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Today's paper is the final winter term issue of the Faculty News — and it concludes publication of the Faculty News. But a more comprehensive weekly — the MSU News - Bulletin — will appear next month. Watch for it on April 1.

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Ron Jordan: Putting his background to new uses. — Photo by Robert Brown.

New faculty (No. 6)

Trying to find out what is learned

On one side of the room, the book shelf holds such titles as "English Transformational Grammar" and "Psycholinguistics." On the other side, on the desk, lies "The Clinical Approach to the Patient." And in between: Ron Jordan, assistant professor of medical education research and development.

With a doctorate in communications research and linguistics, Jordan said he knew nothing about medicine before assuming his faculty position here last fall. Now he is "intrigued by the opportunity to apply my background in a way I'd never thought of before."

A YEAR ago he thought he would be teaching linguistics theory or communications research design courses.

Instead he is involved "in a gamut from cognizant to active kinds of activities."

For instance, he has been evaluating two courses — "Clinical Pharmacology" and "Physical Diagnosis" — looking for "the kinds of phenomenal data" that may increase the chances that students will emerge from the course with what the

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Two meetings set; bargaining is topic

Two general meetings on faculty collective bargaining have been called for this Thursday (March 11) at 4:10 and 7:30 p.m. in 108B of Wells Hall.

The meetings are being sponsored by the MSU Faculty Associates (MSU/FA, an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association), the MSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and the unaffiliated Faculty for Collective Negotiations (FCN).

Agendas for both sessions will include statements by Peter G. Haines, president of the MSU/FA; Sigmund Nosow, president of the AAUP chapter; and Matthew Medick, chairman of the FCN. Medick, who is coordinating the meeting, said he hoped to include on the program spokesmen who oppose collective bargaining.

Following the statements will be a panel discussion of the pros and cons of bargaining, and a period of questions from the audience.

MEDICK SAID last week that the FCN has decided not to distribute authorization cards at this time. "We feel that it is now very important for all faculty to respond to the needs of their colleagues by sharing their views on collective bargaining," he said. He also urged faculty to respond to a questionnaire distributed last month by the FCN.

Books needed

Belize, formerly known as British Honduras, needs books. An emerging nation in Central America, Belize has libraries but nothing to fill the shelves.

MSU faculty, staff and students may drop off books at the campus fire station on Shaw Lane.

"Books for Belize" is organized through the Partners of the Americas.

In an effort to step up its organizing attempts, the Faculty Associates last week formed a steering committee headed by James Trow, professor of geology. Other members include Edward P. Keller, administration and higher education; Glenn Berkheimer and T. Wayne Taylor, both Science and Mathematics Teaching Center; Carl Cooper, chemical engineering; John Hurley, psychology; William Gamble, art; Jacqueline Brophy, labor and industrial relations; Clyde Henson, English; and David Taylor, library. Ex officio are Ronald Peters, labor and industrial relations; Perry Bailey, retired faculty member; and William Owen of the MEA.

Another group, calling itself COMEU (Committee for the Maintenance of an Excellent University), last week distributed a statement asking faculty to consider the "situation most carefully" before signing authorization cards.

The committee is headed by Thomas G. Moore, professor of economics, and is the outgrowth of a group which earlier issued a statement opposing bargaining for faculty.

Coretta King to speak here

The widow of Martin Luther King Jr. will speak here later this month during a series of activities in memory of the slain civil rights leader who died April 4, 1968.

Mrs. Coretta King will speak at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the Auditorium. Benjamin Mays, longtime friend and adviser to King and president emeritus of Morehouse College, will speak Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Kellogg Center.

Scheduled for Thursday, April 1, is a film, "King — From Montgomery to Memphis," at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Prepaid health insurance plan under study here

Faculty, staff and students have been asked to consider the prospect of a prepaid group health care plan for themselves and their families.

In announcing the proposal, President Clifton R. Wharton Jr. said the plan's primary purpose is "to improve the quality of health care and to reduce costs.

