



STAFF BULLETIN



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'U' SENATE ENDORSES BID FOR BETTER AND CHEAPER INSURANCE PACKAGE

A request for a better and cheaper insurance program for faculty and staff was among four recommendations approved last week by the University Senate. The proposal asks the business office to survey various coverage available and to recommend a package covering health, accident, and life insurance.

Three other Senate approved measures, all drafted by the faculty affairs committee, call for (1) clarification of University policy concerning faculty sick leave and disability pay, (2) extension of this policy to cover AP personnel, along with establishment of a job security plan for AP staffers similar to the faculty tenure program, and (3) examination of the University's responsibility to defend professors against law suits, or the possibility of getting professional liability insurance. The Senate tabled two other recommendations of the faculty affairs committee. One would liberalize University policy for granting sabbatical leaves to faculty members and the other would increase the University's contribution to the TIAA-CREF pension plan.

The Senate also approved a list of winter term graduates submitted by the academic standing and honors committee, turning aside a bid to have the name of Lewis K. (Lee) Elbinger restored to the list. David Black, one of three student members of the Senate, moved that Elbinger receive his degree but Black's motion was defeated after about a half-hour of argument. The B. A. degree is being held up pending a hearing before the student conduct committee on charges of impropriety (if that's the proper word) in a poetry presentation delivered by Elbinger, in the nude, on December 10.

HICKS TO GO--AND WED

Recent announcements about James D. Hicks, manager of the Meadow Brook Festival since its beginning, reveal that both the University and bachelordom are about to loose one of their leading maestros. He will leave after the 1969 summer Festival season to become manager of the Louisville Symphony Orchestra, and some time before that plans to wed Mary Ellen Mead, society editor of the Eccentric in Birmingham, Hicks, who studied at Franklin College and Indiana University, was an Air Force flying instructor during World War II and served as assistant manager of the Detroit Symphony for 12 years before coming to OU in January, 1964. When asked by a reporter about the search for a successor, Chancellor Varner replied, "I don't even know where to look."

RUE'S BOOK TRANSLATED

John E. Rue (political science) has been notified by Stanford University Press that his book, "Mao Tse-tung in Opposition" will be translated into Italian and published by Il Saggiatore of Milan. The Italian edition is due out in 1970.

EDITOR DISCUSSES BARE BODIES, GOOSE BUMPS, AND KNUCKLEHEADS

Amid the bulging news service clipping files related to the (blush) Elbinger incident is this choice item from the Lapeer County Press by the editor, Jim Fitzgerald, writing on the Press's editorial page on January 9:

I can't imagine many things more silly than standing up in public, in the nude, and reciting poetry. I wouldn't do it sitting down with my arms folded in my lap. But there are some things more dangerous. Michigan State Senator Robert Huber (R-Troy), for instance. He really gives me goose bumps.

Let's start with the bare facts: Lee Elbinger, a 21-year-old senior at Oakland University, gave a presentation on poet William Butler Yeats' concept of freedom. Elbinger got so enthused about freedom, he shed all that bound him, right on past his Fruit of the Looms. Several classmates and a professor (sic) looked on. None of them complained. If I had been there, I would have griped. Elbinger is a boy. He could have thrilled me more by reciting Little Bo Beep poolside at the YMCA. If I am going to be shocked, I want to enjoy it.

But then, I'm a dirty old man, not pure like Senator Huber. He did not see Elbinger strip, but he heard about it. It was not hard to hear about because the big city newspapers had the story spread all over their front pages. This is the type of story that always makes front pages of big newspapers. Only a public fight between Liz and Dick could have crowded Elbinger onto page 2. World War III couldn't have done it.

Anyway, Senator Huber was upset. He knew the voters would be upset, too. Oakland University is tax-supported. We can't have students showing their bodies in buildings built by taxpayers, for goodness sake. After all, if a guy could see unclothed flesh simply by going to school, who would buy all the Playboy magazines? And then what would happen to the nation's economy? The mind boggles. . .

An indignant populace, spurred on by such statue inspectors as Senator Huber, is quick to protest any such move to popularize nudism. We must protect our children. Clothe your pet! Down with full length mirrors! Senator Huber put it brilliantly, even scoring a slick dig into our marching clergy:

"It's a disgrace to tolerate something like this," he said. "I can't understand why the community is tolerating it and not standing up in open indignation. There are so many priests in the area who are quick to stand up with open housing placards, but they're silent on a real moral issue like this."

