

UNO, Creighton symposium to examine future

George Orwell's 1984 and Arthur C. Clarke's 2001: A Space Odyssey, may seem far-fetched, but the projected realities of such times are pressing in 1975, according to the organizers of a symposium on the future to be held in Omaha this week.

To probe into the world's future, while examining it as it is today, a "Future World Symposium" will be held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Creighton University. The Eppley Conference Center Auditorium at UNO will be the scene for lectures, panel discussions, and seminars to be held through Friday.

Problems, planning

Sponsored by the UNO Student Programming Organization, the symposium opens today at 10:30 a.m. with a lecture by scientist and environmentalist Athelstan Spilhaus on "Experimental Cities." Spilhaus, past president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is working with

Buckminster Fuller and Gen. Bernard Schriever of the U.S. Air Force on urban problems, city planning, ecology and the energy crisis.

A panel discussion with Spilhaus and members of the City Planning Department, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Army Corps of Engineers will follow at 11:30 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m. Jim Riley of UNO's Political Science Department, will speak on the "Future of Limited Government."

Spilhaus will host a seminar for student discussion on "Humanizing Urban Life By The Year 2000" at 2:30 p.m.

The symposium is continued on Thursday with a film at 9:30 a.m. entitled *World of the Future—Crisis in the 800th Lifetime*.

'Human Agenda'

Rod Gorney, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California at Los Angeles, will lecture at

10:30 a.m. on "The Human Agenda." At 11:30 a.m. Gorney will follow his lecture with a student discussion seminar on "Psychosocial Adaptation and the Future."

At 1:30 p.m. journalist Jack Newfield will lecture on "Justice in the Future—The Failure of our Courts and Prisons Today." A panel discussion will follow at 2:30 p.m. on "Judicial Reform."

Creighton University's O'Donnell Center will be the setting for a rap session and supper with guest speakers at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for the evening are \$5.

The final day of the "Future World Symposium" on Friday includes Richard Barnet speaking on "Today It's The Energy Crisis. Tomorrow...?" at 10:30 a.m. Barnet, founder and co-director of the Institute for Policy Studies, will conduct a student seminar on "The New World Order" following his lecture.

short stuff

Gary Bertrand, Associate Professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla, is speaking on "Calorimetric Methods of Investigation of Hydrogen Bonds" today at 3:30 p.m. in Hamilton Hall 110. Refreshments will be served in Hamilton 801 before the lecture.

The report from the Lancaster County Commissioners on the proposed new roadway through Wilderness Park will be heard Thursday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. All interested persons are asked to attend.

Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf and mayoral candidate Helen Boosalis are guest speakers at the Young Republican's meeting in the Nebraska Union at 8 p.m. today. The meeting is open to everyone.

The Lincoln Labor Co-Op is sponsoring weekend projects April 18 through 19, and May 2 and 3. Persons interested in contributing their labor should stop by the Student Volunteer Services Office, Nebraska Union 200 before the weekend that they would like to participate.

The Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group (NUPIRG) is sponsoring an

all-day program focusing on the food problem Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room.

Builders is sponsoring a contest for the best cover design for the 1975-76 Builders Buzz Book. First prize is \$15. The deadline is May 1. Submit entries to Nebraska Union, Suite 315.

Earl Wells, an engineer with Union Electric Co. in St. Louis, Mo., will present a program on the utilization of solid waste in the production of electricity at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union.

Auto registration to change

Motor vehicle registration could be less time consuming for registrants next year when a new plan becomes effective, Lancaster County Treasurer Frank Golden said.

The plan is called staggered registration and would allow Nebraska residents to apply for vehicle registration on a year-round basis, William Edwards, deputy director of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, explained. Nebraska residents currently must register vehicles with local county treasurers' offices from early January to March 1.

Staggered registration would shorten the long lines of registrants that county treasurers offices experience throughout the state, Edwards said.

Golden added that the change will benefit Lancaster County residents.

"We'll have one-twelfth the number of persons registering each month, which will lessen the load on this office during the peak registration period," Golden said.

The peak period of registration came during

the final week of February, Golden said.

Resulting from a bill passed by the 1974 Legislature, staggered registration affects only those persons who will buy or trade vehicles next year.

Under the plan, a person must register a newly-purchased vehicle for a twelve-month period. At the end of a year's time, the car would have to be re-registered in the same month as it was bought.

Edwards said he believed the full impact of the changed registration procedures would not take place until 1980.

"It will take four years to complete a cycle when people will have bought or traded motor vehicles," he said.

New vehicle registration forms will be no different from the old forms, John L. Sullivan, director of the department, said.

In addition, new personnel probably will not be needed to process registration information, Edwards said.

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