

Letters to the Editor

The Charge . . .

An Open Letter to Bob Schooling, "Veterans' Commander" of "The Veterans' Committee of More Than Ten:"

Sir, you have chosen to condemn a faction (The Veterans' Committee) before it has been given a chance to prove itself . . . and by your actions, activities, and your very words, you have stated that:

1) You will "go on opposing the group," without, in all fairness, giving it a chance to prove its worth;

2) You, personally, are "opposed to all student veterans' organizations;"

3) You feel that "there are no issues worthy of veterans' study," (or anyone else's for that matter); and

4) You feel that our studying of problems such as married veterans' re-imbursement for housing improvements, audience sectionalism at games, deferred living for women veterans, improvement of informational service to veterans and the prospective veteran student, and many others, would comprise "mudslinging" at an institution where you call yourself a "citizen."

As "citizens of Oregon" I think your group should at least see what we are trying to do before attempting to cancel us out with mimicry two days after our first meeting.

Admittedly, at present we do not represent the majority of veterans on campus, but we would like to—we would like to act with them, for them, be their voice—controlled as they see fit.

We, of course, as a new organization, have our faults:

1) At our first meeting (which was announced, unfortunately, only in "Campus Briefs") there were only ten men present—I only wish all seven hundred could have been—it would have cleared up a lot of your ridicule;

2) We needed some basic core of organization to function, so we elected officers—someone had to do the jobs . . .

3) Among our officers, we elected Bob Biggs to the position of treasurer, and, finding himself an officer, felt that he had a right to speak for the group—this wrong will be corrected officially Tuesday, I imagine.

You told us Saturday that you would not come to the meeting Tuesday, because you "would read about it in the paper" and we "were responsible to see that anything going into the paper was to appear the way things happened."

You know as well as I do, Bob, that it is almost impossible to control the slant to a story a newspaper gives it, especially on a controversial subject . . . You should be present to get full concepts of the happenings of a meeting. The paper, while usually doing a good job, cannot shed as much light on a subject as personal contact.

We personally are not out for glory or "a place in the sun," we have honestly felt that there is a need for such an organization, for the betterment of the position of the veteran as well as the non-veteran, and the school itself.

I sincerely would like to see you at least come to the meeting, consider the objectives and problems of the group, then judge the legitimacy of our organization.

First let us grow our wings before you start telling us we can't fly . . .

Sincerely,
Gordon R. Ross

Editor's Note: The foregoing letter, addressed to Bob Schooling, was submitted only to the Oregon Daily Emerald. In view of the fact that several statements attributed to Schooling were quoted directly, and because those statements were not a matter of public record, Schooling was offered the chance to reply.)

The Reply . . .

Emerald Editor:

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to answer the accusations made in an open letter written to me by Gordon Ross, vice-president of the Veterans' Committee.

First, let me illustrate the misleading technique of quoting out of context. I refer the reader to the third paragraph of Mr. Ross' letter. Watch the slant that quoting out of context can accomplish:

Mr. Ross says, "... we do not represent . . . veterans on campus, but we would . . . act . . . for them," and ". . . be their voice . . ."

This technique is very useful in character assassination and can be used to prove any point that the writer desires.

Now let's appraise Mr. Ross' criticisms in the light of our new found knowledge. Point numbers 1, 2, and 3 are examples of quoting out of context. I need only comment that they do not represent my opinions nor are they a fair interpretation of them. Point number 4 puts me on record against practically everything except Mother and

beer in the campus restaurants and is a complete and apparently intentional misrepresentation of my views.

In point number 4 the term, "mudslinging" is used. Mr. Ross' letter is the best example presently available of just exactly what mudslinging is.

I wish to be careful to emphasize that I have received no mandate to speak from any group, large or small, nor do I make any claims that my opinions are anything but my own. I am not the authorized spokesman of the "Veterans Committee of More Than Ten," and I can not under any circumstances speak for it.

You appeal for my tolerance of the mistakes your organization has made in its short life. Your organization, while it is no doubt well-intentioned, must accept the responsibility for its actions and utterances. Since it is the officers of an organization that usually speak for it, it is only natural to assume that the published views and purposes of the Veterans' Committee as stated by you, Mr. Ross, and the treasurer of your organization, Mr. Biggs, are those of the organization.

It is your apparent intent to force me to join an organization in order to make it change its policies. I do not subscribe to the views of the Communist Party of the United States but I hardly contemplate joining it in order to force a change in its policies.

Sincerely,
Bob Schooling

P.S. This is to notify the readers of the Oregon Daily Emerald that Mr. Ross has not received my permission to issue statements for me in the future. If I feel it necessary to state my opinions I shall do so myself.

Phi Theta Chooses 'Mystie' Chairmen

Helen Huse and Darlene Leland, both freshmen in liberal arts, have been chosen to head the annual Phi Theta Upsilon Mystie sale.

Miss Huse and Miss Leland will choose the sub-chairmen for this sale at a later date. Held each year to raise scholarship money, the sale is traditionally run by freshmen with assistance and sponsorship from Phi Theta.

Phi Theta advisers for the sale are: Ann Erickson, distribution; Janet Gustafson, house sales; Sonia Edwards, booth sales; Anne Hill, collections; Anne Ritchey, publicity; Donna Lory, promotion, and Gwen Endicott, decorations.

Portland Ballet Society To Give Concert Here

The Ballet Society of Portland, in their first performance outside of Portland, will present a concert at the University Theater April 30.

The Theater has planned two performances, one to be given at 2:30 p.m. for grade and high school students, and one at 8 p.m. for adults.

The company is directed by Jacqueline Martin Schumacher, ballet mistress of the Richard Billings School of Dancing in Portland and former classical ballerina with the San Francisco Opera Ballet.

They will have a guest choreographer, Nicholas Vasilieff, who has his own dance school and was formerly with the San Francisco company. Vasilieff was a soloist

with the Ballet Theater and Ballet Caravan.

The society is made up of dance students from various studios in Portland and the Northwest. They perform with other civic groups and drama organizations in presentations of programs and concerts.

Admission to the matinee performance will be 50 cents for grade and high school students and \$1 for adults. The evening show is \$1.50.

University Theater season ticket holders will be admitted to the evening performance for only \$1, according to Mrs. Gene Wiley, theater business manager. There will be no reserved seats for the afternoon concert, and tickets may be purchased at the door.

Advanced ROTC Applicants to Sign For Deferments

All freshmen and sophomores who plan to apply for the army advanced ROTC program are urged to sign military deferments in the near future, according to Lt. Col. R. D. Evens, professor of military science and tactics.

The advanced course has been explained to all freshman and sophomore classes. By agreeing to apply for this two-year course, which leads to a commission in the army reserve, students may take advantage of a deferment which is effective for up to five years of college work.

Students must have completed at least one term of the basic course in order to be eligible for deferment.

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RO Department To Give Awards

Winners of Army ROTC commendation awards for winter term have been announced by the military department.

Commendation awards are given each term to freshmen and sophomore students who maintain the highest standards in classroom work and on the drill field.

Military Science I commendation award winners are Richard Johnson, Robert Easton, Norman Cole, Jack Wiecks, George Okamoto and John Flaxel.

Military Science II commendation awards will be presented to Benjamin Kahalekulu, William Boyle, Jr., and Robert Campbell.

These awards will be presented at a review ceremony at some future date, according to Lt. Col. Robley D. Evens, professor of military science and tactics.

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