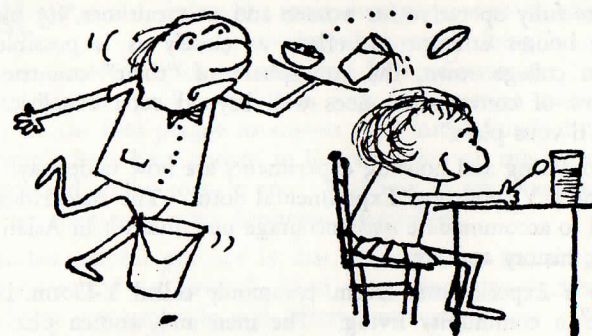
More important than the room itself is the individual who will share it with you. At first you may find him (or her — housing is just about the only thing at Oberlin that isn't on a coeducational basis) a little strange, but just try to imagine how he feels about you. And don't get all upset about it. The deans really do an uncanny job of

matching tastes and interests — but practically never take personal prejudices into account, so better leave yours at home.

Getting your room squared away should be no great task. In most cases there isn't much space for decisive action. If you try to rearrange the furniture, you'll probably find that there are several pieces that just don't seem to fit back in. But try it anyway; it's a very enlightening experience. You can suit yourselves as to room decorations just as long as you remember that someone else will be in the room next year. Translated into simple terms that means no scotch tape on the walls and no nails and thumb tacks for hanging pictures, pennants and stuffed fish or you might end up paying enough "damage" to redecorate the whole room. The house directors can supply you with the necessary sky-hooks.

Dining Halls

You'll be introduced immediately to Oberlin's dining system. Men are assigned to the various dining halls located in the women's dorms; women eat in the dorms where they live. This is your first good place to meet people. Don't hesitate to linger in the lounges after meals. If nothing else you can always lean over and read the little tag of the girl next to you and comment, "Oh, so you're from



New York. Do you know . . . ?" On weekends, when the academic pace slows a bit, you may find that the parlors of your dining room are filled with music, bull sessions, or high pressure debate on a variety of topics.

Breakfast and luncheon are served cafeteria, but dinners are "family style" complete with waiters. The diners decide dress, devotion and smoking provisions; usually a coat and tie is required no more than once a week, if that.

Manners are your own problem, but often a long reach saves bother to the ten people who will invariably pass the salt the long way around the table when you ask for it. Seconds are disposed of by the Oberlin Raffle (or, alternatively, the Sneaky Snatch).

To help further the democratic principles instilled by academic experience, Oberlin boasts of four co-operative dormitories. The co-ops are the proud managers of co-educational dining halls manned and served by students. The co-op dorms have reduced room and board costs considerably and have brought the problems of social living right down to the level of group planning and achievement. You'll have the chance to apply for membership at the end of your freshman year.

Every opportunity is given the Oberlin foreign-language student to identify himself with the life and thought of the people whose language he is studying. French, German, Spanish, and Russian houses are fully operative for women and, at mealtimes, for men. The language houses attempt to reflect, as closely as is possible in an American college town, the atmosphere of "their" countries. The rapid flow of conversation goes well beyond such banalities as, "le beurre, s'il vous plait."

Two dining and housing experiments are now underway: an Asia House and a Y-sponsored Experimental dorm. The Asia House is a 3 year trial to accommodate *and* encourage new interest in Asian studies, language, history and art.

The Y-Experimental Dorm, commonly called Y-Dorm, is an experiment in community living. The men and women plan forums, sponsor faculty dinners on a regular basis and generally have more direction than most dorms. Y-Dorm is open to a limited number of freshmen.

Orientation

Sometime late in August the mailman will serve you with a summons to appear in Oberlin a few days before the semester starts for

an orientation period. During this session freshmen have the opportunity to become acquainted with the campus and with the town before the other 2000 students arrive. You'll meet faculty members, upperclass leaders, and most important of all, your classmates-to-be.

The days will be filled with meetings, tests, registration, and other more or less "official" events. The evenings will include picnics, dances, and other entertainment devised to bring you into closer contact with your classmates. Through all these activities, scheduled and unscheduled, formal and informal, orientation tries to give new students a fair and adequate foretaste of the cultural-social-artistic resources and spirit of the College.



In many ways the first week is the hardest. Regular classes haven't started yet, you can't seem to remember people's names, and you face all the doubts you've been storing up all summer: (can I really do the work? what if . . . ?) The orientation period is designed to get you through the necessary preliminaries reasonably painlessly. It's a good time to explore the town, arrange your room, and (inevitably) wonder what you're doing here anyway.

Junior Residents (for women) and Junior Counselors (for men), upperclassmen who will be living in your dorm section with you, will probably be the first people to answer your initial hundred questions. These people have been chosen to live with you on the basis of their experience and ability to help you. Feel free to ask them to exercise this talent; they were once freshmen themselves.

Another helpful practice is that of supplying freshman women with sophomore "big sisters." You may have already heard from yours; if not you probably will before you leave home. When you get to Oberlin she will come to visit you. You may have further contact with her, but it will probably be the upperclassmen in your dorm with whom you will talk most often.

After you've met your counselors, dorm director, and roommate, start learning the names and faces of the others in the section. You'll push them out of the way to wash in the morning, and at that grim hour it's best to at least know their first names. In time and with the

proper amount of effort, you'll probably know the names of at least four or five hundred people. Not that it will really do you any good of course, because it's the other 2000 who will always speak to you when you pass on Tappan Square.

You have already been informed as to when the Orientation Program will begin so be sure to get here in time to catch your breath before the deluge.

The Town

While getting acquainted with the College you cannot help but be exposed to the town, and in your spare moments you'll want to explore a little for yourself. Oberlin, the town (correctly it's a city but don't quibble), is hard to separate from Oberlin, the College. Practically everything you see and everyone you meet will be either a part of the College or engaged in serving the College, its employees, and the student body. Oberlin College is Oberlin's major industry.

Geographically speaking, Oberlin is an overgrown crossroads on the banks of Plum Creek (the Raging Plum during the monsoon season, the Stinkin' Plum at other seasons) 35 miles southwest of Cleveland, 9 miles southwest of Elyria and 13 miles south of Lorain.

Access to the surrounding middlesexes, villages and farms is next to impossible, but some people have been known to go to Elyria or Lorain, which offer handy shopping facilities when you want to get away from it all, or Cleveland, which will be your first target on occasional dates to the opera, theater, or circus. There is a limited number of cars which the College rents for such purposes, but these are in heavy demand. A bus service runs to and from Elyria and Cleveland a couple of times a day. So, except for a few occasions, your college career will be centered within the life of the campus itself. Commercially speaking, Oberlin will be able to provide the bare essentials of existence, and some of the frills. The selection of consumer products, however, does not compete with that of a larger metropolis. You will find no Oberlin branch of Saks Fifth Avenue or Brooks Brothers. You might also find the prices in Oberlin a little higher than they were "back home." Outside the College, Oberlin offers little in the way of entertainment. There are a half dozen

restaurants, a book store, plenty of florists, groceries, hardware stores, and a movie theater.

