

'Environmental Teach-In' Planned for Spring Term

Clifford Broyles, Staff Writer
Plans to have an "Environmental Teach-In" on campus during the spring semester were discussed Thursday by a group of 15 students and faculty members.

Bill Voight, senior agriculture major and leader of the group, said the teach-in is tentatively set for April 22 and hopefully will bring about a general awareness of the environmental problems facing the world today.

These problems include overpopulation and environmental degradation such as air and water pollution, Voight said.

Voight, a local representative of the Environmental Teach-In of Washington, D.C., said recently returned from a two-day conference in Virginia, which oriented him and 100 other students to the problems to which

the program is trying to alert the public.

Voight said the group hopes to get the backing of the administration and dismiss classes for the day in an effort to get as much participation as possible for the teach-in.

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Voight said plans are to stretch the emphasis beyond the university to Bryan and College Station by educating their service clubs such as the Jaycees and Kiwanis.

Voight is treasurer for the Forum for Environmental Studies (FES) which is an organization in the College of Architecture

and is sponsoring the program.

Funds for the teach-in will be contributed by the various departments that wish to help the effort, Voight said.

A meeting will be held Jan. 8, to get the program underway and all interested people are invited to attend, he said.

The final objectives for the teach-in will be worked out at the meeting and committees will be named to begin work on all details of the program.

"America is quantity-oriented instead of quality oriented and this in the long run will be disastrous to society if nothing is done about it," he said.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT
Agricultural Economics and Sociology Wives Club will play White Elephant Bingo at a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. David Ruesink, 1902 Layner.

SATURDAY
Texas A&M Sailing Club will hold beginners' classes from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the Country Club Lake, on S. College Avenue. Races will also be held and the boathouse will also be completed.

MONDAY
Chemistry Club will have pictures taken for the Aggieband at 7 p. m. in the lobby of the Chemistry building.

COLUMBIA

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Ph.D. at Columbia in 1958 and was named head of the department two years ago.

Prior to being selected department chairman, he served a period as acting assistant director of Columbia's Lamont Geological Observatory.

He has been a member of several major geological and geophysical advisory panels and has served as chief scientist on oceanographic research cruises throughout the world.

Drake participated in the research for the submarine Thresher in 1963 and the following year joined in the French-United States Operation Deepscan dives in the bathyscaphe "Archimede" in the Puerto Rico Trench area.

The Columbia professor is a member of the Upper Mantle Committee of the National Academy of Sciences' Geophysics Research Board. He has served on the board of editors for the Journal of Marine Research and as director of the Rockland Foundation and the National Youth Science Foundation. He also is the author of several books and numerous articles and scientific papers dealing with geology, geophysics and marine biology.

Dr. George M. Krise, chairman of the University Lecture Committee, said no admission will be charged for Dr. Drake's lecture. Such presentations, he noted, are designed to give the faculty, students and general public the opportunity to hear renowned authorities speak on subjects of broad interest.

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On U. S. Policies, Whites, Militants African Student Speaks

By Hayden Whitsett
Battalion Staff Writer

"I think America has played a good role, especially in the foreign aid to the developing countries of Africa," said Awori Katakata, an African student delegate to the SCONA VX conference.

Awori, as he prefers to be called, is one of three African students brought to A&M to attend the SCONA XV on "Black Africa: The Challenge of Development."

Awori was President of the Student's Union at University College, Nairobi, Kenya. He is an English literature major and hopes to become a journalist when he graduates.

He is 25 years old and takes keen interest in international affairs, especially the role of the United States in world affairs.

His father is a peasant farmer. Awori is a long, lanky Kenyan with the classical African features that are associated with his part of Africa. He comes from a small town called Kakamega.

When he speaks, his whole body moves to emphasize his inflections. His speech is colored by a British accent that carries African overtones.

Speaking of United States foreign policy he said, "I think the aid given by America through the AID program has been a great help to Africa, although there have been a number of accusations against the United States aid being given with strings attached."

"We watch for that," he said, "we have had bad experiences in the past with strings attached to aid from the U.S. and Great Britain. When Russia gives us aid, she give it with a number of conditions previously stated; when the U. S. or Britain gives us aid they say no strings are attached, but they appear later."

"I think Africa is definitely going to become more self-sufficient economically," he added. "Economic independence may come but it depends on the course pursued by the respective governments," he continued.

"There may be examples of industrialization in Africa but most people are involved in sub-

sistence farming. I think the effort to become economically independent will have to come from these people, the grass roots of Africa. Unless the development includes these people it isn't going to be meaningful."

He also spoke of the role of the white man on the continent:

"The white presently in Africa is there because he has a contract or a specific service which is badly needed," he said.

"The whites have learned a lesson. They know that when dealing with the African they should deal with him as an equal, not as a small child they can pat on the shoulder and talk down to," he added.

On the subject of black nationalism in the U. S. he has very strong and definite ideas. "I support them all the way," he said.

"Looking at the history of the black man in America and all the world I think he has been treated very roughly. It is only now that the black man is beginning to come into his own. The very fact that he is a human being should tell anybody that he is entitled to his rights. The American Negro has realized no one is going to give him his rights and that he is going to have to fight for them. And I think

that I support them."

Speaking of both American and African blacks in relation to the white man he said, "As time goes by I think we will learn to live side by side."

Awori compared African student unrest with the American variety.

"We had some trouble on our campus last January when I was president of the Student's Union. We decided not to go to class because we felt the government was interfering with our academic freedom. We invited a member of the Opposition Party of Parliament to come speak to use and they certainly weren't going to help. So it was decided that we wouldn't go to class unless the college was closed."

"In the end five of us were suspended, I was one of them, but we were later re-instated."

"There is quite a difference though in reasons for protesting," he said. "In Africa an education is very hard to obtain and very important, and since most of us are from very materially poor families, we value an education more."

"Also, after leaving school, it is up to us to work and see to it that our brothers and sisters receive the same opportunity for an education that we have," he said.

'Curate's Play' Begins Monday

The Aggie Players' Christmas gift to the community and A&M students, "The Curate's Play," opens Monday for four appearances in Bryan and College Station churches and the All Faiths Chapel.

C. K. Esten said this year will be the first time the annual Christmas presentation has been scheduled on campus, with the idea of doing it for Aggies.

The Aggie Players director announced "The Curate's Play" will be presented Monday in the A&M Methodist Church, Tuesday at the All Faiths Chapel, Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Bryan and Thursday in the First Baptist Church of College Station.

Curtain time for each performance is 7:30 p.m.

"The play is a deeply moving, modern re-telling of the Nativity story," commented Robert Wenck, director of the 23-member cast play. He said it was written for St. George's Episcopal Church of New York City but is equally effective in presentation for any denomination.

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