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Dayton Area English Teachers to Attend the Conference on College Composition and Communication

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DAYTON, Ohio, March 15, 1971 --- Should poor people and middle-class people be expected to speak and write with equal correctness?

Do black ghetto residents and Appalachian whites use colloquial terms that should be incorporated into standard English?

Controversial questions such as these will be discussed March 25 through 27 in Cincinnati where more than one thousand English teachers from all 50 states will gather for the 22nd annual meeting of the Conference on College Composition and Communication. English teachers from Dayton area colleges plan to attend.

Black Culture and the Position of Women are among the themes of workshops and panels to be held.

Discussion groups will look into Obscenity and Censorship, Political Involvement, Individual Teacher Control over Classroom Teaching Content and 11 other topics.

Among demonstrations scheduled are those on Teaching English as a Second Language, Structured and Unstructured Composition, Role Playing, and others.

Distinguished speakers to appear include Edgar Z. Friedenberg, author of "The Vanishing Adolescent" and "Coming of Age in America," Wallace W. Douglass of Northwest University and Robert Zoellner of Colorado State University.

Teachers at inner-city colleges in Chicago and Oakland are scheduled to speak.

Dr. Bernard Bedard, chairman of the English Department at the University of Dayton, will chair a section on the evaluation of the teaching of freshman English.

Twelve UD students will respond to papers given at the conference.

James Farrelly, director of freshman English at UD, will respond to the paper, "Rejuvenating the Term Paper."

Among topics to be discussed are "Racial and Cultural Bias in Textbooks," "Political Muzzling: Its Effect on the Classroom," "The Politics of Rhetoric," and "Behaviorism and Accountability."

The teachers are encouraged to bring and read their own poetry at special evening meetings. Films will be shown and students will participate.

Dr. Friedenberg will be the Saturday luncheon speaker (March 27). Reservations may be made by sending six dollars ($6.00) (plus $5.00 Conference registration fee) to Professor Peter Irvine, Department of English, University of Cincinnati, Ohio 45221.

An added attraction is the Special Performance of Lorraine Hansberry's To Be Young, Gifted and Black, produced by Robert Nemeroff and the New York Tour Company. Tickets are $3.00 (faculty) and $1.50 (students).