

Minds Drift

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Strange as it may seem, most students never discovered the dismal interior of "Maxie's." It was just too much to walk five blocks for a beer. Except, perhaps, for a few recalcitrant twenty-year olds.

As we walked away precariously balancing our cups, I looked around the room, bleak and barren, wondering who the architect had been. The jukebox was now shrieking something about rifle bullets.

"Don't they ever change records here?" I bellowed to myself.

Tugman To Speak To Honors Classes

William Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, will speak at a coffee hour Wednesday at 4 p. m. The coffee hour, sponsored by the sophomore honors society classes, will be held in the Dads lounge of the Student Union.

All sophomore honor students and professors are invited, according to Vivienne Brown, secretary of the planning committee.

Tugman's general topic will be "Ways of Weighing and Considering Senator McCarthy and His Action," centering around the recent case, involving Senator McCarthy and the editor of the New York Post.

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The Looking-Glass The Censorship Principle Could Be Turned on Censor

By Toby McCarroll
Emerald Critic

On January 14 there appeared in this publication a column of mine decrying censorship. In this article I set up a straw man who favored censorship. Several of my friends didn't think such a



person existed. Then along came George J. Wolfe—filled to the brim with "Christian decency." I am glad Mr. Wolfe wrote his letter, as it allows me to continue on what I believe to be an extremely important subject.

Mr. Wolfe says it is not for him to say what is good or bad but then goes on to say we should use the moral code of Christ, (especially since there was no censorship in the pagan theater). Even if we wanted to subvert the arts to theology, I suggest that there is not perfect agreement as to what constitutes the moral code of Christ. It would be (and is) difficult to apply the generalities of the religious cliché to such a particular situation with any reasonableness.

Mr. Wolfe then says he thinks the Legion of Democracy is all right and that it just expresses an opinion. From former work I have done in co-operation with the Legion, I would say that it doesn't share his opinion of its power.

I would like to point out a few things about its power. The oath is a promise not to see any films banned by the Legion and not to frequent the theaters that have ever shown one of these films. Of

course, Mr. Wolfe might mean that one doesn't have to take the oath. This is quite true; some don't (myself included), but it is not exactly a matter of free choice when the statement is made, "We will now kneel and recite the oath."

The oath is presented in such a way that a vast number of Catholics will take it. Being a promise, moral pressure restrains a person from seeing these films or frequenting those theaters. The Legion uses these facts to apply pressure to the producers who try to capitalize on people's "spine tingling perversity" (to quote Mr. Wolfe).

Mr. Wolfe is no different from hundreds of others. They want to protect the people from seeing these things (especially since they are shown for monetary purposes). Censorship, or "protection" is a principle. It is quite possible that the time will come when other people may apply this principle against Mr. Wolfe. As a matter of fact I think it most probable that some people would want to protect Mr. Wolfe from the "bad influence" of religion, but that is not the same thing at all, because Mr. Wolfe is in the right and those people are not.

On Monday the U.S. Supreme Court reversed a decision censoring an "immoral" movie, "La Ronde." It was the opinion of two of the justices (Douglas and Black) that all forms of movie censorship are unconstitutional. The moral defense for censorship cannot be met by legal arguments, but it is comforting to know that these moral considerations play no part in the legal arguments.

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Petitions Requested to Fill Vacant Senate-at-large Post

Petitions for the senator-at-large post vacated by ASUO vice-president Bob Funk are being called for by President Tom Wrightson.

The petitions are due at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in the ASUO office in the Student Union.

In other action taken by the senate Thursday, approval was given to Wrightson's appointment of Alex Byler, junior in pre-law, and Bob Maier, sophomore in business, to the student traffic court.

Approval was given also to the

following committee appointments:

Doug White, Jean Mauro, Barbara Swanson, and E. G. Ebbighausen to the honor code committee, Jim Duncan to the insurance committee, and Kitty Fraser to the housing committee.

Wrightson also announced that Don Foss, student body president at Oregon State college, will visit the next senate meeting here. Foss will bring other student leaders with him, Wrightson said.

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