

Library closure aired at last-chance meeting

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More than 15 statements favoring the School of Librarianship were presented at a final public meeting with the committee to review the closure of the school, Wednesday at 114 EMU.

Community and state librarians from as far away as Pendleton answered questions from the eight-member committee chaired by Diane Reinhard and gave prepared statements to the audience of more than 70 persons.

Paul Olum, Vice president of academic affairs stated Thursday that the administration still based its decision to close the school on its questionable quality, costs, need and interrelation with the rest of the University. He said it was a poor time for him to comment, but said he hoped the committee would make its decision by June 1. Reinhard however, plans the committee decision for June 15.

The Faculty Advisory Council will discuss the committee's decision and then make a recommendation to University President William Boyd. Boyd is to make a specific recommendation to the State Board of Higher Education where the ultimate decision stands.

Several persons at Wednesday night's meeting attacked the "rumors" that the School of Librarianship ranks low on the list of accredited schools. Jim Maxwell, media library specialist in Lane County, challenged anyone to refute his observation that the school ranks "very high" in educating its graduates to be "warm and caring professionals."

A touring college librarian from Melbourne, Australia, Graham Corr, said he would also give it "quite a different ranking," noting it as a renowned school in media specialty.

Nicola Hines, a librarian from Sweet Home Public Library, compared the position of the librarianship school with a child "chronically undernourished" and killed. She received a round of applause when she concluded that "yet this 'child' is unique in the state, is frequently the means for women in middle life to improve their earning capacity, and if somewhat malnourished, it should not be subject to academic euthanasia."

Maxwell said that education of young people in the state would be "seriously hampered" if a full program for training school librarians is not maintained. He urged support to continue and expand the school in managing the "information explosion" and meeting Oregon needs.

Bob Gauldt, librarian at Northwest Christian College, reminded the committee of the need for Oregon to carry forth its educational responsibility, since there are departments of education in almost all colleges of the state, but only one library school.

Matters of the budget were brought up only once during the meeting when committee member George Streisinger asked how the School of Librarianship could justify its present money needs, which are inadequate to survive on, with a University budget that may be short a million dollars next year.

Gauldt responded that "we should have encouraged our leadership to provide these funds."

A graduate student attacked a comment that library courses could be taught in other departments without a librarianship school. She said that would be a "watered-down version" of education. Maxwell agreed that it would be an "insult" and a "half-hearted program" to teach library courses merely in the education department, for example.



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Crowing in the sun

San Francisco musician Woody Harris touched down at the 7th Annual Willamette Valley Folk Festival with a song called *I Greet the Crow in the Pink Thunderbird*. Music scheduled through Saturday.

Symposium features conflict, dissent in Soviet Union

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Centered on a visiting East Coast expert, the third annual Russian and East European Symposium will deliver an informal confrontation of the topic: "The Soviet Union: Dissent and Emigration," Saturday afternoon in the EMU. The politically flavored symposium is sponsored by the University Russian and East European Studies Center.

Vera Dunham — professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Queens College, New York — will act as guest commentator.

Dunham is the author of "In Stalin's Time: Middle Class Values in Soviet Fiction." She is also a former fellow of the most distinguished association of her profession, the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies.

Dunham also will meet with some language and political science classes during her five-day stay. Monday she will give a free public lecture entitled "Trouble makers in Uniform," a dissertation about conflict of Stalinism with the military during and after World War II. The location of the 3:30 p.m. speech will be posted in the EMU.

Several area locals with ties to the Soviet empire will give speeches, the first of which will be delivered by Joseph Fiszman, a political science professor. Fiszman, an emigrant from Poland, will speak on "Types of Soviet Dissent and Dissenters." He will center on the different types of dissent, such as presented by Soviet Jews, and what channels of dissent they are and are not allowed to use.

Albert Leong, of the University's German and Russian Department, will deliver his thoughts on "Soviet Techniques of Repression." In addition to dealing with various types of repression, such as committing sane people to psychiatric wards, Leong will address the reasons behind repression.

Stephen Reynolds, acting head of the University's religious department, will speak on "Kazakhs and Christians: A Polemic," which is an investigation of the religious conflicts in the Soviet Union.

University professor Frium Yurevich, a recent emigre from Russia, will discuss "Emigration from the USSR: Who, Where, Why?" Yurevich was one of the

few Russian Jews allowed to emigrate. Of the 180,000 Jews on the emigration waiting list, about 1,000 are allowed out per month as a stipulation of the Helsinki agreement.

A few other minorities are allowed limited emigration. Yurevich, according to Leong, will discuss the reasons and motivations of people who desert their homeland and thereby cut ties with relatives and friends.

Several recent emigres from the Soviet Union will come down from their new home in Portland and conduct a panel discussion, answering questions on all aspects of their Soviet experience. After the discussion, the emigres will meet with two University classes, "Russian Life Today" and "Slavic World."

The symposium, excluding a luncheon that costs \$5.50, is free. Time schedule for the sym-

posium is as follows: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., luncheon in room 167; 1 p.m., "Types of Soviet Dissent and Dissenters"; 1:30 p.m., "Soviet Techniques of Repression"; 2 p.m., "Kazakhs and Christians: A Polemic"; 2:30 p.m., "Emigration from the USSR: Who, Where, Why?"; 3:30 p.m., panel discussion with Soviet Union emigres; 4 p.m., meeting of classes with emigres. Locations will be posted.

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