

Ohio Administrator Outlines Foreign Affairs

An administrator from Denison University of Ohio outlined a three-point program to better understanding of foreign affairs in a YMCA sponsored Apollo Club lecture here Thursday.

David Gibbons, executive secretary of the Denison YMCA, said college students should study international situations, seek empathy with foreign observers, and familiarize themselves with "change agent" methods in order to do something about the world situation.

"Only a small minority of Americans are really aware of world affairs," he told the students. "In general, the public is not only uneducated, but uneducable."

As evidence of the problem, Gibbons cited a recent study of graduates of leading Eastern universities, 25 years after their graduation. He said that aside from members of the foreign service, fewer than one per cent of the graduates had read even one book on international relations in those 25 years.

"Aside from periods of world war, the only times the American public became genuinely concerned over world affairs were during the 1962 missile crisis and in 1957, when Sputnik I was launched," he added. "The question before World War II was not what we should do about the world situation, but whether we should do anything at all."

Gibbons said part of the problem arises from news coverage.

"Headlines are basically slogans, meant to sell papers and not to inform the public," he said. "Unfortunately, this is all many people get in the way of news."

"Another factor is managed news. There are many cases in which important news is withheld until the proper time for release, and we can't always depend on 'news leaks' to give a better perspective," Gibbons went on.

One outgrowth of this lack of proper education in international situations, he asserted, is a general overestimation of the power of ideology in politics.

"When Russia sent tanks into Hungary, the act was called 'Communist aggression,'" he remarked. "When U. S. troops entered the Dominican Republic, the Communists screamed 'capitalist imperialism.' How relevant by ideology, then, to such actions? Countries are prompted to act not by slogans, but by the motive of furthering their own interests."

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Gibbons urged study of foreign affairs through projects such as A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs and the Denison "field trip" program in which students visit the United Nations headquarters, government branches in Washington, D.C., and sites of "foreign cultures" such as Puerto Rico, after researching the important issues of each situation and preparing questions.

As the second step toward better reaction to world problems, Gibbons stressed the importance of "empathizing" with people of other countries.

"We all know what Americans think about America," he explained, "but how do others view us? By getting to see their cultures from the inside, through programs such as the peace corps and the Experiment in International Living, we can gain a whole

new perspective on world affairs."

Gibbons said A&M has a great opportunity for such education in that some 700 foreign students live on the campus, but noted that "if you're like every other school with that opportunity, you miss out on it by allowing the international students to become ghettoized — set apart from the remainder of the students."

He distinguished between actually living with foreigners in

their own lands and merely traveling through the countries.

"Travel isn't necessarily broadening," he explained, "and in many cases it serves only to reconfirm prejudices."

Finally, Gibbons said, college students need to be aware of "change agents" — the pressure groups who "specialize in getting things done," through letter-writing campaigns and other examples of "pressure politics."



CHESS AND CHECKER CHAMP

Newell Banks (left) chess and checker expert, competes in 15 simultaneous matches Tuesday with members of the Chess Club. (Photo by Russell Autrey)

Aerospace Seniors Addressed Here

R. T. Sullins of General Dynamics/Convair in San Diego consulted with Texas A&M aerospace engineering seniors recently through a visiting lecture program.

He consulted with vehicle design seniors on proposal preparation.

Professor Charles Rodenberger utilizes numerous industrial representatives as consultants and judges in the course.

"We try to assimilate the student's academic training and bring it to bear on design problems related to current aerospace industry problems," Rodenberger said.

The Halliburton Professor of Engineering said A&M aerospace engineering majors will make personal contact with 10 to 15 professional engineers in their four years academic work.

Rodenberger assisted in developing a Visiting Engineers Program in cooperation with the Engineering Graphics Department. Freshmen in graphics and descriptive geometry delve into the profession's practical side with design problems, solutions and oral, graphic or written presentation.

"These programs tie the student into the real life of the engineer," the professor stated.

Sullins, staff member of the chief structures engineer, is an A&M graduate. He received his bachelor of civil engineering at Aggie land in 1943. Sullins studied for his masters in mechanical engineering at Southern Methodist.

The engineer is assigned to the basic subsystems module study at GD/Convair. Earlier, he was responsible for support and follow-up on several advanced design studies.

In 20 years of aircraft and space vehicle structures analysis and development, Sullins was leadman, structures group engineer, and in charges of structures research and analytical methods at the Fort Worth Division.

Burgess is discussing methods of practice teaching in high school vocational subjects. Classes are set from 7 to 10 p.m. nightly.

Room Reserve Opens Monday

All students not signed up for room reservations by April 28 will compete against students not presently enrolled beginning May 1, according to Allen M. Madeley, housing manager.

Preference will be given to Graduate, Foreign, and veterinary medicine students in dorm 22, Ramps E, F, G, and H of Walton, and the third and fourth floors of dormitory 20.

"Seniors or juniors wishing to move into corner rooms must present a room change from the housemaster of the dorm before reserving the room," Madeley said.

"The \$20 room deposit paid at the beginning of the year is still in effect.

The sign-up period for new rooms begins Monday at 8 a.m., and continues through May 12 at regular Housing Office hours.

"Single undergraduate students must live on campus unless living with their families," Madeley said. Any students requesting day permits must make applications with the department of student affairs. These applications must include a letter from the parents if the student is under 21, Madeley noted.

Cowling Teaching Adult Ed Classes

Dewey Cowling, vocational-industrial teacher trainer for the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, is teaching an adult education class April 24-26 at Victoria High School.

Cowling is discussing methods of practice teaching in high school vocational subjects. Classes are set from 7 to 10 p.m. nightly.

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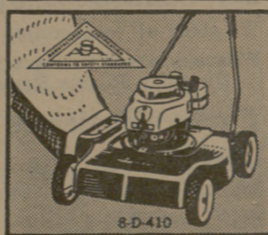
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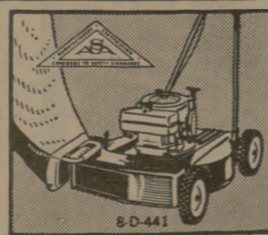


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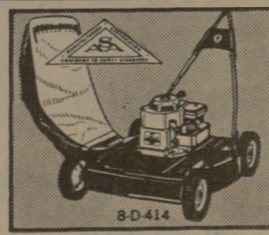


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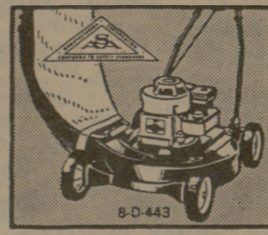


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