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3 PROGRAMS INCREASE POOL OF FUTURE TEACHERS (First of a series)

Of the three major programs in OU's School of Education to increase the potential pool of future teachers, the one with the catchy title is "ST3P" -- which stands for Short Term Teacher Training Program. As the name implies, ST3P is concerned with gaining teacher certification for persons who were NOT education majors. The effect is to cram a major in education into two semesters of work and student teaching. The three-dozen interns range from 22 to 59 years of age and include housewives, accountants, recent graduates and a Lutheran minister who has seven grown children.

Co-directors of the project are Mrs. Virginia Morrison of OU and William Condon of the Pontiac Public Schools. Each supervises the work of half of the participants and offers assistance to the other half. Mrs. Morrison handles all OU instructional modules and Condon is responsible for school placement and liaison.

Part of Pontiac's Community Action Program, ST3P is funded under the Michigan Educational Professional Development Act. Participants, serving with no stipend, teach a half-day every day in Pontiac "target schools," which are elementary and junior high schools mainly in the inner-city. In the afternoons they squeeze in 12 class hours a week, drawing on the resources of leading educators of Oakland University and the Pontiac school system. Classes are held in Pontiac.

Pontiac Public Schools pays the tuition for the education modules. The student pays for any other individual course needs, such as additional classes in math, science, or languages. ST3P classwork is concentrated in a series of modules involving such OU and Pontiac educators as Edward Bantel, psychology module; Ronald Cramer, Harold Cafone and George Coon, language arts module; Sidney Graber, exceptional child module; Otha Whitcomb, art module; Ed Ridell, science module; Jerry White, James Hughes and Roderic Righter, social studies module.

Between the first and second semester, participants attend a five-week session in community action involvement, conducted as a "community ecology module" by Fred Chandler of OU. Chandler also brings into the sessions parents and children of schools to which the students will be assigned.

With the start of the second semester, the interns begin teaching in pairs, or "diads. As an alternate, an intern might be used as a long-term substitute to replace a teacher who is ill. Either way the student teachers are supervised closely by the school principal or by a release-time master teacher, plus receiving the attention of Mrs. Morrison and Condon. The students' commitment is to June, at which time

they receive provisional teaching certificates. If they lack certain academic work, they can get a 90-day certificate and complete their work at OU in the spring and summer terms to become fully certified by fall.

About half of the present class hold degrees from OU or are due to receive them this year. For the ST3P program they are enrolled as special graduate students and may apply later as degree candidates. The main aim of the program, however, is to obtain state certificates. Mrs. Morrison commented that certification will give the interns a priority in most school systems. As an indication of the vital need for a teacher pool, Mrs. Morrison added, the Pontiac schools need 60 substitutes a day.

BAROQUE ENSEMBLE

The music department will present the premiere concert of the newly formed Baroque Ensemble on Thursday, Jan. 8 from 8:00 in room 201 of Dodge Hall. The Ensemble is an arm of the Collegium Musicum. A Paul Hindemith trio for recorders will provide a change of pace from the Baroque period works of Fasch, Telemann and Quantz.

BED BOUND

Two OU staff members spent some of the holidays in the hospital. Larry Sullivan (news service) is now recuperating in room 109 at Crittenton following knee surgery last Monday. Fred Duranceau (grounds and landscaping) is home from Crittenton and is recovering well after his illness.

Calendar

Monday
January 5 6:00 p.m. Student Enterprise Theatre auditions for "Marat/Sade" - Barn Theatre
Registration - Winter Semester

Tuesday
January 6 6:00 p.m. S.E.T. Auditions for "Marat/Sade" - Barn Theatre
Registration - Winter Semester

Wednesday
January 7 Classes begin
5:50 p.m. Basketball (JV) Mercy College - here
6:00 p.m. S.E.T. auditions for "Marat/Sade" - Barn Theatre
8:00 p.m. Basketball (V) Albion College - here

Thursday
January 8 8:00 p.m. Baroque Ensemble in 201 Dodge Hall
Late registration and special registration for transfers

Friday
January 9 5:50 p.m. Basketball (JV) Wayne State University - here
7:30 p.m. Swimming - North Park College - Chicago
7:30 p.m. University Film Series - "Elvira Madigan" - 201 Dodge Hall
8:00 p.m. Basketball (V) Wayne State University - here

Saturday
January 10 2:00 p.m. Swimming - Loyola University - Chicago
5:50 p.m. Basketball (JV) Ashland College - there
8:00 p.m. Basketball (V) Ashland College - there
8:00 p.m. University Film Series - "Elvira Madigan" - 201 Dodge Hall

BUS SERVICE BEGINS

On Jan. 12 Airports Service Lines will begin bus service between Oakland University, Rochester and the Pontiac area. A schedule expected to announce hourly daytime trips will be announced soon. The fare will be 50¢ each way. Rochester to Pontiac would cost \$1, 50¢ from Rochester to OU and 50¢ from OU to Pontiac.