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FUTURISTS, WOMEN, WEEKEND STUDY, VASSAR SUIT SETTLED

Students should be educated for change, writes Herbert J. Muller (distinguished professor of English at Indiana University) in The American Scholar, but he distrusts "the vogue of futurism," which is currently responsible for "all manner of 'future-oriented' courses, as the fashionable jargon has it." Muller agrees that there is room for courses dealing with everything from the history of utopian ideas to economic alternatives---our situation is desperate enough to make them necessary---but it is the behavioristic fascinations of futurists, their uncritical love of change, and their pretenses at science which make Muller uncomfortable. "I would concentrate instead on efforts to give the young a better idea of what civilized life has meant and can mean at its best, so that they might help to shape a future in which people would not be condemned to so unnatural a life. The 'people of the future' who welcome change are not disposed to think hard enough about the fundamental questions: Is all the change really necessary? Is it desirable? If so, by what standards? Such questions raise the abiding issues of permanence and change, of the natural life or the good life for man, of basic human values." Values and value judgements are necessary studies for a proper appreciation of change and its effects, and this humane emphasis has been lacking in most futurist writing. Many of the new ideas are in fact recoveries of ancient values: "When Rene Dubos, speaking as a biologist, calls for a 'new social ethic' based on the idea of living in harmony with nature instead of forever exploiting and 'conquering' it, we might be reminded that this is a very old idea, common not only in folk cultures but in ancient Greece, Confucian China, Buddhist Japan, and much Western literature...As he writes briskly that 'permanence is dead,' so the historian J. H. Plumb writes soberly that 'the past is dead.' But if so, I should still say so much the worse for the future." . . . The Sarah Lawrence Center for Continuing Education conducted a survey of women who return to college late in order to earn undergraduate degrees. The study found that they are notably higher in achievement and motivation than younger undergraduates who complete their degree work in four years, they have a lower attrition rate, and more of them enter graduate schools or the professions. . . . The Brooklyn Center of Long Island University started a weekend study program in September. Participating students will be able to earn as many as 12 credits per semester by attending longer classes on Saturdays and Sundays. . . . The father of a Vassar student has received \$2,100 in an out-of-court settlement; he had sued for over a million. His daughter had flunked out of Vassar, but claimed that there was good cause: her roommate's all night pot parties kept her from sleep and study. (From University Today Newsletter)

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GRANT SUPPORT GROWING

The Office of Sponsored Programs of IUPUI has reported continued progress in attracting support and in encouraging breadth of activity for the 1971-72 fiscal year.

Despite fluctuations in Federal funding, support for sponsored research and training programs at IUPUI increased by 10 per cent during the year. The current fiscal year began July 1 with \$17.2-million of extramural support.

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In the health sciences, significant awards were made for comprehensive research programs in cancer and in sickle cell disease. A number of IUPUI divisions have shown increased interest in applying for sponsored support. A few of the areas where this has been occurring include education, law, physics, chemistry and engineering. A development of encouraging importance to undergraduate programs came with the first research grant from the National Institutes of Health to the Downtown Campus, on behalf of Dr. Robert Schaible of the biology department.

Dr. Doris H. Merritt, dean for sponsored programs, reports that the number of applications for 1971-72 increased by 123 over the previous year, bringing the total requests from IUPUI to 481.

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FORGET NAMED TO RCC POST

Vice-Chancellor Jack M. Ryder announces the appointment of Professor Gerard T. Forget, assistant professor of computer technology, as acting director of the IUPUI Research Computer Center, effective immediately.

Professor Forget replaces Dr. Carl F. Rothe, professor of physiology, who served since February as interim coordinator of the Center, and also as chairman of an RCC Administrative Council, including Dr. Larry K. Steinrauf, professor of biochemistry, and Professor Forget.

Dr. Ryder praised the members of the Administrative Council for their dedication and special effort on behalf of the University. Dr. Rothe and Dr. Steinrauf will continue to serve as consultants to the acting director.

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CALENDAR CHECK-OFF

Pharmacy displays this week in University Hospital (first floor) will be Sandoz Pharmaceuticals on Monday, W.B. Saunders Co. on Wednesday and Bristol Laboratories on Friday. Exhibits in Riley Hospital (fifth floor) will be Bristol Laboratories on Wednesday and Burroughs Wellcome & Co. on Friday. All displays run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday -- "Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome, A Defect of Purine Metabolism," Medical Genetics Seminar by Jo Ellen Sheets, graduate student; Riley Research, Room 139, 4 p.m.

Wednesday -- "The Hunters," classical anthropological study of the bushmen of the Kalihari Desert, will be shown at 3 p.m. in Room 102 of the Lecture Hall Building.

Thursday -- "Women and the World of Work, Or, How to Get a Job and Like It," one-day seminar at the 38th Street Campus starting with 9 a.m. registration.

Thursday -- Professor Agnes Brown, attorney, will talk on "Legal Rights of Women" for the IUPUI Women's Club meeting at the Normal College, 1010 West 64th Street. Picnic dinner is \$2.75 per person. For reservations call Mary Kay Gillam, Ext. 4751, or Shirlee Kendall, 612-296 -- by Monday afternoon (September 11).

