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UNITED WAY-RED CROSS CAMPAIGN NEEDS YOU

The United Way-Red Cross Campaign at the University has recorded 41 percent in contributions and pledges toward its \$47,000 goal.

The deadline is November 2, and all those who have not yet participated are urged to respond now so that the University can again demonstrate to the community its 100 percent public involvement and support.

Please reply to your departmental representative or the campaign chairman, Dr. James Fee in Mass Media-Communication.

UNIVERSITY DATES

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| November 5 | World-at-Our-Door Travel Series presents "Amazing Korea", with Kenneth Armstrong, Thomas Hall, 2:30 p. m. |
| | Concert by University Brass Choir, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 3 p. m. |
| November 6-22 | Exhibition of Conceptual Works by Miss Karen Shaw, Davis Art Gallery. |
| November 7-30 | Editorial Cartoonists from Ohio Newspapers, Guzzetta Hall Atrium Gallery. |
| November 8 | Concert by University Glee Clubs, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 10 | Gold Series presents the Oxford-Cambridge Shakespeare Company in "Comedy of Errors", Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 10-12, 17-19 | University Theatre presents "Little Mary Sunshine", Kolbe Theatre, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 14 | Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Chorale, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 15 | Festival of the Old and New Chamber Music Series, with Emerson String Quartet, Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 16 | Regular meeting of University Council, Leigh 307, 3 p. m. |
| November 17 | Blue Series presents Fred Waring Show, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 19 | Peter Nero in Concert with the University's Bandorama, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 21 | Tuesday Musical Club presents Cleveland Quartet, Thomas Hall, 8:15 p. m. |
| November 30 | Opera Scenes—"Figaro" and "Babydoe", Guzzetta Recital Hall, 8:15 p. m. |

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SEARCH COMMITTEES

For the Dean of the College of Engineering

Dr. Joseph Padovan, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering (Chairman); Dr. Tse-Yung Chang, Professor of Civil Engineering; Dr. T. Henry Forsyth, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering; Dr. C. E. Griffin, Dean of Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences; Mr. Michael B. Loeffler, senior in Electrical Engineering.

For the Head of the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance

Dr. Paul Daum, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts (Chairman); Dr. Kelvie Comer, Assistant to the Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts; Mr. Alexander Davis, Instructor in Theatre Arts; Mr. Marc Ozanich, Assistant Professor of Dance.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE INSTITUTE FOR FUTURES STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Dr. Maurice Adams, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering.
Dr. S. L. Aggarwal, Vice President and Director of the Research Division, The General Tire and Rubber Company.
Dr. Abdul Al-Rubaiy, ex officio, Acting Director of the Institute, Associate Professor of Education (Secretary).
Mr. Richard Aynes, Coordinator of Appellate Review Office and Lecturer in Law.
Mr. Foster S. Buchtel, Assistant to the President (Co-Chairman).
Mr. Edward J. Davis, Clerk of Akron City Council.
Mr. Ralph Gillman, Superintendent, Summit County Public Schools.
Dr. Claibourne Griffin, Dean, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences.
President D. J. Guzzetta (Chairman).
Mrs. Barbara Hiney, Executive Director, Goals for the Greater Akron Area.
Dr. Gerard Knieter, Dean, College of Fine and Applied Arts.
Dr. Warren Kuehl, Professor of History, and Director, Center for Peace Studies.
Dr. Noel Leathers, Vice President and Provost.
Dr. Lloyd Lueptow, Professor of Sociology.
Mr. James Nolte, Assistant Professor of Business Management Technology.
Mr. Conrad Ott, Superintendent, Akron Public Schools.
Dr. Gerald Pyle, Professor of Urban Studies.
Mr. Robert Richardson, Student, Junior in Sociology.
Dr. Karl A. Shilliff, Professor of Management.
Dr. Elsie Simms, Director of the Undergraduate Program and Associate Professor of Nursing.
Dr. Harold Wilson, Superintendent, Cuyahoga Falls Public Schools.
Miss Marla Yost, Student, Junior in Business Administration.

Any comments concerning the contents of The University of Akron Chronicle may be directed to the Office of the President or to the Executive Director of University Relations and Communications.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 19, 1978

The first meeting of University Council in the 1978-79 academic year was called to order by the Chairman, Vice President Noel Leathers, at 3 p. m. on Thursday, October 19, 1978, in Leigh Hall 307.