"If such a plan can be successfully implemented at MSU, it would also be helpful to the education of physicians and other health professionals, and could prove to be a model system."

He said that a survey will be taken in a few months to determine faculty, staff and student sentiments. Using the survey results, projected costs and other factors, the Board of

Trustees will be asked to decide whether a pilot program should begin.

"In the meantime," Wharton said, "the issue will be considered by the All - University Health Center Advisory Board, which includes representation from students as well as faculty, staff and other employees."

A PREPAID health service plan means that a person contracts with a group of physicians and other health professionals who agree to provide health services for a set monthly fee.

In a comprehensive plan as envisioned by MSU, the health services include not only hospitalization, but also office calls,

house calls, dental work, rehabilitation therapy, medical social services and others, with the group providing a full range of specialists.

Prepaid group plans have been operating successfully for several years in some states. They are now being viewed by the federal government as a likely way to improve health care inequities, reduce costs, and make better use of doctors and other health professionals.

Both the Nixon Administration and Democratic leaders in Congress have proposed health care legislation to provide financial incentives for the establishment of health maintenance organizations (HMOs).

WHARTON said that the kind of HMO offered for consideration here is "one which would be tailored to our particular health care needs, and would also aid our educational programs and our research projects aimed at improving health care."

As tentatively planned, he added, the program would be administered by a new University unit whose prime mission would be health care services rather than education and research.

But he pointed out that the program would benefit from specialized services in the Colleges of Human Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine, and would be an important resource for the education of all medical students.

Constitution nears adoption

The Council of Graduate Students last week approved three new items to be incorporated into its new constitution.

Those items stipulate that COGS officers and representatives shall receive no compensation unless authorized by referendum; taxes shall not be raised unless authorized by referendum; and referenda cannot be held during summer or during the first month of classes fall term and must have one month's prior announcement in the State News.

Approved in principle for incorporation into the new constitution was a statement concerning political endorsement: That COGS should not endorse a political candidate or party except by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting; that money should

not be contributed to any political campaign; and that COGS should not endorse political issues which do not directly concern the welfare of MSU graduate students.

The new constitution was approved by those representatives present at the meeting. A mail ballot of other members is being conducted. Upon completion of that ballot, if the constitution is approved by three-quarters of the membership as required, a referendum of all graduate students will be conducted during early and late registration for spring classes.

NEXT WEEK, COGS is expected to act upon a point of view presented by its executive council regarding the future status of graduate assistants.

The council stated that "every effort

should be made to maintain present graduate assistants at no decrease in stipend," and that stipends should not be withdrawn or decreased for qualified assistants only to provide support for new assistants.

And, the council said, "in all cases where a graduate assistant's stipend is decreased or entirely cut off . . . a written explanation (should) be given to the graduate assistant."

Urban history

Carl E. Schorske, professor of history at Princeton University, will discuss "Urban Redevelopment and Its Critics: Vienna, 1860-1910" Thursday (March 11) at 4 p.m. in 104B Wells Hall.

'Serving State': Names make the news

One of the University's best-received publications is also among its most durable — as its recent 15th anniversary issue will attest.

The publication is *Serving State*, launched — and named — for the employees of the Division of Dormitories and Food Services.

Issued nine times a year via a mimeograph press in Holmes Hall, *Serving State* goes to some 1,400 employees across the campus, from Hubbard Halls to the Brody Group.

Its fare emphasizes personal items about its readers, exemplifying a long-held notion that names make the news. The 14-page February issue, for example, reported on the activities — from vacations and illnesses to jury duties and bowling results — of more than 200 persons (including a list of February-March birthday celebrants in the division).

In recent months, *Serving State* has offered more "hard" news, editor Jack Thompson points out. The January issue printed an explanation of campus workers' fringe benefits and ran comments by three employees on whether they believe that blue collar workers at MSU "feel forgotten." (The three admitted to varying degrees of that feeling.)

