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Trimester Opinions For And Against

What do MSUO students think of the year-round trimester program—now that they've gone through it? Here are some comments:

Michael Leppala, Southfield, a senior majoring in psychology and sociology: "The year-round plan will allow me to complete two majors and be better prepared for my career and future graduate study."

Sandra Pizer, Franklin, a senior majoring in elementary education: "I'll be able to take courses that I want to take but otherwise wouldn't be able to fit into my schedule."

Kay Bender, Pontiac, a junior majoring in English: "The year-round system makes it almost impossible to hold a part-time job because academic work is so demanding. This is good in one way because summer jobs are hard to find and students should have an opportunity to go to school if they can. But I don't see how anybody could take it eight semesters in a row."

Mary Devereaux, Utica, a sophomore majoring in mathematics: "I like it. It means I will graduate sooner and start teaching sooner."

Jacqueline Sheehan, Rochester, a sophomore majoring in social science: "It's too soon to tell yet. This first year hasn't been too hard but I don't think I'll be ready to come back for another 11 months after only four weeks vacation."

Patricia Herzina, Pontiac, a junior majoring in psychology: "I like it. I think people who don't intend to carry a full class load and graduate in three years should take extra classes during the summers to fill in their backgrounds more. It would be hard on students who have to work summers to pay their school expenses."

1,231 Doctors Received Thalidomide

The survey of physicians who received the drug thalidomide for investigational use has been largely completed, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Anthony J. Celebrezze said today.

The report received today from the Food and Drug Administration was as follows:

Sixty-seven of 1,073 doctor-investigators interviewed by Food and Drug Administration inspectors still had some of the drug on hand. All such supplies have been either destroyed or impounded.

One hundred fifty-eight doctors were on vacation or had moved to other locations. Diligent efforts are being made to interview each of these 158 doctors as soon as they can be contacted.

Altogether 1,231 doctors were reported to have received the drug.

This is a first summary. Additional survey results which will give more details will be available as the tabulations are completed.



"THE WEEK of the August 20th looks real good" for completion of the tennis courts George Karas, director of the physical plant, said this week. The four courts, which will be painted green, are located directly east of the new Intermural building.

Soviet Economy To Outdo American

Soviet economy will be stronger than American economy in less than 20 years, Soviet economist Vladimir Androsov told MSUO students this week. Androsov, who spent most of the week in the Detroit metropolitan area, is a specialist in foreign industrial affairs, notably the American labor union movement.

"Our economy will be stronger than yours by 1980. Our standard of living will equal yours by 1975 and will surpass it after that," he told an introductory economics class Monday. "Our economy can grow at 10 per cent while yours is two per cent or lower," he explained.

Pointing out the differences between the U.S. and Soviet labor union systems, "Our industrial union goals," he said, "are education of workers for mobilization and construction of our Communist society."

Despite slight difficulties with English, he stated that "About 90 per cent of our workers are in unions. It is not obligatory to join trade unions, but it's very profitable in our country because workers who don't join have less disability insurance."

On economic growth and living standards Androsov explained that "The war (World War II) hurt us. It is very difficult to reconstruct it. One half of our country's industries were destroyed." He later quoted a figure of 25 million casualties.

He also spoke of conditions in Moscow.

Of wages:

"The average salary is 150 rubles per month, or 1800 rubles per year. The low is probably 50 rubles per month. Ministers and members of our council earn 7000 rubles a year."

Of automobiles:

"The price of an automobile is high. We sell three kinds of cars for the people. The costs? About 1000 rubles, 1800 rubles and 4000 rubles. In Moscow, 150,000 people are in line to

buy cars...we consider it more effective for our country to produce washing machines."

Of prices:

"They are not set by the government; it would be very difficult for the government to set prices. They are set in scientific institutes. Some are now very low; six years a 21 jewel watch cost 48 rubles, now it costs 20."

Of housing:

"There is now a very big difference in housing. In Moscow, workers are constructing housing every day. We have a need there."

He had noticed American advertising. "We have some advertising but not so much as you. We don't have the competition."

Public transportation, too, is different he explained. "We have big subways, busses, even taxis."

Other impressions of the United States centered around labor and industry. Relations between workers and managers are "much more friendly" than he had believed before his trip.

He told students in another economics class that he was pleased that they were trying to understand the Soviet Union, though he questioned their information sources.

Expressing optimism in his country's future, he said, "In each year we make more and more consumer goods. In 20 years we are going to produce 200 million tons of steel."

Fireplace To Be Finished Soon

The fireplace in the Oakland Center lounge will be finished within the next few weeks, George Fritz, Oakland Center manager, stated early this week.

"We will begin work on the fireplace next week, and it should take a week after that to finish," Fritz said.