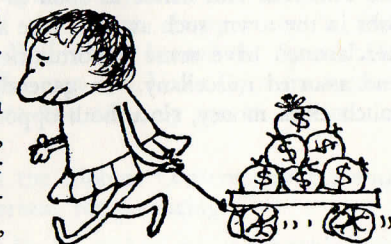
If you've spent all your life in the big cities, you may find Oberlin a little strange at first, but if you come from down on the farm, you'll feel no more at home. Oberlin is far from being a typical small town. But you'll get used to it. Before your four years are up you'll be loving it, and after you've gone you'll miss the town almost as much as the College.

Finances

About the only pertinent thing to be said about money is that it's usually a problem. When you've got some, don't keep it under your pillow but get it into a bank as soon as possible. Both banks here will gladly take your money, or you can bank in your home town. Every store in Oberlin will accept your check from anywhere in the hemisphere. Honest.

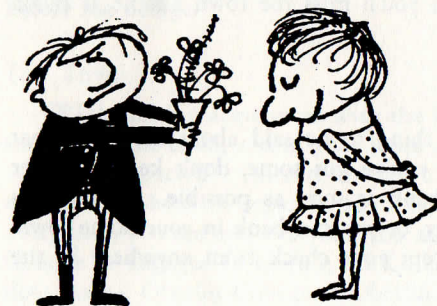
If your parents bring you to school, they can take care of your college bills (tuition, room, board, and general fee) for the first semester, and send you a check or put money in your account for the second semester. If you come by yourself, be sure to have a check covering first semester expenses.

We hesitate to tell you what the exact figures for tuition, room, and board are this year; the treasurer's office will send you a letter breaking the bad news. And they're bound to go up before you graduate. After you get semester bills out of the way, you'll be tapped on all sides for "necessities": postage, school supplies, toilet articles, house dues, books (\$40.00 to \$50.00 first semester, slightly less second semester). Women will also need money for curtains and bedspreads or scatter rugs. The general fee will cover health service, library, gymnasium, and orientation costs. It will also cover your subscription to



the campus newspaper and the yearbook, besides helping to support a number of extra-curricular organizations.

Be sure to have some cash on hand — you can't just cash that \$1000 check with no letters of reference or credit; but don't bring too much; thefts tend to be high during orientation. And speaking of thefts, be sure to have serial numbers for valuable items so as to aid recovery of pilfered property.



four if you socialize.)

Employment

A great deal of the board employment is awarded as part of scholarships. If you want to hold a part-time job, be sure to register in the Financial Aid office as soon as possible after you arrive. Some jobs in the town, such as child care and yard work, are available. Upperclassmen have some opportunities as graders, computer operators, and assorted miscellany. In general, you shouldn't count on making much extra money, since both opportunities and time are limited.

Social life can be financially painless. "Libe dates," (i.e., holding hands under the reading room table as you struggle with differential equations) are popular and cost nothing, unless you want to splurge on two cups of coffee at the Snack Bar afterwards. College activities range from free to reasonable: a big concert will set you back a couple bills (or

Classes

You've all been thoroughly exposed to the tortures of a formal education; whether it has been in public schools all the way or in prep schools is of little importance, you'll find that things are somewhat different in college. The two big variations will be the greater emphasis on lectures with a minimum of student participation in the classroom in most courses, and the much heavier burden of outside reading to do and papers to write. You'll be more on your own, you'll get less individual attention, and you'll find that how much you get out of it is up to you. Oberlin has lots to offer. If you do your part you'll discover — and it may be a new sensation for some — that this business of acquiring an education can really be quite fascinating.

Where and When



If you're a College student, most of your classes will meet in the Henry Churchill King Building, which is designed for language laboratories and humanities and social science classes. Other classes meet in the Allen Art Building, the Wright Laboratory of Physics, Kettering Hall, for Biology and Chemistry, Severance Hall, which houses the Psychology and Geology Departments, and Peters Hall. A few of the larger classes meet in Hall Auditorium and the addition to Hall which houses the Speech Department. Warner Gymnasium for men and Hales Gym for women will provide that additional exercise that will help you be on time for that cross-campus class.

Conservatory classes meet in the Bibbins Conservatory Building. There is a separate building, Robertson, for practicing.

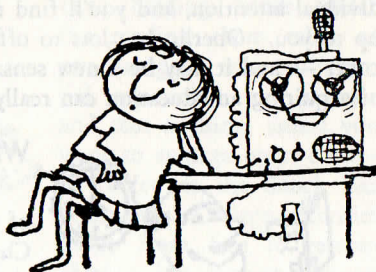
Some classes, attended basically by enthusiasts and people with schedule conflicts, begin at 8 a. m. All classes end at ten minutes before the hour and begin on the hour throughout the morning. Labs

and afternoon classes begin at 1:30 and vary in length. All academic sessions except seminars are over by 4:30. Regular morning classes are held two, three, or five days a week Monday through Saturday. Afternoon classes may meet on any day except Saturday and seminars — which you will probably not have until your junior or senior year — usually meet Wednesday evening.

Eventually you will receive your little brown IBM cards at registration and begin to feel like a full-fledged student. If over the summer you changed your mind about one or two courses you want to take first semester, you will have the opportunity during orientation week to make the adjustment. Try to be sure the first time.

Unless you receive advanced placement, you'll be facing a battery of introductory courses. Many of these are large lecture courses, since they involve so many students. That precludes much individual attention or questions during class periods, but if you find yourself in difficulty in a course, be sure to make an appointment to see the prof. It's common experience to feel at loose ends at first. Unlike the normal high school routine, most of your time here is your own. You'll probably begin by being amazed at how much "free" time you have, but that's usually an illusion (later in the year it's a mirage). The best single rule you can follow is to keep up with your work assignments. Bless the profs who hand out syllabi and then follow them.

Policy on class-cutting is up to the prof. Some of them take no note of attendance; others will mention it only if they haven't seen you for the past month and can't remember whether you're in their class; others notice your every move. The chances are that you'll find that you cannot afford to miss many of your classes. In the Con things are different, and we do mean worse. There students must be present or risk losing a quart of blood while attempting to explain why not. The Phys Ed department allows a maximum of three unexcused absences per quarter. Men who are ill and thus miss the class of an



attendance - conscious prof should call into the Dean of Men's office and report their illness; women should report to their senior residents, and the next day should fill out an absence slip in the Dean of Women's office. Students who are ill for more than two days must report to the Health Service.

Exams ("blue-books") usually average about three per course per semester. After the first six weeks of the first semester, parents of freshmen receive advisory grades.