And the February edition features two items in a "rumor buster" section: No, convenience foods are not more costly than preparing food in the dormitories; and no, children of supervisors do not receive free tuition to MSU.

WHEN THE publication was started in 1956, its purpose was to help employees in the fast-growing dormitories and food services division become better acquainted, recalls Emery Foster, assistant vice president for business and finance, and director of the division until last year.

It was almost completely devoted to personal items, and

through the talents of the late Gilbert Hammond, it contained full-color artwork that has since become a model of excellence in mimeograph printing.

As the dorms and food services division has grown, so, apparently, has the need for *Serving State*. Both Foster and Lyle Thorburn, the current director, recall that when anyone has ever questioned the need for sustaining the publication, reader reaction has been swift: Keep the paper — "the way it is."

EDITOR THOMPSON — whose duties with *Serving State* are only part of his responsibilities as publications coordinator for the division — has a network of volunteer correspondents provide items from all the dormitories, Kellogg Center, food stores and the laundry, the Union Building and the International Center.

He says that when dormitory construction seemed to mushroom in the 1960s, so did the size of *Serving State*. Now the number of pages has been cut back and stabilized, he says, and the publication is trying to give readers more chance "to tell us things" — but the personals continue to be the publication's "backbone," Thompson adds.

An employe of MSU since 1946, Thompson worked his way up from cook's helper to food service manager before taking his present job. He pursued his bachelor's degree part-time and earned it in 1966. Now he's working toward an M.A.

The publication's (volunteer) associate editor is Elaine Williams, a full-time secretary in the division, and the art editor is Lynda Mauk, a clerk. Other main contributors are Don McMillan, manager of Hubbard Halls (feature editor); Bob Grimes, maintenance supervisor in Brody Halls (sports editor); Carl Eigenauer, safety engineer (safety editor).

— GENE RIETFORS



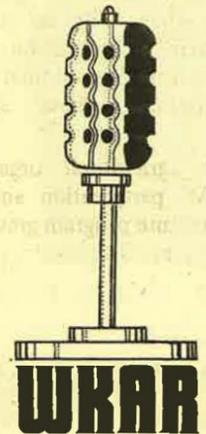
Wednesday, March 10 — 7 p.m.: Pianist John Paul Jones performs Schumann's Etudes Symphoniques, Op. 13 on "Young Musical Artists."

Friday, March 12 — 7 p.m.: Highlights from the 1970-71 young people's film competition.

Sunday, March 14 — 12:30 p.m.: Tom Mix rides again on "They Went That' A Way." 3 p.m.: Tchaikovsky's opera "Queen of Spades" is performed on "Fanfare." 4:30 p.m.: "The World of Henry Miller" is a filmed portrait of the famed author. 10 p.m.: "Assignment 10" moves to a new day and time, and features a panel of experts on the drug problem responding to phoned questions on a live "Dial-log." 11 p.m.: "Paradise Lost, Part I" stars Eli Wallach and Jo Van Fleet in Clifford Odets' 1935 Broadway play (Part II, March 21).

Tuesday, March 16 — 7 p.m.: "Because We Care," a sequel to "The Turned On Crisis," debuts with a look at drug abuse.

Wednesday, March 17 — 7 p.m.: Ann Elgar, a soprano with the New York City Opera, performs works by Handel, Rossini, Gounod and Stravinsky on "Young Musical Artists."



Tuesday, March 9 — 1 p.m. (AM): A documentary explores "The Women's Liberation Movement in America."

Thursday, March 11 — 1 p.m. (AM): Sam Rich of the University of Utah discusses "Reflections on Violence: The U.S. Military Establishment." 7 p.m. (FM): "MSU Recital" features clarinetist Elsa Ludwig.

Friday, March 12 — 1 p.m. (AM): Yale University president Kingman Brewster discusses "Campus and Society."

