

STAFF BULLETIN

MARCH 4 - 11, 1961

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY
March 6

noon

Western Institutions
Staff Meeting
Faculty Dining Room

1 p.m.

Seminar in Basic Contemporary
Theologies
Fr. Jules Toner, S. J.
159 North Foundation Hall

3 p.m.

Administrative Group Meeting
141 North Foundation Hall

C A L E N D A R D E T A I L S

SEMINAR: Fr. Jules Toner, S. J., associate professor of history, University of Detroit, will discuss the religious structure of Roman Catholicism at the third meeting of the Seminar in Basic Contemporary Theologies. Fr. Toner is past chairman of the U. of D. philosophy department and previously taught at U. of D. High School and Loyola University. Admission is free, but tickets, available at the Student Center Desk, are required.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS: The following are additions to the MSUO Telephone Directory:

Audio-Visual	Room 113 NFH	Phone 2103
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Heubel, Edward, Associate Professor, Political Science	368 SFH	2231
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Rhode, William, Assistant Director, Continuing Education	263 SFH	2147
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Student Government	372 SFH	2219
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LUNCHEON MEETING: The March Faculty Women's Club meeting will be combined with a luncheon at Sylvan Glen at 1:30 p.m March 21. The cost is \$1.97 for the meal, coffee, tax and tip--you may order from the menu. Bridge after lunch, if you desire. Please call Mrs. Hetenyi, OL 1-8496, or Mrs. O'Dowd, OL 1-6543, for information and to secure a reservation.

VISITORS: The Capac Community High School Future Teachers Association will visit MSUO March 6. The group will be the guests of Mr. Hetenyi and the Teacher Education Association. Following a tour of the campus, the visitors will hear talks by University officials regarding admissions, scholarships and the MSUO teacher education program.

BIOGRAPHICAL FORMS: Persons who have not returned their completed biographical forms to Mr. Prady are requested to do so as soon as possible.

REMINDER FOR TONIGHT: Faculty Square Dancing, 8:30 PM, Student Center Cafeteria; 75¢ per couple.

BOOK REVIEW: The following review of Mr. Rhode's book, Committee Clearance of Administrative Decisions, is by George Andrew Hopper in the Western Political Quarterly.

This is a short, excellent book that deserves wider distribution than this reviewer fears will be its fate. This monograph considers one of the tools of surveillance by Congress over administration. Committee clearance requires a review by a congressional committee (composed of one or more members) prior to execution of delegated discretionary authority by the administration arm of government. Rhode points out that committee clearance is "well on its way to administration." His study is the first full discussion of the history and operation of committee clearance. He surveys the device from its inception through 1957, discusses its actual operation in specific cases, and in the final chapter makes an outstanding evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of committee clearance. Rhode concludes that committee clearance is an improper and invalid device in a democracy in that it violates the fundamental principle that government should reflect and represent the total community consensus.

This reviewer looks forward to Rhode (or someone stimulated by this work under review) publishing a more complete coverage of the topic. In addition to a more detailed analysis in the national government field it

would be beneficial to students of government to investigate the use (or non-use) of the device of committee clearance and similar controls of administrative discretion in the local government field.

This work should be recommended (if not required) reading for all interested in the governmental process. Unlike some recent studies in the political science field this work is far from being of limited interest, for Rhode's study raises a fundamental issue which goes to the heart of all democratic government -- the problem of effective control of administrative decisions by the only instrument in the governmental structure which represents the entire community -- the legislature.