The Library

For lack of any better location, a brief introduction to "that place" — the Libe — is now in order. If you have any ideas that you can get out of Oberlin without using the Library you're right. In fact, it will probably take less than a semester, if you try, and your exit will be by the side door. It is here for your benefit, and the profs know it, so don't be surprised if you find yourself glued to a seat in the Reserve Room. During Orientation Week you will be given a brief tour of the Library in the hopes that you will be able to use it without wasting valuable time in quest of information. Don't miss it thinking you will be able to find your way around anyway! More than one freshman has failed to get his work done for this reason. The exact system, rules and regulations included, will be fully explained to you in a library handbook which you will receive in the fall. Here at Oberlin we believe in giving all students the opportunity of access to all books, so don't abuse the privilege. The burden of responsibility rests on you. The Library staff does not look too kindly on books missing from the stacks and ignorance is no excuse,

so it is to your advantage to become thoroughly acquainted with the handbook. One final note of advice: the Library and its staff is here for your benefit so don't be afraid to ask questions. The embarrassment lies in failure to have your work done, not in honest inquiries.

Where, when, and how one studies follows endless idiosyncratic patterns. Most people find it difficult to concentrate in their rooms, because of noise or other distractions. Each night a mob phenomenon known as "going to the Libe" takes place. If you don't get there by about 7:15 or so, you usually don't have a chance of finding an empty study carrel in the stacks to hole up in, but there's always room at the long tables in the main reading room, in the reserve room, one of the seminar rooms, or in the student lounge. Besides Carnegie, the main library, there are the Art library, Conservatory library, Hales library, and Kettering science library to work in, besides a study hall in the King Building and lounges and parlors in Wilder.



Although as a freshman you will probably be surprised at how much work is expected of you, it is possible to go to the extreme of working too much. Some people believe that Oberlin is plagued by an unspoken philosophy which insists that everything except studying is a waste of time. If you pick up that philosophy, you may wind up exhausted and desperate. Most people can't just slip into college life. Sooner or later you have to answer what may now seem like obvious questions. First, you have to decide whether you really want to work or not. And then you must figure out for yourself the relative values of schoolwork and other activities. But don't start convincing yourself that you

can't do the work. You wouldn't be in Oberlin if you couldn't. Learn to get as much as you can out of every hour of studying, but in addition learn to relax. Get some sleep. Have some fun. You'll do better.

The Honor System

Oberlin class work is maintained under an honor code that has years of tradition behind it. The Honor System has jurisdiction over all work submitted for credit such as examinations, quizzes, papers, and laboratory assignments. During exams the professor leaves the room, and at the conclusion of your paper you are expected to sign a pledge stating that you neither gave nor received aid. Students who cannot accept the responsibilities inherent in such a system face a trial before the all-student Honor Committee which is empowered to hand down extremely severe penalties. To make the honor system work, each student must assume responsibility for its success. The assumption of that responsibility is a striking example of the student democracy in which we believe.

Faculty Advisers

You will be assigned to a faculty member who will act as your adviser. You will meet socially with him and other students during Orientation. He will later help you plan your schedule, answer your questions, and do the best he can to bail you out of any academic difficulties that might arise. He'll be the person you'll see to get your six week grades in the first semester. You may learn your semester grades from instructors, but your official source is your adviser, and he will probably want to discuss these and other academic experiences with you.

It's not always possible to assign all the freshmen to advisers with whom they have interests in common. If you feel it is necessary to change your adviser, get in touch with one of the Associate Deans of the College who will work out this problem with you.

At the end of your sophomore year, you will choose your major, and the chairman of your major department will then take over as your adviser, or he will assign you to some other member of the department.

For you Cons, the adviser system works somewhat differently during your Freshman year. Refer your unanswerable questions to the Associate Dean, Mr. Richardson.

Social Life

Just south of the Allen Art Building stands an impressive memorial, commemorating Oberlin's inauguration of coeducation in this country. Even more impressive for most of you will be the current and continuing memorial to coeducation, the Oberlin social program, the results of which can be witnessed every Commencement Week when Fairchild Chapel is booked solid for knot-tying purposes. But don't get the idea that Oberlin is a marriage mill, for while the college goes out of its way to make companionship with the opposite sex convenient

by having you eat in a coed dining hall and attend coed classes, the initiative is still yours. If you were forced to play the sad sack of the social set in high school, forget it. This is a new beginning, and it's up to you to make the best of it.

Oberlin social life is informal. (This is a cliché here, but it also happens to be true.) Television, ping pong, pool, may catch you as you wander through Wilder Hall on a study break; or, like most people, you may find yourself ensnared in the Snack Bar, caught up between a peanut butter ice cream cone and a political / scholastic / griping / gossiping / math explaining / plans-making conversation. For dates, there are bowling, films, plays, concerts, lectures, dances and folk dances, pizza, Bud's, tray-sliding in winter, ice-skating, warm weather bird-

watching (or something) in the Arb, studying, and just talking. Sections often get together to finish off an evening with a party held in their section lounge or individual rooms.

Wilder has kitchens, a sewing room, an arts and crafts room, numerous activity offices, and a number of small furnished rooms called "dating parlors." The most recent addition to Wilder, the



long-awaited Rathskeller, has proved to be an even greater stimulus to social interaction than the dating parlors!

While Oberlin boasts only one movie theater — the nearest drive-in might as well be in Lower Slobovia — it occasionally lives up to its motto of "Always a Good Show," bringing the study-weary Oberlinite the best in foreign and domestic cinema. And don't be bitter just because the best pictures always come during exam weeks; that's been happening for years, and it's the bluebook, not the Apollo that has suffered.

For the guy and gal who prefer to do more than just listen to music, there are dances, some of them formals. Commonly they are just house affairs, but at times during the year the campus breaks loose with a really swingin' evening. The two really big social flings are Homecoming and Spring Big Weekend, both of which are highlighted by no Saturday classes and big name dance bands for the Saturday night formal.

If you really want to do a "snow job" on your date, Oberlin

also offers plenty of ways to spend your hard earned money on things more important than daily subsistence. One can throw away the folding stuff on a dinner date at the Oberlin Inn, one of the



town's other restaurants, or the Pizza House. For an off-campus dinner date, without going into the Big City, one can rent one of the few college cars for a fee and breeze off to Elyria or Lorain.

Social rules, a perennially good conversation topic, center on women's hours and visiting privileges. During the first semester of the freshman year, women are to be in by 12:30 a. m.; but they may have 2 o'clock permissions for any Friday or Saturday night. Second semester freshmen women have unlimited two o'clock permissions.

After school starts, parents of freshman women receive a form on which they are to indicate such things as whether they will allow their daughter to leave campus for the weekend, and if so, under what conditions. Women must sign in and out in the evenings and whenever they go outside the town limits.