Saturday, March 13 — 2 p.m. (FM): The Metropolitan Opera presents Verdi's "Il Trovatore." 8:55 p.m. (FM): MSU - Northwestern basketball from Evanston.

Sunday, March 14 — 4 p.m. (AM-FM): Bertram Gross, Hubert Locke and Margaret Mead discuss "Population Distribution and Family Structure in America."

Friday, March 19 — 10:30 a.m. (AM): The 1952 Presidential campaign is recalled on "The Eisenhower Years." 1 p.m. (AM): "President Nixon and the Media" is the topic of Ray Heibert, University of Maryland.

Saturday, March 20 — 2 p.m. (FM): Mozart's "Don Giovanni" is the Metropolitan Opera's production.

WKAR-FM expands

WKAR-FM has expanded its broadcasting time to a total of 130½ hours a week. The new hours are: Monday through Friday, and Sunday — 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., and Saturday — 6:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The expanded schedule is designed to provide more programming in music, drama and the arts. There will be more time for jazz programs on Thursdays, contemporary popular music on Fridays and the "classics-by-request" program on Saturdays.

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Going to press: (from left) Eiaine Williams, Lynda Mauk and Jack Thompson, the editor of "Serving State."

— Photo by Dick Wesley

Farmers' Week keeps up with change

Music department staff won't lead group singing from a truck as they once did at MSU's annual Farmers' Week, but this year's event - March 22 - 26 - will meet the needs of farmers as well as it has in the past, says Byron Good, head of University Farms and Farmers' Week chairman.

From a start in 1876, Farmers' Week has grown to be the largest educational-agricultural event in the nation, according to Good.

More than 40 University departments will present educational programs, and 26 agricultural associations will hold meetings as part of Farmers' Week 1971.

FARMERS' WEEK officially began in 1914, but the groundwork was laid by Farmers' Institutes, starting in 1876. Representatives of the Michigan Agricultural College that year discussed agricultural problems with farmers at Allegan, Adrian, Decatur, Coldwater, Armada and Rochester.

The State Legislature formally recognized the value of the Institutes in 1895 when they were set up as an official system of education. By the turn of the century, more than 100,000 persons attended these Institutes annually.

As new agricultural organizations desired MAC participation and as the Farmers' Institute program grew, college people saw a need to congregate these activities so they could be more effective.

In 1914, the Farmers' Institute Round - up and the Michigan Livestock Breeders and Feeders Association meetings were held on campus the same week. These joint meetings were called "Farmers' Week."

ACTIVITIES AT early Farmers' Weeks included cavalry jumping, greased pig catching and a national horse pulling contest. In 1936, Michigan State's champion football team was pitted against a team of horses that had won all the pulling contests it had been in. The football team won, "partly because they had more feet on the ground and thus more traction," according to one observer.

Farmers attending that year couldn't

CU bylaw change rejected

Some 4,000 persons attended the annual Credit Union meeting in the Auditorium last week, including 2,117 voting members who defeated a proposed bylaw amendment and elected credit union officers.

Elected to three - year terms as members of the board of directors were: Vern Severance, manager of general stores and current board president; Marvin Solomon, professor of natural science; and John Zimmer, assistant dean of natural science.

Elected to three - year terms as credit committee members were: June Carpenter, a loan interviewer with the credit union; and Marilyn O'Leary, also a loan interviewer.

The bylaw amendment received 812 "yes" votes and 808 "no" votes, but needed a three - fourths majority to pass. The amendment would have reduced the number of members of the credit committee from five to three, changed their selection process from election by the membership to election by the board of directors, and changed the term of office from three years to one year.