Yeah, take that, you stupid priests. You're wasting time demanding such silly things as an end to discrimination in housing. Who cares if a black man's money won't buy the same house a white man's money will buy? Forget it and join with Senator Huber in debating this REAL MORAL ISSUE. Let's keep Lee Elbinger's bare fanny out of public view.

But seriously, folks, Senator Huber obviously wouldn't recognize a real moral issue if he woke up in bed with it. He is another public servant who gets excited about the wrong things. It is easier to keep bare bodies out of state colleges than it is to keep knuckleheads out of the state capitol.

MAJOR GIFTS TO UNIVERSITY INCLUDE LARGE BLOCKS OF STOCK

The University received more than \$61,000 worth of corporate stock among major gifts and grants accepted last week by the MSU Board of Trustees. The largest gift was 550 shares of Ford Motor Co. common stock, valued at \$29,631.25, from Mr. and Mrs. Marvin K. Katke of Bloomfield Hills. Another block of Ford stock, 100 shares valued at \$5,425, came from former Ford executive Theodore O. Yntema, a visiting professor in economics and business. The funds are to be used under the direction of Chancellor Varner.

Kresge Library is the recipient of 217 shares of General Motors stock, valued at \$17,871.13, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Wellock of Bloomfield Hills. The gift funds will be under the direction of University Librarian Royce Butler. Three hundred shares of Parke, David & Co. capital stock, valued at \$8,962.50, were donated for the chancellor's discretionary fund by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Graham of Bloomfield Hills. A major cash grant was in the sum of \$7,177.58 from the Musical Education Fund of Chicago to support last summer's program of the Meadow Brook School of Music.

LEAVES GRANTED

Leaves of absence were approved last week by the MSU Board of Trustees for five OU faculty members. Robert M. Williamson (physics) and Henry Rosemont, Jr. (philosophy) will take the whole academic year to study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology under previously announced science faculty fellowship awards from the National Science Foundation. Robbin R. Hough (economics and business) has a winter term leave to study at home, Jack R. Moeller (modern languages) will spend the 1970 spring term studying in Germany, and Gottfried Brieger (chemistry) will spend next year at Harvard.

BIDS EXCEED FUNDS

Bids for the new central heating plant came in more than a half-million dollars too high, the MSU Board of Trustees was told at last week's meeting. The bids, from 14 firms, were rejected and new bids will be sought. OU has \$3,443,000 budgeted for the work and the low bids for various parts of the work totaled \$4,021,815.

UNAKER SPEAKS AT MSU

Nalin Unaker (biology) gave a seminar at Michigan State for the MSU zoology department last week. His topics included glycogen depletion in the newborn rat liver, electron microscope and electron histochemical study.

CRAMER BOOKLET PRINTED

Ronald Cramer (education) is co-author with Russell G. Stauffer of a booklet, "Teaching Critical Reading at the Primary Level," published by the International Reading Association at Newark, Delaware.

CONKLIN PENS ARTICLE

Ken Conklin (education) is the author of an article on "The Properties of Relevance Between Philosophy and Education" appearing in the current issue of Education Theory.

GM AIDE JOINS OU

Harry Van Hook has been appointed assistant director of courses in the Division of Continuing Education, leaving the position of director of training at Pontiac Motor Division. A former member of the management training department of General Motors Institute and supervisor of education and training for GM's Engineering Staff, Van Hook is current president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development. He holds an A. M. degree from the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Margaret, and three sons live in Birmingham at 2446 Manchester.

CALENDAR

Friday			
January 24	7:30 p.m.	Swimming, Kalamazoo and Loyola University (here)	
	8:00 p.m.	Basketball, Lake Superior State College (here)	
	8:00 p.m.	Film, "Fahrenheit 451," 156 North Foundation (shown again at 10)	
Saturday			
January 25	2:00 p.m.	Swimming, Western Ontario University and Illinois State (here)	
	8:00 p.m.	Basketball, Grand Valley (away)	
	8:00 p.m.	Film, "Fahrenheit 451," 156 North Foundation	
Sunday			
January 26	8:00 p.m.	Film, "Fahrenheit 451," 156 North Foundation	

"The Second Coming of Bert" will continue at Meadow Brook Theatre through February 2. Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Matinees are Wednesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. For ticket information call 962-0353 or 338-6269.