Men's hours are more liberal than the girls'. In short, they have none at all. And if you can't think of some reason to be out of the dorm after the Libe closes, you can always start a bull session — or join the one that has already begun down the hall. If that gets dull, about all you can do is hit the sack.

Section Autonomy in a limited form went into effect in 1968-1969. Sections and small dorms meet with their section advisor to discuss and vote on their hours within the structural limits. The maximum time for entertaining members of the opposite sex in your room is 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. and 7:00 to 11:30 Sunday through Thursday. Evening hours are extended to 2:00 a. m. on Friday and Saturday. Sections decide what limits, if any, to put on these hours. The procedure is by secret ballot and $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is necessary to pass on the hours. It is up to the section to enforce its own rules and deal with any infractions. Constant problems not dealt with by the section may result in action by the House Council or deans ending in suspension of privileges for individuals, a section, or a house. As ex-



pected, students are still pushing for more liberal hours. Freshmen have a more gradual procedure for calling hours reaching "full hours" after the first eight weeks.

The "car rule" is simple: no cars. This ruling was supported as recently as the 1965 Oberlin Student Congress, which felt that cars on campus would encourage economically-based social stratification. Also, the simple fact is that the town would be incapable of handling that much traffic. Necessary exceptions are handled by the Dean of Men's office.

Alcoholic beverages, except for 3.2% beer, is forbidden on all College property. 3.2% beer is allowed in certain designated places in Wilder, including the Rathskeller, and in dorm rooms, provided that the consumer is 18 or over. Any misconduct resulting from intoxication is severely dealt with.



Other regulations (not so much "social" in character) include the following: regular attendance at assemblies is required of all undergraduates — "regular" is defined as a minimum of eight assemblies per semester of residence. Attendance at weekly chapel services is voluntary. Smoking is prohibited in all College buildings other than places of residence, except in faculty offices and other rooms officially designated as places where smoking is permitted. Keep alert to the "No Smoking" signs and you'll be OK! No secret society is allowed and no other society or self-perpetuating organization is allowed among the students except by permission of the faculty. This means, essentially, no fraternal organizations. The possession and use of firearms, firecrackers, fireworks, or other explosives in College dormitories is forbidden. We urge everyone to keep alert for fire hazards.



Extracurricular Activities

Sometime during your first year you will have to face the puzzle of time distribution. Too little extra-curricular activity is as bad as too much. We can offer you a brief run-down on the major campus organizations, but it's best to hang around the offices in Wilder, listen to the talk and to a few organizational recruiters, and then make your choice.

Remember, however, that no one was kidding when he told you that Oberlin's scholastic rating is high. Keeping up with the scholastic pack here will call for a great deal more of your time and energy than you ever put out in high school. So if you're planning to graduate Phi Bet and summa cum laude, you'd better count on spending a good deal of your time with the tomes. On the other hand, every

student will have the time and certainly the opportunity to participate in some outside activity, for Oberlin strives to give you the best gift any college can bestow, a set of well-rounded abilities which no student ever got by spending his time nose-deep in books. The extent to which you can participate in these opportunities depends on your own desires and abilities. Many is the time a student has to choose between scholastic distinction and the editorship of the Review or Hi-O-Hi. And the only way you'll find out definitely about your time demands is to sample the



activities offered. Whatever your interest in high school, Oberlin can match it and probably go you one better. You can choose from literally scores of extracurricular activities; so many, in fact, that you will often complain bitterly at the narrowness of a sidereal system which limits us to a mere 24-hour day. Let's look at some of the reasons.

Student Senate

At Oberlin, student politics center around the Student Senate, whose 22 members are elected by students before each spring vacation. The Senate faces the ambitious task of representing student interests in dealing with the administration, faculty, and even the outside world.

One of the most important jobs that falls to Senate each spring is that of allocating some \$70,000 in the Activity Fee, upon which various student organizations depend for their yearly operating funds. Senate's Financial Committee must also meet throughout the year to allot money from its Projects and Conference Accounts to special requests from students.

While some Senate members keep track of money, others serve on committees such as the Appointments Committee, which interviews and recommends students for membership on the various Senate subcommittees and important campus positions, the Administrative Committee, which runs elections and referenda, and the "non-academic affairs committee."



The latter, often referred to as the social rules committee, hashes out and presents to Senate legislation on various kinds of non-academic affairs. If Senate approves, the legislation goes into effect in 30 days unless the Faculty Committee on Student Life objects, which it often does, causing negotiations. It was through this committee, for instance, that women's hours were liberalized in the 1966/67 school year.

The student President is elected by Senate from its 22 members. He presides at Senate meetings and meets frequently with the President and Dean of Students on top-drawer policy problems.

Many a freshman aims for, and gets if he tries hard enough, a subcommittee appointment. Present Senate subcommittees include Forum Board, the Freshman Orientation Committee, the Elections Committee, the Assembly Committee, the Health Committee, the Student Union Planning Committee, the National Student Association

Committee, the International Affairs Committee, the Student Educational Plans and Policies Committee, the Housing and Dining Halls Committee, and Social Board.

The functions of most of these groups are fairly obvious from their names. One helpful hint to keep in mind about all extracurricular activities is that almost none of them is restricted to legally appointed members. Most organizations are chronically short of help and will be more than willing to accept your offer to help. Unofficial participation is often a big step toward securing that coveted appointment or office.

In representing the students to the outside world, Senate occasionally takes off-campus stands on issues from war to civil rights.

If you are interested in student government, our suggestion is simple: Student Senate meets once a week, usually on Sunday, and meetings are always wide open to visitors. There is no better way than to see for yourself!

Judicial Boards

The constitution under which Oberlin student government is now operating, passed in the spring of 1966, provides for a student judicial board to hand down penalties for violations of non-academic rules. Students who disregard College regulations in one way or another and are caught will be given the option of taking their case to the deans or Judicial Board. The Board is appointed each May by Student Senate.

In the Winter of 1968-1969 the Interim Judicial Board was established to handle disciplinary matters resulting from political demonstrations. It is composed of four students appointed by Student Senate and five faculty (one non-voting moderator).

Other campus organizations range from the political to the musical. We here list and describe in some sort of rational fashion the major ongoing organizations. Don't think this means that no new ones will spring up. For instance, during 1966/67, students formed a Motorcycle Club to represent their interests before the Oberlin City Council and a Southeast Asia Program to send a student reporter to Vietnam. But let's begin with . . .

Political

Political activity takes up much student time. The Young Republican Club, a stripling affiliate of the national GOP, is active on campus, as is its counterpart, the Young Democrats. A smaller, but no less dedicated group, the Marxist Discussion organization, explores another side of the picture.

Oberlin Action for Civil Rights, the largest organization of its kind in existence, is actively working in the town of Oberlin and Lorain County, besides occasionally sending students to the South.