Fifty-two of the 68 members of Council (including one ex officio, for 1978-79), were present. Those absent with notice were Dr. C. Carrino, Miss S. Cool, Dr. L. DeYoung, Dr. A. Fatemi, Dr. D. Gerlach, Mr. A. Krigline, Dr. I. MacGregor, Dr. V. Newbern, Dr. Robert Roberts, Mr. H. P. Schrank, Dean R. Weyrick, and Mr. W. Wolf. Others absent were Miss L. Ayers, Dr. C. Dye, Mr. R. Kendall, and Dr. A. Noble.

The Chairman called for consideration of the minutes of the meeting of University Council of May 18, 1978 as printed in The University of Akron Chronicle of June 19, 1978. The minutes were approved on motion.

The next item on the agenda was "Remarks of the President". Dr. Guzzetta had just received the final enrollment figures for this fall semester—22,608 which was down from 23,121 last autumn. Although the final statistics have not been reported as yet for all state universities, it appears that only three had registered small increases—Central State, Ohio State and Toledo. Northeastern Ohio institutions seem to have suffered the greatest decreases, with Kent the most, at 1,065 less than in 1977. Despite our loss, which could be interpreted in various ways, it will not affect our budget line item this year because of the "mix" of our classes. However, the President suggested that for 1979-80 there could be an adjustment in tuition to counteract inflation, etc.

The President noted that there is some discussion in the Legislature about the subsidy level and the standards for FTE determination, and appropriate studies are being made by the Regents dealing with other options to the present system. He noted that in the evaluation of professional compensation, The University of Akron, as an AAUP Category I institution, presently is second only to Ohio State, referring to the various standings by professorial rank.

Dr. Guzzetta continued with references to the capital improvements under way on campus. New Knight Hall and Gladwin Hall should be fully occupied by the first of the year. It is hoped that ground will be broken next summer for the new physical education building. Renovation has already begun on the old union depot for our Continuing Education complex. After Chemistry moves into Knight, remodeling will begin in Crouse (old Knight) for Geology and extension of Education. In the next biennium \$11 million will be requested from the Regents for an addition to the Library. However, something less than that will probably be allocated. The President then indicated his willingness to entertain questions.

In response to Dr. Lehrman's request for a prediction as to next spring's enrollment, Dr. Guzzetta observed that traditionally the spring registrations are always somewhat lower than the preceding autumn's, usually 4 to 7 percent less. The University is estimating a drop of 6 percent for spring 1979. Although there may be another slight drop next fall, he feels that the enrollment picture will stabilize, and that the University will attract more nontraditional students as the traditional college age group shrinks. He estimated that the normal enrollment could level off at 21,000 to 22,000 credit students.

In answer to Dr. McGucken's query about the relationship of the University to the programs in Iran, the President responded that we are not directly affiliated, but serve in the capacities of consultants to provide for faculty and personnel, English Language Institutes and Counseling Centers in Iran. Also, the University could contract to become a center for distribution of Iranian students to U.S. colleges. All of these services are completely funded through the Iran Center for International Education, a not-for-profit private/governmental agency.

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Mr. Finan was concerned about the "inflexibility" of some departments on campus which would not accommodate transfer students in many instances, and our consequent loss of enrollment. Dr. Guzzetta acknowledged that there were some such instances which he deplored. Students now are "shopping around" for the campus which will provide them with maximum transfer credits, and he advocated more consideration within academic standards. He regretted that we did not have enough facilities to accept all the applications received for housing students, although we had increased our accommodations this year by 261. In replying to Dr. Knepper's question as to whether there was a problem in the transfer of two-year program registrants to four-year, the President felt this was not especially crucial.

Dr. Richard Roberts inquired whether budgets would be adjusted to favor those strong departments/colleges with increasing enrollments. Dr. Guzzetta said this factor would be taken into account through reallocations of faculty positions when they become open in departments with declining enrollment.

Dean Hansford added, regarding the enrollment picture, that the residence hall enrollment was higher than ever, with people having to be turned down for lack of space, while the commuting population had decreased. It is hoped that by next year there will be more space available for students desiring to live on campus.

Mr. Nolte wished that some greater emphasis could be placed publicly on the comparative costs of semester and quarter enrollment. He had found it necessary to explain the fact that the academic year fees were no higher under the new calendar, and he feared that we had lost some enrollment to those not understanding the new structure, Northeastern Ohio, the hardest hit economically, adding to this problem.

Dr. Guzzetta commented further that Kent was changing to the semester system next year, Ohio University is considering it and Youngstown might also convert in the near future. The President concluded his remarks by stating his conviction that those students wishing a quality education would come back to The University of Akron.