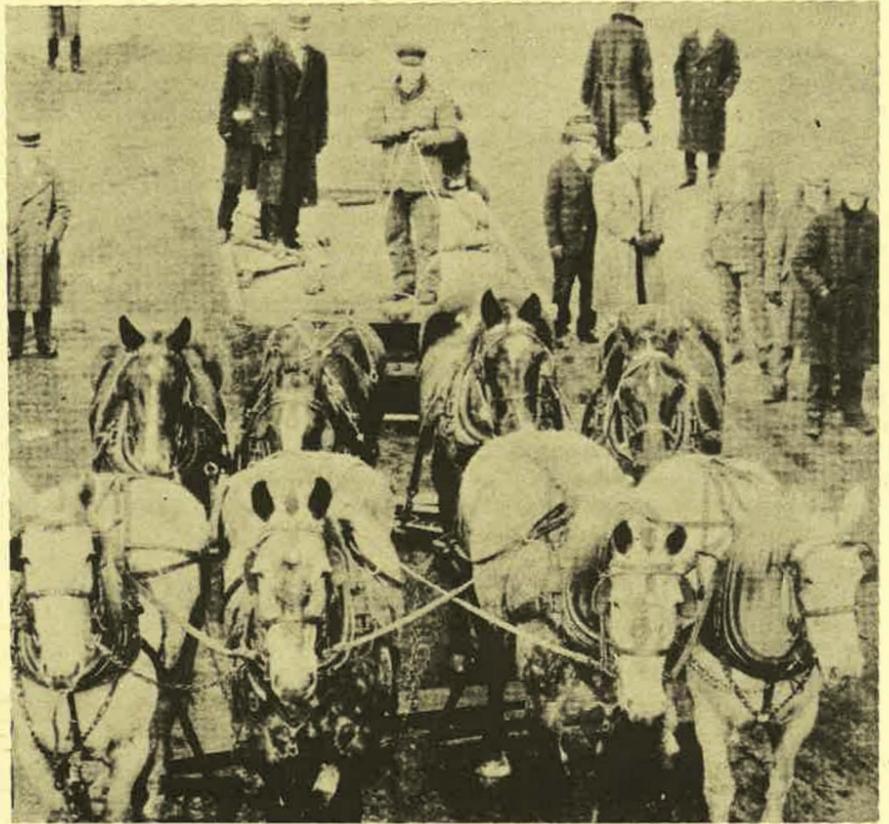
foresee animal waste disposal as a key program topic in 1971, or agricultural economists showing how computers can figure least - cost dairy rations in microseconds.

But farmers of the 1920s would probably be glad to hear that the annual Horse Day has been reinstated, though the focus is now on pleasure horses rather than draft horses.

THIS YEAR'S visitors can see the most automated milking system in the world. It allows one operator to milk 120 cows an hour. With hand milking, early Farmers' Week participants probably averaged about 6 cows an hour, and their cows gave about only a third as much milk as today's dairy cows.

Visitors will also see livestock housing facilities that are environmentally controlled with automatic heating and ventilation systems.

The 1971 theme, "The Land as Our Heritage," will focus many programs on modern man's relationship to soil and land - continued exploitation, pollution, population pressure and ecological imbalance. - DEAN BORK
Extension Editor



Farmers' Week: From draft horses to pleasure horses.

The standing committees

Trying to keep involved with business affairs

* A proposal to change book pricing in the MSU Bookstore.

* A "critical review" of the University's hold card policy.

* A study of the growth of copy centers across the campus.

These items and many more occupy the University Business Affairs Committee, a group whose concerns touch many of MSU's day - to - day operations.

The committee's charge is to review and make recommendations on "policies within the service functions and business office that bear directly on the academic and research aspects of the University."

Until a faculty bylaw change was adopted last year, the committee's concerns were limited to items "exclusive of allocation of financial resources," a limitation that proved to be unrealistic, according to committee chairman Robert W. Little, professor of metallurgy, mechanics and materials science).

Little cited two basic roles of the business affairs committee: As a standing committee of the Academic Council, it reviews and evaluates policies of the varied business functions at MSU; and as an advisory group, it works closely with the office of the vice president for business and finance.