Oberlin students may belong to a local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, whose trustees include both students and townspeople.

A local chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), an "association of young people of the left" which "seeks to create a sustained community of educational and political concern" promotes activist activities such as anti-war demonstrations and informational programs on subjects from poverty to the draft.

One of the most time-consuming of Oberlin's activities is Mock Convention, which comes every four years, paralleling the national political party conventions later in the summertime. As Oberlin's is the granddaddy of all mock conventions in the country (Abe Lincoln was nominated by the first in 1860), our tradition is large and long.



A group of preliminary forums on the main political issues begins in December and continues until the Convention in May. The 1960 nominees (at 6:02 a. m.!) were John F. Kennedy and Henry Jackson; in 1964 William Scranton and Thruston Morton; and in 1968 the nominees were Nelson Rockefeller and Ronald Reagan.

Musical

The Con Board consists of seven students who are elected each fall by all members of the Conservatory Student Organization, which is composed of every Conservatory student and College music major. It works to promote better understanding between faculty and students and better Conservatory-College relations.

The "Con" offers a variety of activities to both college and conservatory talent. If you play any instrument other than the comb, bring it along. There may be a place for you in the Oberlin Orchestra, the Concert Band, or one of the various smaller ensembles.

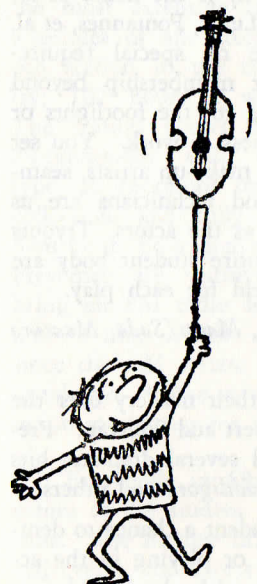
The Oberlin Orchestra of about 90 musicians practices about five days a week and gives many public performances with the Musical Union, the Opera Lab, and accompanies outstanding student, faculty and guest soloists. The Oberlin Wind Ensemble rehearses three times a week for many public performances, and usually takes a concert tour between semesters. The Oberlin College Band also practices weekly in preparation for playing special outdoor concerts and other engagements during the year.



If you think your voice sounds promising under the shower, why not dry it off and try out for one of the vocal (musically so) organizations on campus? Probably the most well known choral group on campus is the Oberlin College Choir, a select group of 60-70 singers who are chosen after a rigid examination of voice quality, intonation, and ability. The Oberlin College Choir has won favorable acclaim among music circles for its New York Town Hall performances as has the Oberlin Orchestra.

For you Tagliovini's, there's the Opera Theater which since its first program in 1947 has presented complete performances of such works as Smetana's *The Bartered Bride*, Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Copland's *The Tender Land*, Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, Bizet's *Carmen*, and excerpts from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Aida*, *La Traviata*, *Faust*, *La Boheme*, *I Pagliacci*, Aschaffenburg's *Bartleby*, and Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*.

The Musical Union is steeped in tradition — its beginnings go back "to the days when" — and twice each year it presents the larger choral works in conjunction with the Oberlin Orchestra and featured soloists both from Oberlin and elsewhere. No audition is required for membership, however limited space on the stage (M.U. has over 300 members) necessitates that priority be given to faculty and upper classmen. In past years, audiences have been awed by Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *Passion According to St. Matthew*, and Britton's *Spring Symphony*.



The Chapel Choir is also a popular ensemble which contributes to the Oberlin musical scene by singing at Tuesday's religious chapels.

Perhaps you qualify as the peanut gallery type musician. If you do, Oberlin offers plenty of concerts for you in your spare time. Over 150 free concerts are given yearly by the faculty and students of the conservatory. All potential graduates of the Con majoring in applied music are required to give a senior recital, while each Wednesday evening you will find a group of students awaiting their chance to play or sing in Warner Hall student recitals.

Stepping up into the big time, Oberlin boasts an Artist Recital Series each year comparable to that of many large cities, and for a nominal fee you may hear during a season many world-famous artists. The recitals, sponsored by the conservatory, an-

nually bring to the campus about ten of the world's greatest musical attractions, among which will be the Cleveland Orchestra under the direction of George Szell.

On the popular scene, the Jazz Club sponsors concerts by such greats as Herbie Mann and Dave Brubeck, while the Folk Song Club has recently group to campus such artists as Pete Seeger, Judy Collins and the Young Tradition.

Dramatic

If you've never been inoculated against it, you may succumb to the smell of grease paint and musty costumes. Any frosh, vintage three weeks or longer, learns about the ODA, short and non-time-consuming for the Oberlin Dramatic Association, original settlers in Hall Auditorium's back rooms.



This particular hive of student activity is the home of all would-be-Lunts, Fontannes, et al. There are no special requirements for membership beyond the feeling for the footlights or a willingness to work. You set designers, make-up artists, seamstresses and technicians are as necessary as the actors. Tryouts for the entire student body are usually held for each play.

Recent ODA presentations include *Becket*, *Marat/Sade*, *Measure for Measure*, and *Three Sisters*.

The Gilbert and Sullivan players exercise their mastery over the light and popular works of the late Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan. Presenting two works each year, G&S has molded several dramatic hits in its presentations of *The Mikado*, *Patience*, *Ruddigore* and others.

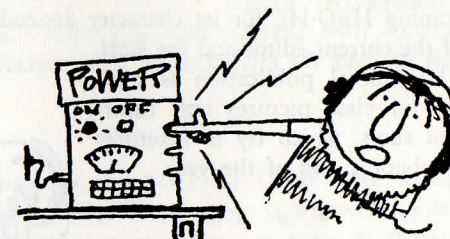
G&S gives the enterprising and talented student a chance to demonstrate his versatility in either acting in G&S or playing in the accompanying orchestra. If you think you've got what the "wandering

minstrel" needs, or if you think you're the "Model of a Modern Major-General," here's your chance to go to it.

Mummers is a dramatic organization which produces student written and directed productions, including an annual musical, an annual children's show, and the freshman show, which you will see during orientation. Recent productions have included *Guys and Dolls*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *Finian's Rainbow*, and several student plays, in addition to its "straight theater" performances of such works as *Six Characters*, *Candida*, and *The Bald Soprano*.

Communications

WOBC Radio is the largest of these organizations, with opportunities for most student interests, from fine arts to pop music to engineering. This is a real AM and FM station, broadcasting one of the most extensive radio schedules of any student-run station in the country, 102 hours a week. The station boasts of a 24-hour-a-day UPI teletype, an enormous record collection, and fully student-built equipment. Freshmen are warned to bring an FM radio so as not to miss all the fun, since the AM system is by law a closed circuit one and perennially unreliable. Come to the studios in third West Wilder during Orientation to sign up for staff positions.



