

Out-of-State Tuition

Board Balances Fee Increases With Fee Remission Policy

According to a recent decision by the State Board of Higher Education, tuition fees for non-resident students will continue to increase until within a few years these students will be paying an amount comparable to the actual cost of lower division instruction. Students from other states, however, might actually save money next year, since the board also proposed a system of fee remission scholarships for outstanding non-resident students.

This action was based on some sound principles approved by the Board, and with which we agree.

● "The presence of students from other states and other countries on Oregon campuses is a significant part of the educational process, since students learn from students as well as from professors and books.

● "A conscious attempt should be made to attract students of exceptional ability from other states to compensate, in some measure, for the drain on Oregon's intellectual resources created by the loss of many of our own superior students to institutions in other states.

● "The enrollment of students from other states whose predicted level of academic achievement might lower the general average in the System institutions should be discouraged.

● "At the two universities and Portland State College we should move in the direction of charging fees to students from other states which will approximate the cost of lower-division instruction."

The Board hopes that the fee remission scholarship program will help attract outstanding students from other states. At the same time, by making non-resident students pay the cost of lower division education, now about \$785, the board can insure that below-average students, who do not help the University atmosphere, will not be costing the state money.

It was also pointed out that the state will still pay some of the cost of educating out-of-state upper-division students since upper-division instruction costs considerably more than lower-division. This subsidy is considered worth the expense since by the time a student reaches upper-division level, his knowledge and experience is probably contributing intellectually to the University community.

Another consideration in approving the proposals was that even with the fee remission program in effect next year's \$60 increase in out-of-state tuition will supply \$563,000 in badly needed revenue to Oregon higher education.

It was encouraging that Board members emphasized that considerable numbers of non-resident students are desired by the state system. If the action seems to be causing too great a decrease in applications from other states, the Board will be willing and able to make adjustments in the policy at any time, according to Board Chairman William Walsh.

After an examination of the reasons for the increase, the Board's action seems reasonable. We are pleased that the Board has decided to institute the fee-remission program to attract good students.

We believe, however, that the state system should continue to work towards an eventual arrangement whereby a non-resident student's home state pays for at least part of his education when he comes to an Oregon school. In turn, the state of Oregon would pay part of the expenses for those who go out of state to school.

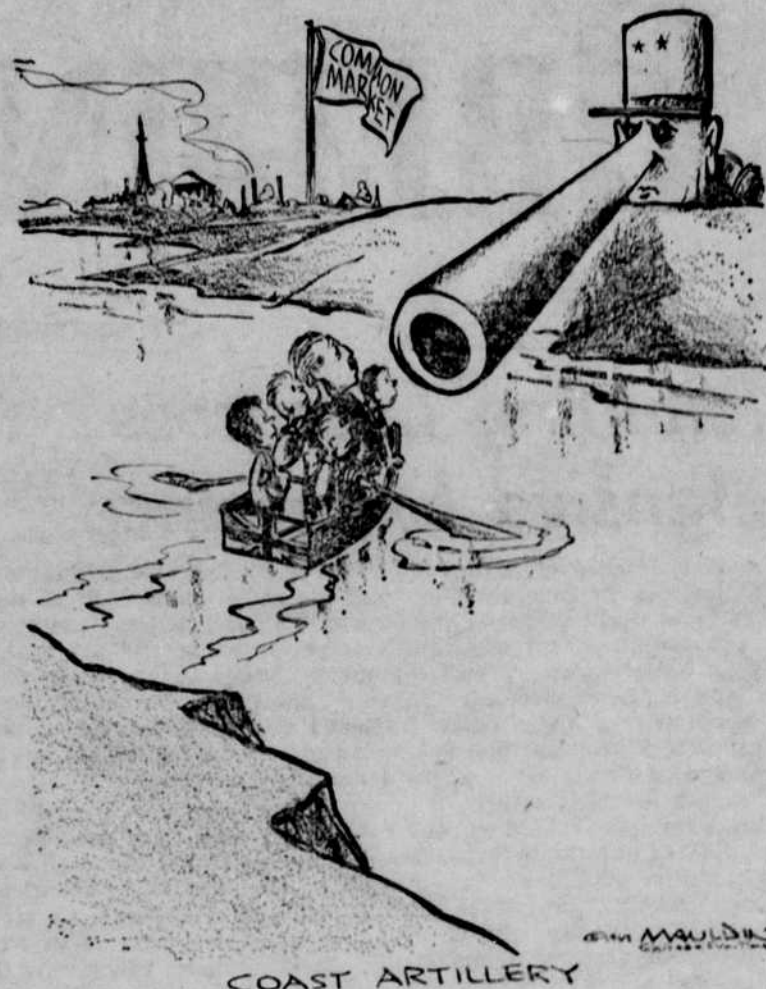
Such arrangements would provide opportunities for students to get the best possible education without too great an expense, either in their home state or out of it.

Until such arrangements can be made, if ever, the State Board of Higher Education seems to be doing its best to achieve maximum benefits from attendance by qualified out-of-state students without having to subsidize those who make no contribution.