The committee tends to "use its own discretion in determining which hat it is wearing," Little said.

A KEY to the committee's operation, Little said, is its close cooperation with officials of the business and finance office. (In addition to its 13 faculty and two student members, the committee includes vice president Roger E. Rumpsa, who are ex officio, nonvoting members. Also working with the group are assistant vice presidents Stephen Terry and Emery Foster.)

The committee's makeup insures that "we debate things carefully in meetings," Little said, "rather than going ahead and making empty recommendations" that later will be found unworkable.

Proposals from the committee can

make their way through University governance via official action in the Council and Academic Senate, but Little said that his group has "tended to keep the Council advised of our work rather than use it as an instrument of recommendation."

He emphasized that Wilkinson has shown consistent willingness to take committee recommendations directly to the Board of Trustees.

ONE OF THE committee's major actions - a proposed change in used book prices for the bookstore - was headed toward implementation last year but was shelved when area bookstore owners threatened suit against the Board of Trustees. Still pending is a ruling from the attorney general's office.

In another recent action, the committee reaffirmed the present means of financial support (from the general fund) for the Placement Bureau. The decision resulted from a study of the bureau after some students had contended that since the bureau performed a service for industry, the latter should pay fees in order to recruit through the bureau.

In recommending that present support policies be maintained, the committee concluded that the

Placement Bureau is primarily a student service, even though recruiting firms gain secondary benefits.

AMONG CURRENT items for the business affairs committee are the study of copy centers (those using multilith and similar presses) to determine if such facilities should be more closely coordinated, and a review of physical plant services in order to promote better faculty - staff understanding of pricing and other policies.

Little has been chairman of the committee since it was created about three years ago. Other faculty members and their colleges are: John Brake, agriculture and natural resources; Frederick Williams, arts and letters; Charles Gaa, business; Roderick Rightmire, communication arts; Richard Featherstone, education; Grace Miller, human ecology; Philipp Gerhardt, human medicine; Aaron Galonsky, natural science; Albert A. Blum, social science; Edward Natharius, University College; Kenneth Keahey, veterinary medicine; and Herman Struck, residential colleges. The student representatives are Michael Haviland (graduate) and Beryl Simonson (undergraduate).

GM proposals to be considered

The business affairs committee will meet this Thursday for further discussion of proposals being offered by the Project on Corporate Responsibility. The meeting time and place have not yet been set.

The proposals refer to voting the University's shares in General Motors Corporation, and they are the outgrowth of last year's GM campaign led by Ralph Nader.

At a special business affairs committee meeting last week, motions relating to the University's GM stock were tabled until Thursday's regular committee meeting.

Committee chairman Robert Little said that representatives of both the

Project on Corporate Responsibility and GM would be invited to attend the Thursday session.

Faculty Club

Today's speaker at the Faculty Club noon luncheon will be Jack Patriarche, East Lansing's city manager. His topic: "East Lansing - Past, Present and Future."

Speakers scheduled for the remainder of March are: March 16 - Dustan C. Osborn, a biophysics graduate trainee, "A Journey to the Galapagos Islands," March 23 - Robert D. Klemm, assistant professor of poultry science, "The Gooney Birds Aren't," March 30 - Frank Kelley, attorney general of Michigan, topic to be announced.

Council OKs bylaw, report changes

The Academic Council last week:

- * Approved the report from the University Curriculum Committee (see related story below).

- * Approved, with no discussion, incorporation of the Graduate Council into the faculty bylaws.

- * Approved an amendment to the Academic Freedom Report, Article Seven, which deals with amendment procedures.

- * Approved the Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities document.

A MOTION from Bishop Pipes Jr., professor of humanities, to amend the proposed Article Seven amendment by deleting sections 2.1.4.9 and 2.2 of the

freedom report from the proposed amendment's purview, was defeated by a strong majority of the Council. The two sections deal with faculty rights and responsibilities.