Everybody in Oberlin reads the Review, the newspaper which comes to the student body every Tuesday and Friday around dinner time. The Review brings you the word on campus affairs, issues, social events, and sports as well as a progressive and occasionally hotly-contested editorial policy, and national and international issues.



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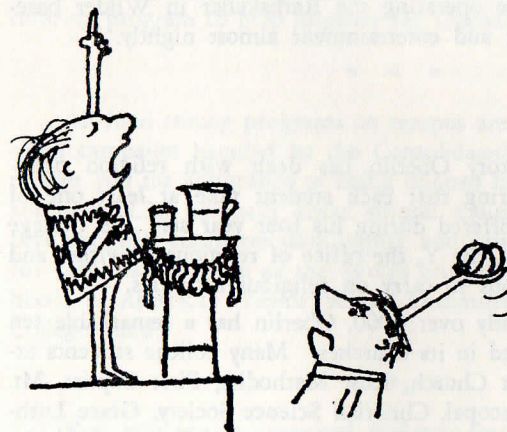
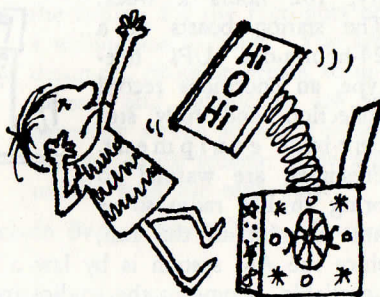
People hear very little about the Hi-O-Hi from month to month until late in May when its appearance shatters all illusions of an uninterrupted final exam period. No one can predict the form of the coming Hi-O-Hi, for its character depends on the whims and ability of the current editor and the staff. This annual publication is built around class pictures and informal shots, which try to interpret the happenings of the year.

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There are yet more opportunities for students who want to write and talk respectively.

The *Activist*, devoted to political interests, reflects a liberal outlook and has a national reputation; the *Plum Creek Review* is the campus literary magazine, and the *Oberlin Monthly* is the College students' humor magazine.

Members of Forensic Union, an 133 year old organization, participate in over 20 outstanding regional and national debate and speech tournaments each year including highly selective invitational debate tournaments at places like Harvard, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Northwestern, Georgetown, and Princeton. Supplementing the tourna-



ments is the public discussion program, under which students travel throughout the state to provide programs on topics ranging from world to local issues.

A relatively new medium, the art of movie-making, made its debut on the Oberlin campus in 1964/65 which the Cinema Arts Association's

production of "Fantasticheria." This film was received with acclaim for both its acting and production, and other movies are now in the works.

Recreational

Under this nebulous category, we place Le Cine Club, which brings French and other foreign films to campus occasionally; Film Series, which presents nearly every Sunday night a program of movies you ordinarily wouldn't see at the Apollo, from foreign to avant-garde; and Folk Dance Club, one of the more recent and most enthusiastic groups, which includes a performing group and also holds weekly open-to-all folk dance sessions. One other fact, several students a year get lost in the depths of the computer center, which now maintains an IBM 360 Model 30. Computer time is free and almost infinitely available.

This is not to mention such diverse organizations as the Modern Dance Club, open to both men and women, which presents occasional recitals; the International Club, which seeks to further world friendship through a social and educational program for foreign students; and American students who have lived abroad, and the Natural His-

tory Club, which ventures forth from Oberlin regularly to observe the birds and the bees.

Last but not least is the Oberlin Student Commodities Association, a student enterprise operating the Rathskeller in Wilder basement, which brings beer and entertainment almost nightly.

Religious

Throughout its history Oberlin has dealt with religion openly. While requiring that each student take at least one of several religion courses offered during his four year stay, the College relies on the local church, the Y, the office of religious activities, and other student organizations to carry on religious activities.

For a town of slightly over 8000, Oberlin has a remarkable ten denominations represented in its churches. Many college students attend the First Methodist Church, Rust Methodist, First Baptist, Mt. Zion Baptist, Christ Episcopal, Christian Science Society, Grace Lutheran, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, the Society of Friends, and the First Church (United Church of Christ).

Services of worship are provided by the College through the Chapel-Vespers Committee. Weekly Tuesday noon chapels and the Vespers series feature some of the country's leading clergymen and religious scholars.

Student groups representing all shades of religious attitude are found, including the Oberlin Christian Fellowship, the Student Religious Liberals, the Hillel Foundation, the Christian Science Organization, the Roman Catholic Newman Club, the Episcopal Discussion group, the Lutheran Fellowship, the First Church discussion group, Wesley Fellowship, Bahai, the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and the Humanists.

Other Major Organizations

Boasting a larger number of committees than any other student organization, the YMCA-YWCA presents such a wide range of activities that almost any student can become an active participant.

In religious activities, the Y's sponsor frequent vesper services and religious conferences.

There are also various kinds of forums on national, international, and local issues, not to mention service activities such as its extensive tutoring program to help improve the Oberlin community.

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All fund-raising programs on campus are gathered into one mammoth campaign handled by the Consolidated Relief Fund. Intended to save you the annoyance of being dunned by a host of charitable institutions, CRF annually seeks several thousands of dollars through bike auctions, computer date nights, and just plain appeals for funds for organizations such as the World Student Service, Planned Parenthood, the American Friends' Service Committee, and the United Negro College Fund.

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You will not be surprised to learn that Oberlin-in-Ohio has its counterpart in the Far East. During your four years at Oberlin, you will become well acquainted with our alter ego through returned representatives from our schools in the Far East. Each year, a few representatives are chosen from the graduating class to go to India and Formosa to teach in one of their colleges. Each spring, the Student Shansi Committee goes through a grueling interviewing process to select "reps" for the next year.

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Oberlin College Alliance for Black Culture (OCABC) provides opportunity for Black students to organize programs and events which relate to the interests and needs of Oberlin's Black students in particular and the campus in general.

Athletics

Intercollegiate athletics at Oberlin seldom rate top headlines (or even mention) in the big metropolitan dailies, but the college's athletic program still stands out when compared to those of the nation's most highly publicized country club colleges. The catch is that here the emphasis is on quantity as well as quality. Don't get us wrong, Oberlin teams can hold their own in most sports, and in some the Yeomen are perpetually in the higher echelons in the Conference, but you'll find no athletic supermen on the payroll and no coaches hanging in effigy after a defeat.

