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White Elephant For Sale

The ASUO may be starting to realize that it has a white elephant on its hands in the form of the recently adopted Crusade for Freedom program.

The project is undoubtedly worth doing, and if properly done should have some value for the students who participate, but at this point it looks as though the ASUO is going to have trouble finding anyone willing to take on the project.

The Crusade is asking some 25 colleges in the country to put on programs designed to educate the students on the purposes and functions of the Crusade for Freedom, which sponsors Radio Free Europe and the Free Europe Press.

This plan grew out of the Greek week program at the University of Minnesota last year in which students put on a variety show, gave classroom speeches and held meetings in living organizations, all designed to explain the Crusade to the students.

Money raised from the variety show went to support the Crusade, but the fund-raising aspect of the program is optional and purely secondary from the viewpoint of the Crusade.

If the program here is to be successful, it is going to take a lot of time and effort. So far no one has shown much interest in spending that time.

We believe that Greek Week should take over the program, for several reasons. It would certainly not be too large for the Greek organizations to handle. The week is already set up as a major activity, which would end the necessity for establishing still another new activity on campus.

Finally, if Greek week feels it needs to incorporate a more valuable and worthy element into its program, the Crusade would fit nicely.

For Better Service

Ordinarily we make it a practice not to answer letters to our editor in the editorial columns. However, the letter we received Monday on food service in the Student Union requires additional comment.

Nearly a year ago, a sub-committee of

the Student Union board, considered a number of plans to improve SU service. At the time some of the same suggestions were made that Georgia Adams made in her letter.

A central cashier at the fountain, particularly during rush periods would speed up service. Presumably the "coffee counter" is open at peak periods. If it were, then that too would help. And anyone who has ever bought a hamburger at one of Portland's now 19-cent hamburger places knows the possibilities of pre-prepared service. Compare the long waits in the Fishbowl with the less than five minutes you have to wait, including the time in the line, even at peak periods when the hamburgers have been prepared ahead of time.

Surely peak periods, such as noon hours and Sunday evenings can be foreseen, some food prepared ahead of time, and both ends of the counter open.

We understand that the changes could not be made this year for lack of sufficient information. According to Mr. Ellingson, a centralized cashier would require a horse-shoe extension from the center of the present counter, an extension which would interfere with the normal traffic patterns through the Fishbowl. So this year the only changes that were made were in the commuters' lunch room, the addition of booth seats around the edge, and a more direct "aisle" through the center. The extension and any other changes which would improve service have had to wait while these others were tried.

There are other things, however, which could be done now. Miss Adams has made some badly needed suggestions which call for, and we understand will receive, the careful attention of the Student Union personnel concerned. So there may yet be hope for better Student Union service.—(S.R.)

Footnotes

At Southern Cal, the Independent Men's and Women's councils are circulating questionnaires to SC's 10,000 independent students. One of the purposes is to inform the independent students that they are represented on the campus. Maybe that's what UIS could do to let the independents know that it's still around—if it still is.

Real Distraction



College Capers ...

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
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PAPERS THROUGHOUT the country are filled with the same routine stories that appear at the beginning of each new term: Grade reports, registration information, schedules of the new term's activities, and basketball fill the pages.

However, there is an interesting sidelight in the Ohio State Lantern, which was taken from an essay entitled "What Is a College Boy?" written by a group of nurses at the University of Pennsylvania Nursing school.

"A college boy is laziness with a draft card in his wallet, idiocy with lanolin on its hair, and the 'Hope of the Future' with an overdrawn bank book in its pocket.

"A college boy is a composite ... he has the energy of Rip Van Winkle, the shyness of a Mr. Micawber, the practicality of a Don Quixote, the kindness of a Marquis de Sade, the imagination of Bill Sykes, the aspirations of a Casanova and when he wants something, it is usually money.

"He likes good liquor, bad liquor, cancelled classes, double feature, Playtex ads and girls on football week ends. He is not much for hopeful mothers, irate fathers, sharp-eyed ushers, campus guards, alarm clocks or letters from the dean.

"A college boy is a magical

creature... you can lock him out of your heart, but not out of your bank account. You can get him off your mind, but you can't get him off your expense account. He is a no-account, girl-chasing bundle of worry. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of hope and dreams, he can make them seem mightily insignificant with four magic words: 'I flunked out, Dad.'"

Along with the humor is found this word of warning from Mrs. Tribe, a professor at Webster college, Utah. Her observations have disclosed that the average college student doesn't eat enough of the right kinds of food to keep a rat alive.

Claiming "the white rat can eat the same food as humans with similar deficiencies showing up," Mrs. Tribe took a student diet consisting of candy, potato chips, cup cakes, French fries, soda pop, bread and butter, hamburgers, cooked corn, peas, beans, and scraps from sandwiches and fed it to some rats.

Results were that the rats' hair became thin and matted; lost color and texture; eyes dulled; bones softened so rats couldn't walk, knuckles enlarged; rats got nervous and lost pep.

Mrs. Tribe says that evidence of the same symptoms can be found among college students.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Election Year Politics May Hurt U.S. Formula to Save Middle East

By William L. Ryan
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In an election year, with the U.S. foreign policy definitely thrust to the fore as a campaign issue, it is going to be difficult to come up with a formula to save the Middle East from subversion and chaos. Yet there may be a way.

There seems to be general agreement that the cause of many of the Western alliance's woes in the Middle East—and in Asia—stems from over-emphasis on the military aspects of defense against communism. The search for the formula, then, would seem to be in the other direction.

In Europe's perilous years after the end of World War II, the economic aspects of American assistance injected new life, strength and faith into weary and depressed people. The halting of communism at the borders of Czechoslovakia and East Germany testifies to the success of the American enterprise.

The Middle East is in peril now. Anti-American and anti-

Western sentiment appears to be rising in all corners of that vitally strategic area. It is a sentiment feeding on fear and resentment.

President Eisenhower's proposal that the United States assure its friends abroad that there will be continued American economic assistance has a particular meaning for the countries of the Middle East.

It offers, at the same time, a prospect that it may be possible to push into the background the military aspects of American and Western policies in the Middle East, and to accept the Soviet challenge of economic competition in the area for its ultimate benefit.

Although it is not a signatory power, the United States is given the credit and the blame in the Middle East for the military aspect of the Baghdad pact. The United States can take part in the activities of the alliance, however, and it can take the leadership in pushing those military aspects far into the background.

It might yet be possible to transform the alliance into a sort of organization for Middle

East economic cooperation, similar to the arrangements which enjoyed success in Europe. The machinery already exists under the treaty.

There seems to be a large degree of skepticism in Washington about the possibility of a regional approach to the development of Middle East economic programs to bolster the area against pressures from the Communist world. The Arabs themselves are bound to be suspicious now of any such move.

Yet, if the situation in the Middle East is to be rescued at all, it is going to require bold and dramatic ideas — ideas which can capture the imagination of ambitious Middle East leaders and of that section of the population which is responsible for the rise and fall of governments.

The immediate task, of course, is to prevent an Arab-Israeli war. But the long-range task calls for patient construction of a wall, combining Middle East independence and Free World interdependence, as a bulwark against determined Communist penetration efforts.



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