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A Day at the Zoo Farris, Committee Playing At University Coliseum

by Bob Funk
Emerald Columnist

The University of Oregon, like Rome, tries to provide interesting diversions for the mob, so that they will not become too disenchanted with the humdrum life and rebel (or, in the case of the University, we suppose, transfer, get married, or flunk out). Now playing at the Coliseum: J. Kelly Farris (as the Christian) and the Discipline Committee (as the lion.) Both the committee and Mr. Farris (according to each other) are behaving abominably. In spite of numerous explanations, polls, and scattered outcries, no one seems to really understand what is going on. We would pretend that we understand (presumably all column writers understand everything; their only problem is how to communicate all this wealth without splitting infinitives), but quite frankly, we don't.

Speaking via the front page of the Oregon Daily Emerald on Wednesday, T. M. Foskett expressed one of the chief objections to Mr. Farris's way of going about things: if carried too far, Mr. Farris and kindred souls would soon have the University in a position of having to submit to a full scale lawsuit everytime someone came in after closing hours. ("Are closing hours constitutional?" "What proof do you have that it really was me?")

This might seem to many an ideal state of affairs. However, unless the University was to proceed without rules (this is an excellent idea, but unpopular with certain circles here), we would have about two parts litigation for every one part of education.

If this were the whole story, we might, via still another poll, request Mr. Farris to desist and retire back into the law school lounge. This, with some apt analogy to a bear hibernating for the winter, would settle the matter, maybe.

However, there is something more involved. The "something more" is that even the University may not, through the very broad disciplinary powers which have been given to it, ignore those basic rights which are guaranteed to citizens through the constitutions of this state and the United States. It is not at all certain that any such constitutional right (belonging here to Mr. Farris) has been

ignored; however, if it HAD been ignored, then an injustice is being permitted here. This injustice, multiplied many times as other persons run afoul of the discipline committee, becomes quite significant.

The constitutional right which Farris has questioned (this may not be right—try to figure it out from previous Emeralds if you're not satisfied) is deprivation of property without due process of law. The "property" in question is the breakage fee, which might be tapped to pay traffic fines.

All the other questions which Mr. Farris has raised may be relatively more or less significant; one question per column is probably enough, and besides, this is our favorite one.

Most persons may consider such small injustices to be scarcely worthy of so much controversy. However, it seems to us that it is of considerable importance that we, as individuals, should be aware of our rights in relation to others. Even innocent, casually illegal practices (if such is possible) on the part of the University are to be frowned upon.

The discipline committee has evidently deemed itself competent to decide the questions which Mr. Farris has posed. While we can understand their annoyance with this entire matter, we cannot understand this entrance by the committee into the field of jurisprudence. Statements issued by the committee as to its own confidence in its own judgment may make committee members quite happy; however, to other ears the bell may ring with an unhappy clank. Perhaps the attitude of the committee may be the New Freedom for litigations: decide that you are right, and you don't have to go to court.

Much has been made of the motives of Mr. Farris. While these may be very interesting, exhaustive discussions of his personality and motives add little to the questions posed; they are little more than gossip, which is extremely pernicious in that it confuses the real issues.

It is fortunate for Americans who do not attend the University of Oregon that, when in court, they are not asked whether they have come there just to get their name in the papers. Their fate in litigation is not contingent upon the result of any public opinion poll; their objections are not defeated by the fact that their opponent has decided he is right, and is much bigger.

Such crude forms of justice, however, sometimes perish in the rarified intellectual atmosphere of a university.

Senate Attendance For Term Listed

Perfect attendance for the eight meetings held by this year's ASUO senate was listed for 21 of the 30 persons who serve on the student lawmaking body.

This was considerably better than last year's record for the senate at this time which found only 12 of the then 25 senators having perfect attendance records. The group has never lacked a quorum though it was late at times in getting one.

Only one student, Ann Blackwell, junior representative, missed three meetings of the seven held fall term and the group's first meeting last spring. Missing two meetings was Sally Hayden, senator-at-large.

Those absent from one meeting were Len Calvert, junior class vice-president; Ben Schmidt, senior representative; Don Smith, freshman class president; and Ward Cook and Wes Ball, senators-at-large. Of the faculty representatives, E. G. Ebbighausen, associate professor of physics, missed three meetings, and R. G. Horn, professor of English, missed two, only both of them being absent at the same time once.

Perfect records are listed for ASUO Pres. Tom Wrightson, Vice Pres. Don Collin, Senators-at-large Bob Funk, Bob Summers, Marilyn Parrish, Don Crawford, Tom Shepherd, and Hollis Ransom; Dick Bruce, graduate student representative, Paul Lasker, senior class president, Elsie Schiller, senior vice president, Alan Oppinger, senior representative, Jim Light, junior president, Bob Kanada, junior representative, all four sophomore class officers: Jim Duncan, president, Sam Vahey, vice president, Janet Gustafson and Gordon Rice, representatives; and three freshman officers, Doug Basham, vice president, and Gary West and Darrell Brittsan, representatives.

The first meeting of winter term will be held Jan. 14.

Dental Committee Here Next Week

Members of the admissions committee of the University of Oregon dental school in Portland will be on the campus Jan. 14-16 to meet with pre-dental students.

A general discussion meeting will be held for all interested pre-dental students Jan. 14, and interviews for students applying for admission will be held the other two days.

Committee members are Dr. Keith Claycomb and Dr. Ernst Hurley.

Monday Deadline Set For Editor Petitions

The deadline for submission of petitions for editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald has been set at 5 p. m. Monday, according to R. C. Williams, secretary of the student publications board. The publications board will interview petitioners and select an editor for the second half of the year at its meeting Wednesday.

"Just like a row of sitting ducks"

quacked mother duck as she saw her brood sitting along the railing of the student union veranda. "What's up, duck?" she quackingly asked one of the disgruntled ducklings. "Well, it's these danged lines," quacked the duckling as he tried to smooth his wind-ruffled feathers. Mother duck smacked her bills in her most soothing manner and said, "Don't sweat it, kid, I've heard it said that this is the best system for registration that we have ever had." The duckling wasn't soothed very much by the words of solace so he comforted himself with plans to get away from the cares of the day. He stamped his webfeet with glee as he anticipated a fast game of shuffleboard and some cool beverages at his favorite cozy nest.

ROD TAYLOR'S
On the Glenwood strip

Assignment Motives



"Looks like we'll be writing research papers all term—I understand Prof. Snarf is writing a book on th' orient."

IFC to Nominate Veep Candidates

Nominations for the vice-presidency of the Inter-fraternity council will be held tonight at 6:30 at the regular semi-monthly IFC meeting in the Student Union. Elections will not be held until the following meeting, Jan. 21.

The vacancy occurred when Ted Rubenstein, former vice-president, assumed the presidency after Con Sheffer, former president, failed to make a 2 point GPA fall term and was declared ineligible to hold the position.

Harriet Coe
of the
**Westgate
Shoppe**

is now taking in a limited amount of alterations by appointment only.



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Campus Calendar

10:00 Rel Dir Assoc	319 SU	3:00 UIS	110 SU
Noon Phi Beta Cab	110 SU	Christian Sci	315 SU
AAA	111 SU	RE Wk Sun Din	319 SU
Drama Staff	112 SU	4:00 Pi Lambda Theta	112 SU
FSFF	113 SU	Alpine Cl	113 SU
Co-op Bd	114 SU	RE Wk Firesd	334 SU
RE Wk Exec	319 SU	6:30 Ski Quacks	111 SU
		7:30 Press Cl	Dadsrm SU