To get back to the quantity angle, Oberlin supports varsity teams in 13 sports: football, cross country, soccer, fencing, basketball, wrestling, swimming, track, baseball, tennis, golf, ice hockey and lacrosse. Match that against the average college, or some of the big universities, and you'll see what we mean. For freshmen there are organized teams in soccer, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse. According to a conference



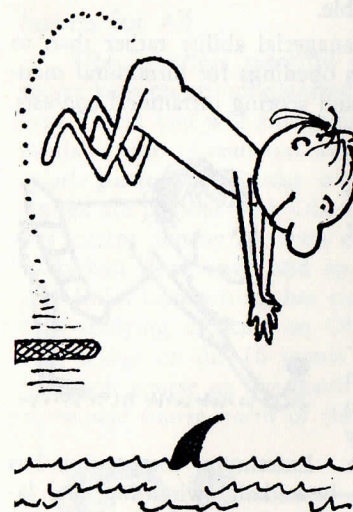
regulation, capable freshmen may play on the regular varsity teams, and often do. In fact, this last year, outstanding freshmen served fulltime on the teams. The frosh scrimmage against the varsity, meet nearby high school, prep school, and amateur squads, and play a limited intercollegiate schedule.

At Oberlin the policy is to operate the sports program for the benefit of the athletes rather than for the spectators, be they student or alumni. Financially speaking, home contests are no roaring success, but Oberlin teams play schedules well balanced between home and away contests, and the opposition is selected without regard to its drawing power. The Yeomen meet such schools as Allegheny, Cleveland



State, Lake Forest, and Western Reserve. The previously mentioned Conference is the Ohio Conference, a loosely knit organization of 14 small Ohio colleges, including Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster, and other similar schools whose athletic ambitions and policies are generally in line with our own.

Our remark about athletics for the athletes was in no way intended to imply that grandstand sportsmen don't get any breaks at Oberlin. At any season of the year you'll be able to find some attraction somewhere in facilities, which, by the way, are top-flight for a strictly amateur college. In the fall the stadium is occupied by football every other Saturday, while on the off days on the gridiron there is activity on the soccer field. Cross country



meets are frequently scheduled to finish during the half at football games. When winter comes the scene shifts to Jones Memorial Field House, with a seating capacity in excess of 2000, for basketball; into the new skating rink for hockey; to Crane Pool for swimming (the mer-men's popularity with the spectators may surprise you); and to Warner Gymnasium for fencing. In the spring you just can't miss. Go out to watch a golf match, wander up to the track, the baseball diamond, the tennis courts, or the lacrosse field and you'll find lots of company and some exciting entertainment.

The reward for successful com-

petition in the intercollegiate athletic program is the varsity "O" and sweater. A smart tie clasp is presented for a second letter in one sport, a handsome trophy for those who achieve a third, and the coveted Crimson blanket for four-year lettermen. Freshman team members receive numerals to be worn on the class sweater.

Intramural Sports

In intramural as well as intercollegiate athletics, Oberlin offers a broad program. Teams are organized by houses or dorm sections and a large percentage of all Oberlin men take part in the I-M program which includes soccer, touch-football, volleyball, basketball, and softball. Dorms compete for the intramural trophy which is awarded each year to the house with the highest percentage of members participating in the program. Frosh intramurals are organized into separate leagues in all sports, the only real drawback to this being that you won't get a chance to conquer the faculty until you've been around for a year. Don't laugh, the old boys can be really tough in softball, and in volleyball they're practically unbeatable.

For those whose talents run to managerial ability rather than to active participation, there are numerous openings for intramural managers, whose duties include officiating and scoring intramural contests. Through a selective system the number of managers is narrowed down year by year to two or three Senior Managers who then receive Obie blankets in recognition of their services.

Women's Sports

As a diversified program of activities, the women's athletic program is the equal of anything available to the men, in spite of being mainly limited to house and class competition. Extramural competition has been organized in field hockey, tennis, basketball, swimming, and lacrosse. All-star games are the climax of the seasons in hockey with the Army-Navy game, basketball with Yale-Princeton, and volleyball with Crimson-Gold. Individual sports such as apparatus and trampo-



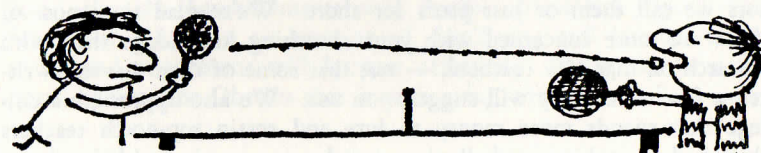
line are also becoming very popular. You will find that the wide variety of sports which are offered in all seasons are a great way to take study breaks and to make friends, and if you "don't know how" we'll be happy to show you! The fall banquet, winter banquet, and spring picnic are other high points of the year.

Directly adjacent to the Hales Memorial Gymnasium is Crane Pool, scene of the house Marathon Swimming contest every fall and the colorful extravaganza presented each spring by the Synchronized Swimming Club.

As in the men's programs, managerships of WRA (Women's Recreation Association) teams are open to all women. The WRA award is a pocket emblem worn on the official gym shirt and is given for 150 WRA points earned (equivalent to three sports seasons). A sweatshirt is awarded for 300 points, and OC Club Membership is awarded to those earning 500 points and who have shown outstanding qualities of leadership and sportsmanship.

Sports for All

Oberlin offers plentiful opportunities for those who like their sports kept on an unorganized spur-of-the-moment basis. In the Student Union you will find ping pong and pool tables. Crane pool is available for recreational swimming several days a week, and for splash parties on Saturday nights. The bowling lanes in Hales Gym Annex are popular with Oberlin keglers. Warner Gym is open every day except Sunday for men desiring a workout on the indoor track, basketball floor, mats and apparatus, trampoline, or handball courts, and Hales Gymnasium has similar facilities for women. Those who find studying difficult on Oberlin's beautiful spring afternoons can find refuge on the 16 tennis courts at the athletic field, on the 18-hole golf course on the south edge of town or on the College's new three-hole course north of the football field.



Learning and Living

Before you've been here for three days you will become pretty annoyed with that perennial conversation-starter, "Now just why did you come to Oberlin?" You may answer with anything from "because my mother and father went here" to "I was impressed with the high scholastic standards." But whatever you answer now is not important. You're here and that's what counts for the present. Before very long though we are sure you will have, as we do, sound and thoughtful reasons for wanting to stay, for wanting to return, and for wanting to improve an Oberlin you have come to appreciate deeply.



First of all, we like Oberlin's approach to an education. You are here to learn how to live and not primarily how to make a living. You may recoil from what appears to be an oppressive list of course requirements, but it's all a part of the Oberlin plan to train you for "general resourcefulness, leadership, and ability to solve problems on whatever level or in

whatever situations." You will major in a specific field, but the variety of courses you will want — or be required — to take will give you at least a speaking acquaintance with almost every area of human knowledge.

While you will have to carry the educational ball yourself, we boast a distinguished squad of signal callers to help you out. Professors we call them or just profs for short. We're glad that most of them are more concerned with your absorbing knowledge than with research on that new textbook — not that some of them haven't written a few which they will suggest you use. We also appreciate a college that spends more money to lure and retain top-notch teachers than it does to hire football players and erect massive athletic plants.

