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A Disappointing Situation

We're very disappointed in the current state of affairs in the J. Kelly Farris—student traffic court—discipline committee situation.

First, because of the discipline committee's haughty action in rebuffing Farris' challenge of the court's legality. And second, because said punishment was deemed of more immediate importance than establishing through appropriate legal authority whether or not Farris had a good point in his challenge.

As for action on Farris' charge that the court was violating due process in its procedure and that the University could not legally take student traffic fines from the student's breakage fee, the office of student affairs is asking the opinion of the ASUO constitutional committee. If said committee feels that it should not rule on other than ASUO constitution matters, the opinion of the law school faculty will be requested.

Both the constitutional committee and the law school faculty are very able groups, but it would be more appropriate to ask the opinion of the state attorney general, especially since the first two groups are connected with the University and the attorney general is not.

We are even more concerned that the discipline committee and the office of student affairs felt it more urgent to slap down the irritating conduct of Farris than to take up his argument. We maintain that his challenge to the traffic violation charges made against him was so heavily based on his challenge of the court and University's legality of action that they should have been so treated.

Which means that first concern should have been given to the principle of legality. The problem of the time it takes to obtain a decision on legal matters shouldn't really be a problem here, because there was no need or justification for strict punishment of Farris, anyway. His traffic violation charges necessitated only the normal procedure when a student appeals the decision of the court to the office of student affairs, namely, deducting the fine from the breakage fee.

Of course, Farris' approach to the matter made a tougher action likely, and, in fact, the actual result. "Uncooperativeness" riled members of the discipline committee, for example, which should have had no relevance to the fact that here was a student legitimately challenging authority. Not just flaunting authority, but challenging its basis.

Should have had no relevance, we say, but of course it had a great deal of effect on the eventual attitude of the committee.

The punishment meted out was unjust, considering the nature of the case. Now, what makes it especially bad is that if some other student wishes to challenge the court and the University on the same basis as did Farris, he will have an even rougher time.

And we don't think the Farris case has done anything to clarify the situation, so far anyway. If anything, it has further muddled it.

Whatever the final legal ruling on the matter would or should be, Farris raised an important question. He could have gone farther if he had been less flamboyant and more tactful; as it is, he only made it harder to bring the matter to a head.

Which is a very important practical consideration in the Farris case. But which doesn't change one bit the unfairness of the discipline committee's punishing the challenge to the University's and the student court's traffic violation procedure.

Pumpkin Papers?



CAMPUS BRIEFS

● The Student Union dance committee will meet today at 4 p. m. in SU 313, according to Stewart Johnson, publicity chairman.

● Jessie M. Smith, assistant professor of business administration, recently completed work for a doctorate in business administration from Columbia university in New York.

● Kappa Rho Omicron, radio honorary, will meet at 9 tonight in the conference room, third floor, Villard, according to Gordon Rennie, president.

● The Red Cross Board will meet today at 4 p. m. in the Student Union commuter's lunchroom, according to Mary Wilson, board chairman.

● A meeting for journalism students with Carl T. Rowan, Minneapolis Tribune reporter, that was scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. A serious illness of his daughter prevented Rowan's visit to the campus.

● Movies on copper and on recent improvement in medical research will be shown Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Science 16 by the Student Affiliation of American Chemical society.

Campus Calendar

11:45 Traff Ct.	112 SU
Noon Span Tbl	110 SU
Journ Lunch	111 SU
Yeomen	309 SU
3:00 Pub Adm Grp	110 SU
4:00 Hds of Hses	334 SU
Verissimo Recp	Drum US
6:00 Yeomen Init	Ger 2nd fl
7:30 SDX-TSP	Dsrmm SU

Polio Development Topic for Council

"Developments in Poliomyelitis" will be discussed by Robin Overstreet, pediatrician, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the Student Union.

Overstreet will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the International Council for Exceptional Children. The meeting is open to any persons interested in the topic, according to Mrs. Chester T. Williams.

Concert Cancelled

The Civic Music presentation of Brazilian Pianist Guiomar Novaes scheduled for Sunday has been postponed, according to an announcement by G. B. Hull, president of the Eugene-University Civic Music association.

Miss Novaes has had to cancel present engagements because of illness, but she will appear in Eugene March 31 as part of this season's EUCMA concert series.

Big Exposure On UO Profs

by Jim White

L. H. Gregory mentioned a little item in his column in the Oregonian the other day that started several little wheels spinning in the head of a certain columnist. Mr. Gregory gave us the scoop on a little yellow book that College publicity men are supposed to own. It gives the lowdown on all of the sports editors of Pacific coast newspapers.

So what, you ask. That's a good question but it isn't going to do you a bit of good.

Well, let's reflect for a moment on the idiosyncrasies of Oregon professors. Some professors hate blonds, others can't stand Thetas, and some of the little rascals even lower a grade one point for any athlete on the assumption that if he's and athlete he couldn't possibly do that well. So, with the correct financial backing and support think what an ambitious fellow could do with a little yellow book on professors.

Students could make a 2 point again; campus grades would go up 20 per cent and most important, professors would smile, once in a while.

The book would include a picture of the professor, his family background, history, education (which might surprise a lot of undergraduates), likes, dislikes, and grading system.

For example let's run down (?) a typical professor under the yellow book system.

Name: Thronklemortem t. S. Oglethorpe.

Family Background: Father was a traveling salesman, mother was a lady wrestler on TV.

History: Born in Death Valley, Calif. 1819. Deserted by mother at age of 6 days. No formal prep education. Graduated from SOCE, Phi Beta—did graduate work at OCE.

Likes: pigs, tropical fish, translating Shakespeare into Sanskrit, Thronklemortem t. S. (no questions please) Oglethorpe, stagnant water, epidemics, flunking students Joe McCarthy, the Emerald, and impossible assignments.

Dislikes: Coffee, beer, beautiful women ("aw dem dames is all stupid"), brilliant students, students who sleep in class, graduate students, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Comments: Mr. O grades on the curve with the class average as 'F' and the highest grade 'D'. He once gave a 'C' to a pet pig that flunked comp anyway and quit school. Never smiles in class, has no office hours, won't talk to students and is somewhat belligerent toward anyone who wears red. One cut in class is an automatic flunk.

From the preceding information any student could see that the professor was a normal healthy fun-loving boy and his classes would be a good risk. And so it goes.

Symposium Group Speaks to Chamber

The University symposium group spoke before the Sweet Home chamber of commerce Thursday in a program opener for their season's schedule of discussions.

Improvement of Congressional investigations was the discussion topic for the Thursday meeting. Symposium members on the program included Bruce Holt, sophomore in speech, Elizabeth Collins, junior in speech, and Shirley Katz, junior in English.

The majority of symposium engagements are scheduled for spring term, according to James Wood, graduate assistant in speech. University speakers annually tour the state, speaking before civic, fraternal and educational groups.

The group will hold their regular Tuesday night meeting at 8 p.m. in Villard 206. A practice symposium is on schedule, Wood said. The debate squad will meet at 7 p.m. in Villard 207.

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