The Council Chairman then introduced three Deans who were attending their first Council meetings in that capacity: Dr. Alan Gent, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research; Dr. Gerard Knieter, Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts; and Dr. Marion Ruebel, Dean of the General College.

Mr. Nolte, Co-Chairman of the United Way campaign on campus, told the Council that 20 percent of the faculty and staff have already indicated support of the drive, and this represents 25 percent of the \$47,000 goal established for the University. College/department representatives are contacting their colleagues, although some have yet to make all their distribution of cards. It is hoped that the University drive can conclude by the end of October, having started a little in advance of the community. The cooperation has been fine on campus to date, and he hoped that the goal would be met.

Turning to the reports of the Standing Committees, the Chairman called upon Dr. Schultz for the Procedural Committee. He stated that the group had met twice, and had appointed the membership of the Standing Committees of University Council for 1978-79, and had also set the agenda for today's meeting.

Dr. Barker, the reelected chairman of the Athletics Committee, related that the membership had met to elect a chairman, review the fall athletics program, consider the plans for the new Physical Education Building, and approve a policy that is consistent with the NCAA and the Ohio Valley Conference in awarding athletic scholarships.

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Mr. Monroe, the reelected chairman of the Campus Facilities Planning Committee, reported that only the organization session had been held this fall to date.

Miss Knight, the chairman of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee, stated that the committee had met and organized, and had considered two areas of concern which had been resolved.

The chairman of the Faculty Well-Being Committee, Dr. Saslaw, told the Council that several meetings had been held to prepare a report for Council as earlier requested. This information should be completed for the next meeting of Council, and will consider the legal aspects of retirement, plans at other institutions, the national picture, the results of local hearings and the financial costs to this University.

Dr. McGucken, the reelected chairman of the Library and Learning Resources Committee, said that one meeting had been held, to organize.

The Research (Faculty Projects) Committee, according to Dr. Gent, had adopted guidelines for the faculty research projects and budget for 1978-79, which were circulated. Two interim awards had been made, because of an element of urgency. [They will appear elsewhere in the November Chronicle.] [The budget this academic year is \$60,000.]

Dean Hansford announced that the first meeting of the Student Affairs Committee for 1978-79 was held October 6. Miss Barbara Hazard and Mr. Robert Hahn, were named as chairmen of the Extra-curricular Activities and the Awards, Scholarships, Grants and Loans Subcommittees, respectively. The Subcommittee membership preferences were sought from the members of the Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Hahn reported on the various kinds and amounts of student financial aids likely to be available for students for the current year.

In response to a query, Dr. Leathers asked if Mr. Hahn could have information on scholarship aids available for department reference. Dean Hansford replied that this is already prepared and copies can be obtained.

Mr. Jamison, representative on the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, commented on the report of the meetings held on May 24 and September 19, 1978 in Columbus. He distributed his report to the Council. [It is included in the Appendix to these minutes.]

Dr. Slaughter, Akron's representative, reported that the Ohio Faculty Senate had not yet convened this fall.

Dr. d'Amico objected to buildings being locked during evening classes before the classes had concluded. Some buildings had been closed early, inconveniencing students and faculty. Recognizing the need for security, he hoped there could be a satisfactory resolution of the problem.

Dr. R. Bruce Holland pointed out that a change on page 32 of the Faculty Manual, amended by University Council last April, had not been changed in the corrected pages just circulated to the faculty. Dr. Leathers noted it, with thanks, to be updated.

Dr. Lehrman inquired if there was a report on the Ad Hoc Committee on Part-time Faculty. Dr. Leathers said that the committee had held meetings which resulted in a manual already distributed to the part-time faculty. Dr. Lehrman then asked if the committee would report to University Council.

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President Guzzetta said that it was a committee appointed by the President, and not a University Council committee. The committee worked out a Grievance Procedure for the part-time faculty, and he noted that the committee would remain active. The part-time faculty employed this fall have been given contracts, and a manual and the grievance procedure.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p. m.

ADDITIONS TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

The procedural Committee of University Council has increased the membership of four standing committees by the addition of the following for 1978-79:

Academic Policies, Curriculum and Calendar Committee—Miss Laura Ayers and
and Miss Debbie Young (students serving on University Council).

Athletics Committee—Mr. Scott Dressler (student serving on University Council).

Campus Facilities Planning Committee—Mr. Thomas Gearhart and Mr. Richard
Kendall (students, Mr. Kendall serving on University Council).

Student Affairs Committee—Mr. Thomas Vukovich and Miss Shirley Cool
(Miss Cool is a student serving on University Council).