The sooner you realize that your professors are human, the more enjoyable and valuable will your learning experience be. Most of them have a great deal to offer if you'll give them the opportunity. Attend the open houses to which some of them will invite you and ask them to dinner sometime.

These profs, in addition to competition from the other students you will encounter in classes, are responsible for another mark of pride, our high scholastic standards. We all grumble at the stacks of outside reading we are required to do and at the cranium-cracking bluebooks we must face; but of course, we should be flattered at assignments which reflect such a high regard for our own capabilities.

Second, we like the tolerant attitude that Oberlin instills toward all sorts of diversity — in race, religion, political creed, and even dress. Far Eastern and Negro students feel particularly welcome in the college that supports teachers in the Far East and that has the distinction of being the first to admit Negroes. Your religious and political beliefs will also be treated tolerantly, but — we warn you — not with indifference. You may be called on to defend them at any time.

Third, we like a college that never permits economic and social status to gain prominence over the individual as he really is. No fraternities or sororities divide the campus into haves and have-nots. No cars give recreational advantages to small groups of students. No ostracism is incurred by those who must take board and room jobs to help pay their own way. In fact, you will probably find that jobs are a social distinction. Furthermore, an inexpensive, college-sponsored recreation program not only insures you a good time, but also puts social life within an easy grasp of anyone.

And when you finally arrive — all 700 or so — you'll have the campus all to yourselves. That's a big advantage. Your introduction to college life will inevitably be something of a bewildering experience, without the added confusion of 1800 upperclassmen flustering you. But the bewilderments will resolve themselves rapidly into familiarity. And, in no time at all, familiarity will become attachment, and attachment will become affection. We speak from the heart, because the Oberlin that is ours today, tomorrow will be yours.

Glossary

ACADEMIC PRO — Notification from the Dean telling you to pull up your socks with the academics.

ALL NITER — How you find out it *is* possible to write a term paper the night before it's due.

ANIMAL TABLE — Any dinner table dominated by ravenous, slovenly males.

ARCH — Stone arch on Tappan Square across from Peters Hall, erected as a memorial to the Americans, many of them Oberlin graduates, who died in the Boxer Rebellion. When followed by a number, such as "Arch 7," is translated "There's a rally at the Arch at 7:00."

ARB — The Arboretum, a large wooded plot next to the reservoir, popular for sunny weather romancing and snowy weather tray-sliding.

ASSEMBLY — All college assembly held weekly in Finney Chapel, usually Thursday noon, featuring noted speakers. Attendance is required eight times per semester of residence for graduation.

BELLS — A system of buzzers or intercom in dormitories, used to notify inhabitants of a phone call or visitor. The man or woman punching the bells is "on bells."

B & G — The Department of Buildings and Grounds, the extortion branch of the Administration.

BLUE BOOK — Oberlin carryover from the Spanish Inquisition. A one-hour examination written in booklets of blue.

BUD'S — Local bistro serving watered-down beer.

CAMPUS COPS — Those devoted enforcers of Law and Order. They keep the Snack Bar the safest, most secure place on campus, and aren't allowed to arrest anyone.

CO-OP — Can mean either one of the several co-operative dorm/dining halls, a men's dorm, or the Co-op bookstore. All must be seen to be believed.

COLLEGE — May refer to the entirety of Oberlin College or the College of Arts and Sciences as opposed to the Conservatory.

CONNIE — A student of the Conservatory; Arts and Science students are *not* called Collies!

COURSE NICKNAMES — There are scores of these, too numerous to mention here, but here are some examples: HEL (History of the English Language), Interpol (International Politics), Ro Po (Romantic Poetry), and, last but not least, SCAP (Society, Culture, and Personality).

CREDIT/NO CREDIT COURSE — What would have brought your average up, if you had taken it for a grade.

FUSSER'S — A directory — published each October — containing the names, Oberlin addresses, phone numbers, and status of everyone connected with the College. Handy guide for dating, named after "fussing," obsolete slang for dating.

GRIND — One of the people who lives in the stacks fighting ignorance. Identifiable because you never see them.

HI-C OR HIGH CONTINENTAL — The food service you'll know only too well. Hoorah for vacations and Mom's cooking!

HI-O-HI — The year book.

HONOR PLEDGE — Aggregation of ten words and your signature testifying to your academic honesty on examinations.

IDENTITY CRISIS — What you think you've finished with before you come here.

INITIALED GROUPS — You'll find a multitude of these, again too numerous to name here: some examples — IAC (International Affairs Committee), OACR (Oberlin Action for Civil Rights), SEPPC (Student Educational Plans and Policies Committee), and SLC (Faculty Committee on Student Life).

JOCK — Originally a reference to the (not so numerous) athletes. It has recently been expanded to mean any participating and enthusiastic member of almost any group, as in WOBC-jock, Co-op jock, or drama-jock.

MOTORCYCLE — The mating cry of the Oberlin male, heard primarily in the spring when a young man's fancy.

OBSCENITY YELL — A colorful pageant of vocal dexterity, frequently observed late Sunday night in the middle of Men's Quad.

PARLOR — One of 30 small, cozy rooms located in Wilder. Where to go with your date to talk, study, or play the guitar without bothering anyone, or without having to buy anything.

PLUM CREEK — The tiny trickle bisecting South Professor Street, which rages mildly in the spring and stinks madly in the summer. The *Plum Creek Review* is the campus literary magazine.

PRESTI'S — Restaurant just outside of town where upperclassmen demonstrate their vocal talents over a glass of beer on Friday nights. Also a specializer in Italian and American cooking.

QUIZ — A short examination, ordinarily lasting from 10 minutes to half an hour. Most horrible type is the surprise quiz, which comes on the days which you choose to cut.

RAFFLING — A procedure for dividing up second helpings; Oberlin gambling.

RATHSKELLER — Atmosphere, good food, lots of noise, 3.2 beer, and the place where half the campus tries to go on Saturday nights. Otherwise known as the Rat.

REVIEW — Free semi-weekly (Tuesday and Friday) student-published tabloid. Will publish any letter you send in.

SNACK BAR — Part of the basement of Wilder where part of your life will be spent. The coffee transfusion center of the College, where there's always a crowd. Some people even study there.

SOCIAL PRO — What happens if you've been a baddie.

WINTER TERM — Educational experiment hopefully to be tried in 1969/70 and years following providing for the entire month of January devoted to intensive study into some area of interest by each student.

WOE-BEE-CEE — The most common pronunciation of "WOBC," the good sound at 88.7 — the student radio station that plays everything from the classics to the waxes that have waned to the latest hits, and provides the campus with its only source of daily local and national news — "the voice of Oberlin College."

WOLF BOOK — Published each fall by the College, containing pictures, names, addresses, and phone numbers of all freshmen. An invaluable aid to freshmen and upperclass men.