SFUC Elects Officers

"The Student Faculty University Council met on the last evening of July for the last time before their summer recess. Among the first topics discussed was the structure of the Council itself. Four student replacements will be needed in the fall. They are to be non-representational appointments - one of these, preferably, a future Resident Advisor of Anibal House. The Council then voted that the term of appointment for all student members should be four semesters. Officers elected for the fall term are: Bill Kath, Chairman; Mary Stewart, Secretary; and Tom Kershner, Press-secretary. Weekly meetings are planned for the fall term.

"The major topic of the agenda, that will occupy the council for some weeks to come, was Freshman Orientation. The SFUC acted as a "brain trust" with the goal of improving Orientation '62—and beyond. The first result was a recommendation directed to the student body: the upper-classmen of MSUO should be the core of any orientation program, since the focus of the orientation is students.

Public Health In Soviet Union

Under a plan designed for maternal and child care in the Soviet Union, 79 per cent of all expectant mothers receive regular medical attention by the end of the third month of their pregnancy, according to a report by six American medical scientists. Highlighted in the newly published report is the availability to the entire Russian population of Soviet-supported "mother's schools," comprehensive health education, and free children's clinics and day care centers.

The publication, entitled "Medical Exchange Mission to the USSR in Maternal and Child Care," is the result of a 3-day visit in 1960 to Russian hospitals and institutions by six U.S. authorities on child health. The mission was sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, one of seven National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

In evaluating Russian medical care, the group concluded, "We could not help but be impressed by the priority given maternal and child health in the Soviet Union. The medical concern and effort directed toward this area indicates a recognition of the importance of the problems involved."

A review of the state-regulated maternal care program describes consultation centers for complete prenatal care, the "Mother's centers" that indoctrinate expectant mothers for pregnancy, delivery, and infant care, and special classes that educate the majority of Russian mothers in psychoprophylaxis on "natural childbirth."

Members of the delegation also present their impressions of Soviet medical research activities, medical and scientific education, methods of collection and analysis of health data and statistics, the pathology of pregnancy and infancy, and newborn care, including such special problems as prematurity, kernicterus, and infection of the newborn.

Pay Up

All university fees for the fall, 1962, semester may be paid at the cashier's booth in North Foundation Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 1 p.m. to 4, or Thursday, Sept. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4.

"The purpose of orientation is to expose entering students to the new environmental attitudes and responsibilities associated with their planned college education. Much of this can best be accomplished by upperclass students."

"A student-directed how-to-study program was suggested. Such a program should be aimed at presenting the new freshman in a one-hour "what-to-expect" session, a generalized approach to MSUO from the student viewpoint, it was decided.

"The proposal would be designed to acquaint the student with personal and academic requirements, but would not overlap into the individual approach suggested and taught by the professional staff.

"The Council was unanimously agreed that Orientation should emphasize an honest and realistic first impression of our campus.

"Next meeting is scheduled for September 4."

The Observer has learned that one council member, Nancy Kelly is leaving campus and that three other members have resigned from the council for the fall term. It was also learned that Duncan Sells, dean of students, will appoint new members shortly.

MSUO Students Attend Convention

MSUO students Carolyn Clark, Bill Davis, John McCarthy, Anne Schultes, and Lucy Sirko will attend the annual Newman Club convention later this month.

Theme of the six-day gathering, which opens August 27 in Pittsburgh, is "University City."

Discussions of science, letters, and theology will relate to the central "University City" topic.

Music Rooms

Remodeling of rooms 108 and 110 NFH to provide larger facilities for music listening rooms has begun, according to Robert Holmes, assistant professor of music.

"Mass listening will still be done for the UC courses in 176 SFH; the new rooms will be used for individual listening, practice rooms, and a record library for the advanced courses," Holmes said.

A piano teacher's office may be included in one of the rooms, as well as room for the electronic pianos.

RETURN BOOKS

This is the final day. All books must be returned today according to university Librarian David Wilder. The library will be open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday, August 10 to September 1.

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Contuse Well Done

To the Editor:

I feel grateful for this first issue of Contuse, and would like to see all other issues meet up to the standard of the first.

Swearing and humor have a tendency not to mix well, and I personally think that the former should be restricted to serious passages. When not, it tends to be interpreted in an inartistic way. Also, in some of the selections I failed to see the beauty of the ages un-

folding in a new and gorgeous literary light. Nevertheless, I enjoyed "Orchard-High Echoes", and "Night in a Valley," which were-how shall I say it-poetic. I also enjoyed "UC 054" as very descriptive literature, although I feel inclined to question the title (UC 054 is Introduction to Social Psychology). Those three by themselves would have been worth going to print for.

Let me thank especially these three authors, and the editors for having these good taste to print the above-named works. Congratulations; I didn't know this university had three people with such creative artistic ability, or that they could so flourish in our intellectual atmosphere.

Sincerely,
Richard Davis

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