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Chance for Complainants

For the last three and a half years we have heard a vast amount of griping and complaining about the counseling system at the University.

Students will soon have an opportunity to air those complaints to an ASUO Senate committee if the present tentative plans of the chairman are carried out, Dick McDaniel, an ASUO Senator-at-Large who heads the committee, reported in his preliminary plans at a recent Senate meeting.

McDaniel announced that he hoped to hold open meetings where anyone who wished to be heard could tell what he thought was right or wrong about the present counseling program. At the same time, McDaniel said that he hoped to call in for testimony counselors, hall presidents, fraternity pledge trainers and others immediately involved.

In practice, the chairman wants the committee to function along the lines of a Congressional committee, without the power of subpoena. He hopes that the initial groundwork will get underway sometime next week.

At the moment, this type of procedure is the only logical way we can think of to handle this kind of investigation. To do a complete job the committee must be open to anyone who has a complaint.

However, we won't venture a guess on how many students show up for the open meetings. Experience has shown that many of those who gripe the loudest won't come forward with concrete complaints when invited to. If they don't appear this time, they won't have another chance.

Oregon's Biggest Problem

Indifference. That's the biggest problem facing the University today, according to one of the Eugene ministers, and we agree with him.

We talk about rush week, about restoring the Millrace, the success of a Crusade for Freedom program, pairings for extra-curricular functions, political alignments, segregated seating, intramural handball games and such oft-discussed problems as finances, dating and grades.

But we are indifferent to them. Sometimes we will read about them; sometimes we'll even talk about them when we're pretending to seminar. The sophistry of the campus requires that we remain aloof from them, that we be indifferent.

How can we counteract this? The minister, speaking in religious terms, said by faith, hope and love. In more secular language, applied directly to the university, we could call

it faith in the University of Oregon: faith in its professors, its students, its scholastic instruction, its extra-curricular activities. We could call it hope for the future of Oregon and the functions which it performs, hope for our own futures as Oregon students and alumni. We could call it love of Oregon, the institution which we have chosen to attend, its traditions and ideals.

How then could we be indifferent?—(S.R.)

Young Politicos

Howard Morgan, state Democratic party chairman, expressed last week what it seems to us was a significant sentiment on the participation of young people in politics.

Morgan's statement was that campus political parties, such as the Young Republican and Young Democratic groups, should limit their membership strictly to undergraduates and "new voters" — in other words, to those with their first active political interest.

This would then encourage earlier participation in actual state political organizations, and would remove what he seems to think are rather lazy tendencies to remain inactive as voting citizens until the age of 30 or 40.

Morgan made no inferences as to the effectiveness of these campus political organizations as far as the state party is concerned, but it would seem that the campus groups are functioning primarily as discussion groups, and as campus distributors for campaign and promotional material.

Discussion, it seems to us, is invaluable, particularly at the University level. But one could hardly disagree with Morgan, that this is not enough and that benefit both to the party and to the individuals would result in the early breaking of this tie and a forage into the larger area of state politics itself.

Democracy, we learn in all our classes and in every educational media in the United States, is based upon active exchange of ideas and free flow of information. How could this better flourish than in a country composed of a young, active, interested electorate?

State politics sounds like a big jump, but it doesn't necessarily imply candidacy for governor at the age of 25. It merely means identification with a political-interest group, contact with those who decide the legislation, and a better idea of the country we live in.

Morgan's point was quite well taken, and is worthy of thoughtful consideration by hopeful young politicians both in the University and recently-graduated.—(A.R.)

Artistic Temperament



"AND THE SECOND THING YOU SHOULD LEARN TO DO IS TO TAKE CRITICISM"

College Capers ...

From Coast to Coast

By Bobbye Harris
Emerald Columnist

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT'S almost mid-term time again. Bearing this in mind, a couple of tidbits from some of our unfortunate colleagues on semester basis, who are just going into finals, seemed appropriate to pass on at this time of pre-exam shakes.

THE KANSAS STATE COLLEGE points out that Shakespeare wrote in the student's interest also:

"More light, you knaves; and turn the tables up, and quench the fire, the room is grown too hot."—Romeo and Juliet, studying in the library.

"It is not for your health thus to commit your weak condition to the raw cold morning."—Julius Caesar, cramming until 3 a.m.

PARKING PROBLEMS AT Stanford have reached a new high. Maintenance men found a Volkswagen parked in the new Crothers Memorial hall dormitory's study hall.

The car had been "parked" there at 12:42 a.m. by two of the owners friends who muscled it through the room's double doors. The owner's only comment was, "I was surprised."

FROM THE MIAMI STUDENT comes "The 23rd Qualm": "The prof is my quizmaster. I shall not flunk. He leadeth me to an alternate seat. He restoreth my fears. He leadeth

me into deep problems for a grade's sake. Yea, though I know not the answers to the questions, I will fear no failure, for the others are with me. I prepareth my answers before the presence of my roommates. I annointeth my blue book with answers, my time runneth out. Surely grades will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the class forever." "Amen!"

EVIDENTLY THE WOMEN at Colorado really believe in a liberal education. First senior women were allowed dorm keys and allowed to stay out as long as they liked. Now the CU student council has recommended that women students be allowed in men's apartments without official chaperonage. A comment on the situation from the Missouri U Maneater:

"What more do they want—eggs in their beer?"

IT SEEMS that unattached senior boys are just out of luck, according to a columnist in the Boston University News. He points out that any woman who is free by the time she is a senior is either no bargain or set on a career. The freshmen are too young. They are giggly and naive and blush at off-color stories. This, the columnist says, leaves only the juniors and sophomores, and all the good-looking ones are already spoken for.

Don't worry too much about this year, though fellows. This is leap year!

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

President's Proposal for Permanent Foreign Aid Base Headed for Rocks

By J. M. Roberts
Of the Associated Press

President Eisenhower's proposal that Congress give the foreign economic aid program a more permanent look seems headed for the rocks.

Although Congress has frequently come around on this topic after initial displays of reluctance during the last eight or ten years, the going has become progressively more difficult for the annual appropriations.

Indeed, the state department itself had been turning away from the program and attempting to whittle it down until Russia adopted a similar one for herself last summer. That caused President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles to take another look, especially with regard to Asia. Some increased

spending was decided upon, with participating nations being encouraged to undertake long-range programs with assurances of continuing American aid.

Such assurance is needed particularly with regard to agricultural and heavy industry development, which cannot be attempted on a one-year basis.

The President did not ask that specific sums of money be guaranteed for future years, but merely that Congress should accompany this year's appropriation with an expression of long-range policy giving the administration some authority for telling recipient countries that programs they might undertake would not be dropped in midstream.

Now the two members of the Senate who are most powerful on this subject—

Democrat George and Republican Knowland — have said they won't go for it, even though it is primarily directed at Knowland's pet area, Asia. It's a sort of boomeranging bipartisanship.

An economic air program will, of course, be approved. The administration will probably have the authority to do almost everything it wants to do. If it doesn't have the word of Congress on the determination of the nation to carry the job through, it will still have the record to show. And the record is that the United States will do what has to be done. A great propaganda value will, however, have been lost.

Even a reluctant America is clearly a better partner for the underdeveloped nations. But greater unity would have made it look even better to them.



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