



STAFF BULLETIN



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FIVE COMMISSIONS TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

Chancellor O'Dowd has announced his intention of creating five commissions to look deeply during the next academic year into all aspects of university life. They will be composed of varying mixes of faculty, staff, student and public representatives, depending on their charges. In brief, the commissions will be asked to chart the university's course in areas of (1) educational reform, (2) university governance, (3) student life--on and off campus, (4) long-range planning and development, and (5) administrative organization.

Staff work for the first four commissions will be started this month. They will be formed officially in September after students return. The last-mentioned commission the chancellor commented, "is somewhat separate from the others in having a more limited focus and a more immediate goal. . .to examine the functional relations of the various administrative structures of the university in search of a better set of relations among university offices." This commission will be advisory to the chancellor and will be asked to report in late summer or early fall.

"I have great hopes that the work of these groups will give us a strong structure to master the challenge of the 1970s," O'Dowd said in announcing his plans at the spring commencement exercises.

THREE PRESENT PAPERS At the coming joint meeting of the Northeast Anthropological Association and the American Ethnological Society, to be held in Ottawa, May 7-9, a number of papers will be read by members of the OU sociology and anthropology department. George Rawick, presently on leave, will read "West African Culture and North American Slavery: A Study of Culture Change among American Slaves in the Ante-Bellum South." James Dow, who will join the department in the fall, will read "Those Who Are Standing: Religious Corporate Groups among the Otomi of the Sierra de Puebla, Mexico." Judith K. Brown will read "Leisu Busy-work and Housekeeping--A Note on the Uneven Division of Labor by Sex."

CITY HONORS DICHIERA David DiChiera (music) was honored recently by the city of Detroit with a certificate of appreciation. He was cited for making "an outstanding contribution to the cultural enrichment of the city" as head of the Overture to Opera program, which has presented performances before over 150,000 students since its establishment nine years ago.

BUDGET AUSTERITY HITS FOOD SERVICE, OAKLAND CENTER ACTIVITIES

Major belt-tightening moves have been announced by residence halls and Oakland Center officials to reduce high operating costs through the rest of the fiscal year. OC Director Alan Scott has posted a schedule indicating the building will be open each day only until 7 p.m., with doors opening at 7 a.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. on Sundays. The grill will be open each day, the South Cafeteria during weekdays, and resident students will use the Sunset Room during the week and the grill on weekends.

William P. Paleen, director of residence halls, announced the following operational and policy changes in his operation:

"With the substantial decrease in enrollment for spring term, which includes approximately 170 resident students, and with a lower than anticipated volume of conference business utilizing food service and residence halls facilities which are financially self-supported. In determining which facilities will be open, and on what schedule, an assessment of the potential business which would be conducted had to be made with an eye toward at least breaking even.

"All resident students for spring term will be housed in the west tower of Vandenberg Hall. Resident meal service will be provided Monday through Fridays in the Sunset Room of the Oakland Center. Weekend meals for residents will be provided in the Oakland Center Grill. The Vandenberg dining room will be closed entirely for the duration of the spring term.

"By making the decision to provide resident meal service in the Oakland Center it becomes more feasible to provide grill service with the broadest possible schedule of hours. The grill will be open from Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"The south cafeteria will be open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (The 10:30 a.m. opening time is a change from the hours announced in the STAFF BULLETIN for the week April 27-May 3. This change was made to eliminate the duplication of the service between the cafeteria and the grill during the early morning hours.)

"Evening snack service will be provided in the Sunset Room Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. This service will be on a provisional basis for this week and next. Continuation will depend upon the volume of use and the financial feasibility of continuing this service. The menu for the evening hours will be limited to packaged sandwiches, snacks, dessert items, ice cream novelties, coffee, milk and assorted soft drinks.

"All the food staff would like to be able to continue services at the same level as during the academic year. However, as in any business operation, it is necessary to tailor what you are doing to the level of business you can reasonably expect. The above scheduling represents a compromise which we hope will provide reasonable service throughout the spring term when the level of business is anticipated to be at a low ebb."

BOWLERS CLOSE SEASON

The OU girls Bowling League closed its season last week with a banquet arranged by Rose Smith, Ann Sumpter and Thelma Kehoe at The Old Mill. Trophies for team championship went to team members Sue Smith, Thelma Kehoe, Ruby Rhodes and Rochelle Eckert. The cup for individual high game with handicap went to Roseann Bradley, while Sue Smith won a second trophy for high series with handicap. Honorable mention but no trophy (how's that for being cheap?) went to Sue Fightmaster for her high actual-score series of 538. Maxine Meck will turn over the president's gavel next year to Betty Hansen, who was among those new officers elected at the banquet. Her fellow officers are Ann Sumpter, vice president; Thelma Kehoe, secretary; Marilyn Braswell, treasurer, and Joan Hill, sergeant-at-arms.

MBT TROUPE TRAVELS

John Fernald's OU troupe will open at the American National Theatre and Academy on Broadway May 5 with Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*. The company was chosen last August along with several other regional troupes for the New York appearance. Fernald would have preferred opening with a new play but feels "they are so timid in New York" that he will succeed better with his established reputation for Chekhov. The New York appearance gives the company a chance to become nationally known, perhaps leading to other tours.

SENATE MEETS AGAIN

Two special meetings of the University Senate have been scheduled to consider a number of items still hanging when the term ended last month. Items to be considered this Thursday at 3 p.m. will be the proposed library constitution, the B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences, an amendment to the University Constitution offered by the Graduate Council, a constitution for the Graduate Council, and a report of Steering Committee Activities. On Thursday, May 14, the Senate will approve the spring graduate lists and consider Admissions Committee proposals. Both Senate meetings will be held in the South Cafeteria.

BENGAL CONFERENCE HERE

The Sixth Annual Conference on Bengal will be held at OU during the weekend of May 8-10. Organized by Peter J. Bertocci (sociology and anthropology), the conference will bring together scholars in the social sciences and humanities from around the country, all of whom have focused research on the history, society and culture of West Bengal and East Pakistan, the Bengali ethno-linguistic region of the South Asian subcontinent. Interested members of the faculty are invited to attend. There is no registration fee. For further information contact Mr. Bertocci, ext. 2964.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM

The School of Education will offer a graduate program in special education beginning next fall. The regular 36-hour course of study will lead to a master's degree in teaching emotionally disturbed children. The program will cover curriculum and management of disturbed children, reading problems, psychopathology and will include a practicum field study utilizing state hospitals and public and private classes for disturbed children.

EARTH DAY SPEAKERS

Robert L. Stern, Julien Gendell and Paul Tombulian (chemistry) addressed a number of high school audiences in southeastern Michigan during their Earth Day programs a couple weeks ago.

Calendar

Thursday
May 7

3:00 p.m. *Senate Meeting, South Cafeteria*

8:15 p.m. *Meadow Brook Theatre play Ah, Wilderness!*

Friday
May 8

3:30 p.m. *Classic Film Series presents Student Experimental Films, 201 Dodge Hall, admission 35¢ (Shown again at 8:30)*

8:15 p.m. *Meadow Brook Theatre play Ah, Wilderness!*

Saturday
May 9

8:15 p.m. *Meadow Brook Theatre play Ah, Wilderness!*

Sunday
May 10

6:30 p.m. *Meadow Brook Theatre play Ah, Wilderness!*