

Research—To Be or Not To Be

One of the More Serious Problems
Facing Legislature is Area of Research

Today the Oregon State Legislature convenes. In the last week a good deal has been said about higher education and the legislature. But little has been said about one of the most important possibilities that may stem from the legislature's decisions—a decreased program of research upon this campus.

The University's reputation as an institution of higher learning and its direct contribution to students and the state is determined largely by research facilities and opportunities. Continued additions to basic research programs are important in drawing distinguished faculty members and top quality students.

The State Board of Higher Education has submitted a budget which would strengthen graduate research and research on the instructional level. By eliminating almost all of the "B" budget in his recommended budget Governor Hatfield has advocated a large cutback in research at this University and others. It is now up to the legislature to place judgment upon the State Board's recommendations in this area.

The problem of research cutbacks would be bad enough if these cutbacks only jeopardized potential projects. Effects of Hatfield's proposed reductions, however, would hamper present projects and reduce present grants from outside sources including the federal government and private foundations.

The legislature's previous generosity in allocating funds for research efforts has favorably influenced grants from outside sources. In the last ten years, outside grants have reduced the state's portion of research expenditures from 53 per cent to 30.5 per

cent.

A 1962 report indicates that the University ranks seventh nationally in graduate research projects underway out of a list of 32 major state universities. Our campus leads all other schools within the state system in research expenditures, with the exception of the University Medical School at Portland. This year the University has attracted more NDEA fellowships than any other school in the country.

There are many direct benefits to this state which stem from these research expenditures. First, financial returns from outside sources constitute direct profit spent in Oregon. Secondly, the University's twelve research divisions perform many direct social services ranging from municipal government assistance to cancer research. While advanced work in some areas such as history, literature, etc., does not contribute directly to the cure of social or physical ills, it does enrich classroom instruction. A professor who does such scholarly research can impart added inspiration and understanding to his students.

The State Board of Higher Education recognizes that a University cannot "maintain its present operating level" in this area. It must either progress or fall behind. The stature of this University and its graduate school depend greatly upon action which the legislature takes in the area of research.

We are hopeful that the legislature will disregard the Governor's requests and bend its efforts toward finding funds for research so that this state and its people will continue to benefit from contributions from this university community.

Dennis Steen

Word has come to us that Dennis Steen, a former Emerald columnist, has died. He was only 19, but it was a minor miracle that he reached that age.

Dennis was perfectly normal in every way until he was ten years old. He was then stricken by a type of spinal tumor that left him totally paralyzed except for his head and left arm. At that time he was given six months to live. But, for some reason unknown to doctors, even those at Mayo Clinic, Dennis held on.

When we first met Dennis, he was driving around in an electric wheel chair. He offered to write a regular financial column for us. We must admit that it was pity rather than common sense that made us give him a chance. Dennis was the only person not surprised when his column turned out to be successful and popular. He

depended on questions from his readers, and he never lacked them.

His credentials were impressive. He subscribed to many financial journals. At one time he had one of the few ticker tapes in Lane County in his home. He had worked a relatively small monetary gift into a total value of \$150,000 in about two years, simply through investing.

More impressive than anything else, however, was his spirit. Although he had every right to be bitter, he was always cheerful. He made cynics look foolish and offered encouragement to people far more fortunate than he. He once ran for the office of ASUO Senator and put on the back of his electric wheelchair a sign saying: "Roll along with Steen."

He was a friend and will be missed.

Letters to the Editor

Brave New World

Emerald Editor:

By St. Loy! We have foiled OSU again! Although they have taken our "O", we have proven our superiority by casting aside this tradition which we have "outgrown".

We must consider ourselves indeed fortunate that certain upperclassmen and professors have decided this for us. What wonderful examples they have made of themselves! They have no school spirit stemming from traditions. Thanks to them now both the "Side" and the "O" are apparently lost. And so is that traditional college spirit. Isn't it great that we no longer have to support the teams?

How reassuring it is to know that we freshmen are to be the last immature class with spirit such as displayed in painting the "outgrown" tradition. Thanks to you, oh, great ones! Now we can see the other acts of immaturity which need to be corrected. The Seal must go next. Then, as we develop, fraternities and athletic events.

Tradition has its good points, however. It needs only to be modernized. In other words, we need to grow up. Again we should thank our superiors for their superb foresight in so ingeniously replacing tradition with more grown up things such as bomb shelters. Why not then melt the Seal for more bomb

shelter signs? And let's replace the "O" with a big "CD". We'll never outgrow that! And the shelters we live in will institute a new meaning to "togetherness" which tradition and spirit seem to have lacked.

Furthermore, it becomes apparent that by the end of tradition and spirit our immature rivalry with OSU will also be brought up to date. Hail the New Frontier! No longer will two Universities participate in such childish behavior as stealing "O's" and setting-off bonfires. This rivalry may indeed take on a modern aspect, which explains our new shelters. Atomic warfare with OSU! What a

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"TAKE YOUR MEDICINE, CHICO—IT COST FIDEL THREE WHOLE PRISONERS."

Our Contemporaries

Grades Drop at OSU; 'Met' Wilson Upholds Ban

Fall term grade averages for Oregon State and Portland State showed some changes this year. At OSU, the fall term grade average of 2.48 was 4 below last fall term's average. At Portland State, 4.7 per cent of the student body made 3.5. Last fall term only 4.5 per cent made the honor roll.

Enrollment at Portland State will be about 400 more than the 4,907 who registered fall term if current estimates are correct. Enrollment at OSU Friday was 8,954.

Several campuses have recently seen changes in policies concerning outside speakers on campus.

President O. Meredith Wilson of the University of Minnesota, recently upheld a decision by the dean of students and the Senate Committee on Student Affairs on that campus to limit a series of speeches sponsored by the Socialist Club. The speeches in question would have featured Daniel Rubin, editor of Communist Viewpoint, and Peter Valdez, national secretary of the young Socialist Alliance.

The decision to limit the program was appealed to Wilson who supported it saying, "... the determination of what is educationally sound should be a matter for the University to establish."

At Wayne State, a new outside-speaker policy permits recognized student groups to invite speakers without any prior censorship. The policy also states that the speaker must not urge the audience to take action which is prohibited by the rules of the University or which is illegal under federal or Michigan law.

The policy states that restraints on free inquiry should be "held to that minimum which is consistent with preserving an organized society in which peaceful, democratic means for change are available."

A Michigan State University student and a former MSU student have been arrested in Clarksdale, Miss. charged with "unlawful possession of barbituates."

The Michigan Daily stated that the two youths were transporting food, clothing, and medicine collected in Ann Arbor and Louisville, Kentucky for out-of-work Negroes in the Mississippi Delta area. The two students were arrested in Clarksdale and placed under \$15,000 bond apiece. If they are convicted on the charges they have been

booked under, the maximum penalty is five years in jail and \$1,000 fine.

College entrance examination board scores are not always an accurate measure of a student's ability to do college work, according to a recent report published by Columbia University.

The study was conducted among 72 students, admitted to Columbia despite CEEB scores indicating below-average achievement. Sixty-nine of these freshmen passed two courses requiring a great ability to work with words and 22 per cent of these students ranked in the top half of their class in all subjects.

Henry S. Coleman, director of Columbia's admissions, said, "We may infer from these early statistics that although low verbal scores are a fairly reliable predictor of academic success in the freshman year they do not accurately measure the well-motivated student's ability to survive, and in some cases to prosper, in a rigorous academic program."

Coleman felt that many students with high potentials are hampered by background, poor schooling, or a foreign education. The students in this survey were selected from high school class standing, recommendations, and extra-curricular activities.

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