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS

The Research (Faculty Projects) Committee has announced the 1978-79 budget of \$60,000. According to Dr. Alan Gent, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, the deadline is November 13, 1978 for submitting applications for research grants for projects which must start prior to the end of the fall semester; the deadline is November 27 for faculty summer fellowships; and February 16, 1979 for faculty research grants for projects starting March 1 or later. Additional information is available from his office (Ext. 7663) or from the Office of the Coordinator of Research (Ext. 7666).

Two projects were approved in September 1978:

Dr. Walter Lehrman

• "A Co-Edited Annotated Bibliography, The Plays of Ben Jonson." \$300

Dr. David J. O'Brien

"Neighborhood Investment Survey" \$200

APPENDIX TO MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, October 19, 1978

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS—Mr. David Jamison.

The following report is a summary of the topics discussed at the May and September, 1978, meetings of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

May 24, 1978 Meeting

Chancellor Norton commented on the following topics:

1. Budget Surplus: The Universities have done an effective job of supporting the bill introduced by Rep. Stinziano to distribute a portion of the budget surplus to higher education in an effort to prevent increases in fees.
2. Management Studies Program: As part of an effort to develop program budgeting for higher education, the legislature has instructed the OBOR (through the Office of Budget and Management) to study university roles, aims, and management. OBOR has developed a general statement of aims and will be letting contracts for specific area studies.
3. Remedial Education: There has been discussion, in the legislature and elsewhere, of moving remedial education from the Universities to the Two-year Colleges. OBOR has several concerns in this regard:
 - a. Any changes must be consistent with conclusions presented in the 1974 Citizens' Task Force report, the 1975 Two-year Colleges study, and the 1976 Master Plan for Higher Education;
 - b. Recognition must continue of the historical differences in governance of two- and four-year institutions, and the unique role of each;
 - c. The paramount importance must be attached to community service;
 - d. OBOR is opposed to the idea that the two-year colleges are where unprepared students are sent;
 - e. Remedial education (to meet specific areas of deficiency) must be distinguished from developmental education (which may involve a broad spectrum of needs, including cultural bases for deficiencies).

September 19, 1978 Meeting

Acting Chancellor Coulter commented on the following topics:

1. Budget Proposal: OBOR has completed work on its proposal for Higher Education Appropriations for the state budget for the 1979-81 Biennium. Mr. Coulter presented some highlights of the proposal:
 - a. Student-based instruction appropriation as a percentage of the total would drop slightly under the OBOR proposal, but would still amount to 74.9% of the total recommended appropriation;

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REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS, continued

- b. The largest percentage increase would be in "Access to Higher Education", up from 5% to 6.1% of the recommended appropriation (includes grants, scholarships, developmental ed.);
 - c. Debt service for capital funds continues to rise as a percentage of the budget total (up to 9.4% of the total recommendation);
 - d. The total budget recommendation for the biennium is over \$1.6 billion, a proposed increase of 28.1% over the last biennium;
 - e. There is, for the first time, a recommended appropriation of \$2 million for Non-Credit Continuing Education. The recommendation is that this amount would be used to offset a portion of the administrative/institutional costs which the Universities are presently absorbing. It is to be emphasized that this would not include student-based subsidies, and in fact the recommendation specifically excludes instructional costs.
2. Policy Priorities: As a separate topic, Mr. Coulter indicated that the budget recommendation reflects certain new policy emphasis of the OBOR. The most important of these is renewed stress in lifelong learning, both as a response to the need of the state's higher educational system to serve all its citizens, and as a response to declining enrollments projected for the eighteen to twenty-two year old category.

Thus, in addition to the recommended appropriation for non-credit continuing education, there are recommendations for funding Educational Information Centers, an Ohio Academy for Education, and a Recruitment and Special Development program for Health Manpower.

3. Management Studies Program: Mr. Coulter reviewed the mandate to the OBOR for the General Assembly to undertake a series of management studies for higher education. The key theme of these studies, as OBOR sees it, is the expected near-term pattern of enrollment instability. Faced with this expectation, the studies are to address the questions of how financial stability and program flexibility might be maintained.

A vital part of the whole process is Program Review and Evaluation. Five contracts have been awarded to various educational institutions and consultants to develop both institutional-level and state-level process models for the evaluation of academic programs, academic planning and budgeting, institutional financial stability, cost containment, and statewide management development.

Work has been undertaken pursuant to these contracts. Working papers have been prepared on at least one of the topic areas (academic programs), and discussion and studying is continuing. The contract recipients may well include consultative visits to selected campuses as part of their work.

ASSISTANT PROVOST
MR. JOHN S. WATT