Thursday -- First Student Activity Board All-Campus Dance will be held in the Union Building parking lot with the Stones Crossing Band, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tune In Time -- Next offering on the IUPUI Magazine will be James Droege discussing the Indianapolis Bail Bond Project. Show will be broadcast on WIAN-FM (90.1 Mh on your dial) Friday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and September 20 at 4:30 p.m.

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NEWS 'N' NOTES FROM HERE 'N' THERE

U.S. Mail Boxes Not for Campus Mail -- The Campus Post Office cautions all faculty and staff against putting campus mail in U.S. mail boxes around the campus. These boxes are collected by the downtown Post Office personnel and mail in these boxes is not sorted here on campus. Such mail is delayed at least two days and is either forwarded or returned postage due.

Miss Schultz Appointed -- Miss Janet Schultz, R.N., has been appointed associate director, operating rooms and allied units. She has the responsibilities for the operating rooms and recovery room in Clinical, Riley and University, and the allied units of the G.U., stereotaxis and bronschoscopy clinics, and the surgical intensive care units in University Hospital.

Move -- The administrative offices of the Occupational Therapy Program have moved to the first floor of Riley Hospital, northwest wing near the Print Shop. The room number is 1110A-1111C. Persons involved in the move are Carol Nathan, director of occupational therapy; Erna Simek, co-ordinator of occupational therapy assistant program, and Mrs. Agnes Thomas, secretary to the director. Stenographic staff also has moved into these offices. Telephone number is the same, Ext. 7119. Faculty should be contacted through this office.

Write a Play Calligraphically? -- Two Continuing Education-sponsored courses start this month. One, Calligraphy, runs for eight Mondays, September 25 through November 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Broad Ripple High School. The other, Playwriting Techniques, will be taught at the 38th Street Campus for eight Thursdays, September 28 through November 16 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call the Continuing Education office, Ext. 4501, for more information.

Wanted -- Driver to join car pool from Bloomington to Indianapolis, Jim Mantakounis, Ext. 4740, or leave message.

House for Rent -- Fully furnished house on city's north side (about 25-minute drive from the Medical Center) will be available for renting January 1, 1973 to August 1, 1973. Please call Ext. 7544 for further information.

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TRAVELLERS

Dr. Robert B. Forney, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, is keeping his suitcases packed: Within a three-month period, he will have travelled to such exotic outposts as Cincinnati (Ohio), Edinburg (Scotland) and Basel (Switzerland). Last month he organized a symposium on clinical toxicology for the 24th national meeting of the American Association of Clinical Chemists in Cincinnati. The symposium covered recent analytical progress in clinical toxicology and drug interference in the clinical laboratory, as well as the medical-legal aspects of clinical toxicology. This month, September 20, he will be in Edinburgh with the International Association of Forensic Pathologists, Immunologists and Toxicologists. Also attending will be Dr. Daniel J. Brown, assistant professor of pharmacology; Robert C. Martz, assistant professor of toxicology; Dr. R. N. Harger, professor emeritus of biochemistry and toxicology, and graduate students Gary Wimbish, Michael Evans and Robert B. Forney Jr. Then in late October, Dr. Forney has been invited to Basel for an international seminar on research and alcohol, drugs and driving.

Stephen M. Sachs, assistant professor of political science, was in Washington, D.C., last week for a meeting of the American Political Science Association. He participated in a panel discussion on "Politics and the American Working Class."

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Dr. K. V. Vasavada, associate professor of physics, is on the program of this month's meeting of the International Conference on High Energy Physics at the University of Chicago and the National Accelerator Laboratory at Batavia, Illinois.

Dr. Dominic J. Bisignano, associate professor of English, has been in London and Warsaw to participate in a meeting of the International Conference of Joseph Conrad Scholars. At the London meeting he presented a paper called "Toward a Computerized Understanding of Conrad's Style," based on information submitted to analysis by a computer concerning Conrad's use of clauses and punctuation.

Alvin S. Bynum, assistant dean of the University Division, has returned from Detroit where he attended a Veterans Education and Training Service seminar. Dean Bynum participated on a panel that discussed "Building Effective Relationships with Colleges and Universities."

Edward E. Harris, chairman and assistant professor of sociology, spent four summer weeks doing more graduate study at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. His studies included path analysis and kindred sociological methodology.

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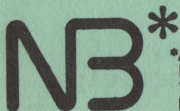
PUT IT IN WRITING

Dr. Martin Bloom, professor of social service, is one of four authors of "Some Factors and Their Association with Post-Relocation Mortality Among Institutionalized Aged Persons" in the Journal of Gerontology.

Professor Jeremy S. Williams of the Indianapolis Law School has contributed a chapter called "Legislation, Common Law and Sport in Canada" to the Proceedings of the Canadian Symposium on the History of Sport and Physical Education. The volume was produced by the Department of National Health and Welfare of Canada.

J.R. O'Loughlin, professor of mechanical engineering, published (with co-author C.R. Rein) "Measurement of the Error of Temperature Sensors in Flowing Gases" in the July issue of the AIAA Journal.

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