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NEW COMMISSION TO STUDY NEED FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM

At the instigation of a new student organization called "People for the People," 12 students and faculty members have been named to a Blue Ribbon Commission on Educational Reform to study possible alternatives to the present system at OU. The panel was charged specifically to report its findings and suggested solutions "no later than March 10 so that major educational changes can be instituted by September 1970." The body will begin its deliberations by discussing an 18-page manifesto written by 28 students and edited by senior John Springfield. The document is entitled "A Proposal for Change at Oakland University," but referred to generally as "The Springfield Report."

The Springfield Report calls for a number of basic changes in the educational system at OU. Among them would be the elimination of required courses, lecture courses, grades, and testing as now practiced. The student authors suggest replacing traditional "majors" with concentrations, using upperclass students to teach (receiving credit for their efforts), and revamping the entire advising system. They assert that the University should have as the sole criteria for the issuance of degrees completion of an arbitrary number of credits, which would be "less than the number acquired after taking a full load for eight semesters."

A decision to create the 12-member commission was made last Monday at a rally of People for the People. The students decided that the commission should be made up of six students, the chancellor or his representative, the provost or his representative, and four faculty members chosen by the Senate. Students named to the panel were Josh Lerner, Bill Loafman, Tim Gerling, Dave Shedlarz, Michael Ray and Bobbi Crakes. The chancellor's representative is Elmer B. Cooper, the provost's representative is James E. Davis, and the four Senate delegates (chosen by the steering committee) are Dean George T. Matthews, Dean John E. Gibson and two members of the Senate academic policy committee, Donald C. Hildum and Roger H. Marz.

SPAIN TRIP REVIVES

As of last week there appeared to be enough students, faculty and staff signed up for the Spain trip to make the venture possible. However 30 more are needed to make the original price of \$283 possible. If the sign-up falls short of this number, a smaller jet will be used at an additional cost of \$25 per person, the trip planners report. Anyone wishing to aid the cause can still register in the Student Activities Center until February 20.

GERULAITIS SPEAKS

Leo Gerulaitis (history) spoke on "Man and Time" recently in a talk before the Lithuanian Alumni of Michigan State University in a meeting held in Lansing.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEACH-IN PLANNED FOR MARCH

An environmental teach-in is planned for the last two weeks in March by a new campus organization called the Oakland Community for Environmental Restoration (RESTORE). RESTORE is a group of faculty and students who are concerned about growing threats to the environment and to man's existence. The purpose of the teach-in is to alert the general public to these threats.

Teach-in plans are not definite, but the format will include lectures by prominent speakers and small-group discussions on population and water, air, noise and thermal pollution. Several university departments have already contributed to the teach-in and it is hoped that others will join in. Money donations may be directed to the group's finance committee through Evelyn Katz or Paul Tombouliau.

A STICKY SOLUTION

Lewis N. Pino (research services), who is always eager to report on better things, for better golfing, through chemistry, passed on this tidbit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture: Entomologist Ed Snoddy has developed a way to circumvent the pesticide problem--kill the bugs with balloons. Reasoning that since the deerfly is attracted by heat, like that from your body, and symmetry, like your head [speak for yourself, Ed] he suspended some red and black helium-filled balloons about head high along the beach and coated them with glue. In a short while several of the balloons became so weighted down with stuck deerflies that they sank to the ground. The balloons proved to be about 45 times as effective in attracting deerflies than a human head.

SENATE OK'S MEASURES

The University Senate approved all items on its agenda last week, including proposals to establish a new course, UC 04 University Forum, to study changing topics of topical importance in the lecture format; to offer students alternatives to the long-standing foreign language requirement; and to add Latin America to the area studies options. Chancellor O'Dowd reported that he will ask the Board of Trustees to renew the appointment of Frederick W. Obear as acting provost and to appoint William F. Sturner acting vice chancellor.