Pipes expressed concern about a "student veto" over those sections. "If we, as a faculty, want to change them (the two sections), do we have a right to?" he asked.

Vice President for Student Affairs Milton B. Dickerson pointed out that Pipes' motion would have left those sections of the freedom report unamendable by anybody.

Both Pipes and Chitra Smith, associate professor in James Madison College, questioned the representivity of

ASMSU, the student government body empowered in the freedom report to approve proposed amendments.

THE GRADUATE student academic rights and responsibilities document was presented to the Council by David Wright, representative for the Council of Graduate Students, who noted that the document had taken 21 months of deliberations, hearings, review and revisions.

Peter Flynn, former president of COGS who had been closely involved with the development of the document, pointed out that much of it spells out practices which now exist, and that it had received the unanimous approval of both COGS (students) and the Graduate Council (faculty).

Some changes were made in the document, most of them editorial.

The document had proposed to a doctoral student's guidance committee from the traditional four members to three. The rationale, according to James Pickering, professor of English and

member of the Graduate Council, was that three - member committees have become the practice. The provision was amended to revert back to the traditional practice for four members because of concern expressed about possible absence from campus of one or more members of the committee.

There was also some concern expressed about consistency of the document with the Academic Freedom Report. So Paul Hurrell, professor in Justin Morrill, proposed an amendment, approved by the Council, which stated: "The rights and responsibilities of graduate students as identified in this document do not nullify the rights and responsibilities of students in general under the Academic Freedom Report of 1967."

The graduate rights and responsibilities document pertains to all post - baccalaureate students except those enrolled as professional or nondegree students. Pickering cited a need for a future document to cover these students.

Curriculum changes adopted

Among the curriculum changes approved by the Academic Council last week were revision of the geography curriculum, creation of a plan B (nonthesis) option for the master's degree in urban planning, and establishment of a teaching minor in the Department of Religion.

A major curriculum change in geography will give more emphasis to urban and environmental problems.

Beginning in the fall, the department will offer 29 new courses, and 44 of the existing 59 geography courses will reflect changes in content or credit weight.

Lawrence M. Sommers, professor and chairman of geography, said the curriculum revision has been under discussion for three years.

"Many of the new courses will cover material touched on in some of our present courses," he said. "We expect this expansion and change of emphasis to give our program more depth and flexibility."

"Most people think of geography as involved only with the physical environment," he said, "but it involves the cultural, social, political and economic environment as well."

One new course, "Geography of the City," will focus on urban economic, social and political structures. Another,

"The City and its Region," will study the relationships of cities to their surrounding areas.

"Geography of Environmental Quality" will analyze man's attempt to regulate his habitat, while another new course will be concerned with the geography of global water resources.

Urban Planning

Myles G. Boylan, professor and director of urban planning and landscape architecture, said that establishment of a nonthesis option for the master's degree reflects the varied interests, pressures and perceptions of the approximately 50 graduate students now enrolled in the school.

A committee of faculty and graduate students met several times to discuss and examine the necessity of the thesis. After thorough study of the faculty, the committee worked out various alternatives based on suggestions and decided to establish the nonthesis option. It was effective at the beginning of this term.

Minor in Religion

Robert T. Anderson, professor and chairman of religion, said that the faculty felt the need to initiate the teaching minor in religion because many disciplines at MSU have not been able to use religion as a cognate.

Ron Jordan . . .

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professor wants them to have, to discover the "disparity between what the instructor thinks is going on and what the students are getting."

So there are two basic questions: What is being learned? And, how similar or dissimilar is this from what is being taught?

The clinical pharmacology students were interviewed, responded to a questionnaire, and took an extensive examination.

In the physical diagnosis class, Jordan is helping to set up what will go on in class, such as developing a packet of information on the taking of blood pressure.

ANOTHER involvement is the Inquiry Project, where a doctor and an acting patient act out the diagnosis procedure, with the doctor thinking out loud. The purpose is to study the thought processes which go into the diagnosis procedure, to explain why different doctors with different questions come out with the same diagnosis.

