



STAFF BULLETIN



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BLACK CULTURAL CENTER CLOSES

Major changes in OU's Urban Affairs Program, which will include closing of the Pontiac Black Cultural Center and increased efforts in three other projects, were announced recently by Elmer B. Cooper, assistant chancellor for urban affairs.

The Cultural Center, located in a former drug store building at Sanford Street and Wilson Avenue, was officially closed Friday, June 5, upon expiration of the two-year lease. University-sponsored activities at the center actually were halted last January, Cooper said. "The main objectives of the Urban Affairs Program will now be to concentrate on a two-fold program to (1) make available to various community groups the technical resources of the University and (2) to establish an academic program in Pontiac through which individuals may take courses for credit and leading to an OU degree," Cooper said. "With our present operations in Pontiac we have not been able to pursue these things."

Cooper said his department also plans major expansion of the on-going Pontiac Tutorial Program (known as POEAT). The four-year-old program has involved about 150 Oakland University students who served this past year as volunteer tutors for pupils of four Pontiac elementary schools, primarily blacks. Some OU volunteers have expressed an interest to provide similar educational assistance to youngsters of Mexican-American descent and those from Appalachian backgrounds.

One project of the Cultural Center that is being retained by the Urban Affairs Program is the Ujamaa Theatre Workshop, a drama troupe that has been performing on campus and off since last October. The company has asked to be officially affiliated with the University. Cooper also expressed a commitment on the part of the University to offer professional assistance and advice to help various community organizations plan, launch and finance their own programs. He stressed that these would be their programs.

AUTONOMY NEARS ACTUALITY

The bill granting OU independence from Michigan State was passed last Tuesday in the Senate by a vote of 32-4. It had previously passed 85-0 in the House of Representatives on April 24. It is anticipated that Governor William Milliken will sign the bill, making it effective July 1, 1970, and then name an eight-man Board for the University.

NEW CE APPOINTMENT

Harry Van Hook, Continuing Ed's director of management and business programs, has appointed Mr. Al Viorel course consultant for the Realtor's Institute Program and Mr. Robert Harris as field representative, management services.

SNI PER VICTIM RECUPERATING

Chris Hargreaves, a graduate student in the School of Engineering, is now recuperating at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital after being hit by a sniper's bullet on May 8. One of the bullets transversed his spine and his legs are paralyzed. A fund has been formed by the School of Engineering for the purchase of a specially equipped wheelchair which he will need. Contributions from faculty, staff and students would be appreciated. Send them to Mrs. Sue Fightmaster, 248 Dodge Hall. Checks should be made payable to the School of Engineering, Oakland University.

ADA ANNOUNCES PLAYS

The Studio Company of the Academy of Dramatic Art has announced the productions which will be performed during the 1970-71 season. The season will begin Oct. 2 with *Othello* by Shakespeare, followed by *The Little Foxes* by Lillian Hellman, *Charley's Aunt* by Brandon Thomas, *The Miser* by Moliere, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare and *Ring Around the Moon* by Jean Anouilh. The performances will be held in the new Performing Arts Building which will be completed by fall.

APPEARS AT COBO

Raynold Allvin (music) presented a lecture-demonstration on the instructional uses of audio systems under computer control at the NEA Department of Audio Visual Instruction convention in Cobo Hall.

YUGOSLAVIA-BOUND

Philip Singer (sociology and anthropology/Allport College) has been invited to participate in the Third International Conference for Social Psychiatry which is being held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, September 21-27, 1970. Professor Singer will be presenting a paper in the symposium on suicide.

EKLUND ORATES

Last week Dean Lowell Eklund (continuing education) delivered commencement addresses at Cass City, Pontiac Catholic and Linden Community High School.

Calendar

Thursday
June 18 8:30 p.m. Classic Film Series presents "Stagecoach," Vandenberg Lounge,
admission 35¢