SERVE ON PANELS

Gerald Self and Eleanor Driver (Continuum Center) and Carol Andreas (sociology) appeared on a Channel 56 television show last week to discuss "Women's Image and Self Image." Dr. Self also is scheduled to participate in a panel discussion Saturday, February 21, at Wayne State University on the topic of "New Developments in Training and Guidance Programs for Adults." The discussion will be part of a conference sponsored by the Association for Developmental Guidance for Adults.

MITTRA IS SPEAKER

Sid Mittra (economics) was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Sterling Heights Rotary Club recently. The title of his talk was "Does Business Have a Fighting Chance in 1970?"

Governor Milliken announced his 1970-71 proposed budget last week, recommending an appropriation of \$7,114,137 for OU. This would be an increase of \$866,031 over the current year's budget but considerably less than Oakland's request for \$9,252,457. Chancellor O'Dowd reported that there was some discrepancy in the budget breakdown that University officials hoped to straighten out in a meeting with the governor's budget office late Friday. Details of the budget will be announced in the STAFF BULLETIN as soon as they are available.

SET WANTS SUGGESTIONS The Student Enterprise Theatre is seeking play suggestions for its season next year. SET Director Tom Aston states they hope in this way "to produce plays which are of interest and meaning to the University community, as well as providing a closer bond between the Barn Theatre and the campus." SET customarily produces a staged version of poetry in October, a musical in November, a drama in March and a small-cast comedy in June. Suggestions for any of these productions should be sent to Aston at the Student Enterprise Theatre.

BIOLOGY RESEARCH FUNDED The department of biological sciences is accepting applications from undergraduates to summer research fellowships funded by the National Science Foundation. The fellowships, known as Undergraduate Research Participation grants, will support students working under the guidance of faculty members on independent research in biology. F. M. Butterworth is director of the program. Faculty knowing students who might qualify should encourage them to get further data and application blanks from the departmental secretary in biological sciences.

ASTON ON SCENERY Tom A. Aston, director of Student Enterprise Theatre, was one of 21 American artists chosen by *Theatre Crafts Magazine* to serve on an interplay forum for an article in the January-February issue. The forum panelists discussed the art of "mixed/media" in theatre today, centering on the nature of projected scenery. Aston was chosen for his work with the Overture to Opera program and an article he wrote previously on projected scenery used in the program.

CELEBRITY SERIES TALK Lowell Eklund (Continuing Education) spoke last week before the Women's City Club of Birmingham in its Celebrity Series. Eklund's topic was "Are Students Really Revolting?"

ALLVIN APPOINTED Raynold Allvin (music) has been appointed by the North Central Division as regional representative in a new national project of the 58,000-member Music Educators National Conference.

CALENDAR

- Monday
February 9 8:00 p.m. Newman Student Association art film, "Shoot the Piano Player,"
Oakland Center Gold Rooms B and C
- Tuesday
February 10 7:00 p.m. DAFS Film Series, "The Gospel According to St. Matthew,"
(Italian, 1964), Hills Theatre, Rochester (reshown at 9 p.m.).
Free transportation leaves Oakland Center at 6:45 and 8:45.
- Wednesday
February 11 7:00 p.m. Classic Film Series, "Seven Samurai," (Japanese, 1954), 201
Dodge Hall (reshown at 9 p.m.)
- 8:00 p.m. Basketball, Adrian College (here)
- Friday
February 13 8:00 p.m. Basketball, Wayne State (away)
- 8:00 p.m. University Film Series, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?,"
201 Dodge Hall (reshown at 10 p.m.)
- Saturday
February 14 2:00 p.m. Swimming, Eastern Michigan (away)
- 8:00 p.m. University Film Series, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?,"
201 Dodge Hall
- Sunday
February 15 8:00 p.m. University Film Series, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?,"
201 Dodge Hall

At Meadow Brook Theatre through March 1, Franz Kafka's *The Castle*.
Performances Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15 p.m., Sunday at 6:30
p.m. Wednesday matinee performances at 2 p.m.