Now he is involved with gathering the data, interviewing the doctors and working with videotaped sessions.

Jordan will also be teaching a course on evaluation schemes in medical education spring term.

THOUGH JORDAN says he is excited about his colleagues - "They are a group of people who are quite stimulating" - all his impressions of MSU have not been favorable.

Some of the reasons are "silly, little, trivial things," like having his car towed away and the bureaucracy in getting it back, but there was also the problem he cited in finding only 20 to 25 per cent of the articles he looks for in the library, and the bookstore not having linguistics department offerings.

And he questioned the "intellectual climate," a "lack of political involvement" as compared to his alma mater, Indiana University. But, he said, a friend who went from MSU to Indiana said the same thing about Indiana, so:

"I'm less sure about what's wrong with MSU, and more sure about what's wrong with me."

And, oh yes, another problem upon coming to East Lansing: He had a hard time finding a doctor . . .

- BEVERLY TWITCHELL

Winter degree candidates include an 'ex-candidate'

Degrees will be awarded to 1,487 students in two commencement ceremonies this Sunday (March 14) in the Auditorium. The 529 advanced degree candidates will be cited at 10 a.m. and the 928 bachelor's degrees will be presented at the 3 p.m. main exercises.

Jeannette Lee, dean of human ecology, will speak at the morning ceremony and Wade H. McCree, circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals in Detroit, will speak in the afternoon.

Among the bachelor's candidates is David C. (Louie) Bender, former candidate for MSU president.

Bender, who said he decided to make a run for the presidency because "it was

a slow weekend," will be graduated because he could not be granted tenure as a student. ("I was passed over three times.")

He still feels he was qualified for the presidency because of "the good training in University politics under my mentor, Giacomo Leopardi, a sometimes - professor of Etruscan literature." And he has asked for a recount of the voting.

Bender counts seven terms of natural science among his MSU accomplishments.

Currently a State News columnist, he recalls flunking Journalism 201 ("News Writing") three times.

He now plans to "hang out my shingle, which will read: 'Louie Bender, multidisciplinary social scientist. Walk in.'"

Commission will report this spring

A four - member committee is coordinating the job of drafting the report of the Presidential Commission on Admissions and Student Body Composition - a report that will be ready during spring term, according to commission chairman Ira Polley.

Members of the coordinating committee are James H. Pickering, associate professor of English; Clifford J. Pollard, associate professor of botany and plant pathology; Chitra M. Smith, associate professor in James Madison College; and Jerry Rupley, undergraduate student.

In meetings this term, the commission has dealt with recommendations in three major areas: Enrollment mix, research, and quality and instructional programs. Still to be covered are recommendations dealing with life - long learning and continuing education, summer school, minority and disadvantaged students, and planning, priorities, budgeting and management.

Polley emphasized that votes taken so far by the commission are tentative, although they do "reflect and measure the thinking of commission members at this time."

He said that tentative conclusions by the commission will "provide direction for the drafting committee, but no one believes that each recommendation must necessarily continue to be worded as it is now."

Job training opens April 5

The Urban League On - The - Job Training Project (OJT) and the MSU Personnel Center are sponsoring a clerical training program for underemployed persons.

The program is designed for individuals who have been unsuccessful in securing clerical jobs because of insufficient clerical knowledge and skills. It provides them a chance to reach their full clerical potential through on - the - job training.

It begins April 5 and runs through June 11.

In the previous OJT programs, trainees improved their clerical skills and were fully qualified for clerical positions at MSU. Of 36 trainees, 33 completed the program and secured full - time employment in clerical positions on the campus.

Science lecture

The winner of MSU's Junior Sigma Xi award for Meritorious Research will speak Wednesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in 105 South Kedzie. Harold D. Hafs, professor of dairy and physiology, will discuss "Capacitation of Sperm."