Footnote

At the University of Colorado the school paper editor was fired for indiscretion in accepting political opinion columns from contributors. In one column Senator Goldwater was improbably labelled a murderer. This caused a lot of controversy, but the editor kept his job. The final straw, however, came when the same editor allowed the same columnist to submit another column of political opinion. In that column the writer called President Eisenhower an old futzer. The editor then received his well-deserved dismissal notice.

We on the Emerald are a pretty cautious bunch. If we want to call someone an old futzer, we will pick on someone who 1) will never hear of it and 2) is generally regarded as pretty bad anyway. Therefore, our list of old futzers includes such "safe" people as Atilla the Hun, Adolph Hitler, Typhoid Mary, The Abominable Snowman, Mao Tse-tung, and Charles DeGaulle. We would put Khrushchev on the list too, but it's beginning to look like he'll be our friend pretty soon.



Letters to the Editor

Defense of Competition

Emerald Editor:

Campus Chest is annually set up as the only charity drive which is University approved. This means that the students are asked to donate, only once throughout the entire year, the paltry average of 50c per person. The proceeds go to local, statewide, and national agencies which are dependent upon such funds. With this purpose and goal in mind, this drive is one worthy of support from the entire campus.

Some groups have indicated a feeling of coercion and PR seeking in this drive. They feel that competition is wrong. May I remind these individuals or groups that we have, at present, no welfare state. The only way that these welfare agencies can survive, then, is to receive contributions from such drives as this. A second point is that the agencies receiving our aid suffered a great shortage of funds in 1962. Why? Because donations were not sufficient. People were not mailing or depositing enough money to meet their needs.

This brings me to the reason for our Campus Chest Drive (and for that matter, for any other drive): to raise money to help these worthy welfare agencies in attaining the funds necessary to fulfill their purposes. Can this be too much to ask?

It is true that giving to these agencies helps our "PR" with the city of Eugene and the state and looks good for large contributors on the campus. In the light of fraternity difficulties and this year's Legislative session, we need all the help we can get in building up our good name. But, let's stick to our primary purposes. Any fraternity or other campus group which individually contributed to a charity would be recognized as having performed a worthwhile service. Does this mean we must look down on them as publicity-seekers? Could it not be that they desired to help someone in need, without another motive?

The competition of which some are complaining does help to raise more money and this, in itself, justifies its use. Furthermore, it shows which groups on this campus are most able to take the initiative and to make a sacrifice for someone less fortunate. The competition will show the highest contributors; those who give little support to this drive will be unmentioned. It is only our hope that we may be successful enough to be able to mention every living organization on the campus, not leaving any perhaps conspicuous by their absence.

John Luvaas
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Promotions Chairman

Publicity Gimmick

Emerald Editor:

Once again the students of the University are being called upon to contribute to campus public relations with the citizens of Eugene. This year the contributions requested are monetary in the form of a charity drive, Campus Chest. As a group we feel that charity in itself is a worthwhile means for men to help their less fortunate fellows. We further believe that charity is giving based on personal initiative and a feeling of responsibility to help someone else. Charitable giving that is not of free will, however, is not really charitable at all; it is instead hypocrisy.

As a fraternal group we believe the impetus given to the Campus Chest drive has evolved from a philosophy of giving in order to get something in return, not free will giving but giving resulting from coercion, embarrassment, and intimidation. We feel the methods of the Campus Chest committee violate the spirit and meaning of charity. First, the publicity in the Emerald of which groups have and have not contributed is an unnecessary form of embarrassment by publicity. Secondly, a large sign in public view in front of the SU showing which groups have given the most and which have not met their quota turns this charitable drive into another publicity gimmick for harrassing people into giving in order to gain or preserve a "good image." It would be much more sensible and in keeping

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Plausible Scheme?

Emerald Editor:

In view of the recent and continuing attacks on fraternities and sororities, it seems that some plausible scheme should be worked out which would increase the effectiveness of this anti-fraternal agitation. Instead of students hopping on the "bandwagon" as so many seem to be doing, why not create an organized and vicious group, a sort of "Ban the Fraternities" movement?

The membership of such a group might be composed of those few people who sincerely feel that private organizations grate against their personal convictions, those who are bitter because they were unable to join a fraternity or sorority, would-be humanitarians, and those who

simply like to be involved in controversial issues. Participation in this movement would, of course, allow no room for the admission that fraternities possess good or desirable qualities. It could not be mentioned, for example, that sorority grades are generally higher than the all women's average or that fraternity grades are generally higher than the all men's average. It could not be admitted that fraternities play an important part in teaching an individual how to get along with others. It most certainly could not be admitted that fraternities have made vast contributions to the growth of the University of Oregon. The fact that fraternities are private organizations and anyone who dislikes them need not become a member would have to go unmentioned.

Instead, the movement would have to place more emphasis on the problems of segregation and if possible, force the violation of the rights of any private group to choose its members using any criteria it sees fit. At the same time it would be advantageous to play up the issue of hazing in fraternities, whether or not it serves a useful purpose, whether or not those objecting speak from personal experience.

Finally, it might be helpful to choose a slogan. Among those suggested are "Revolution, not Evolution" and "Liberty, Equality, but no Fraternity." Anyone interested in joining such a campaign should apply at the Emerald office or contact Mollie Mudd or Jane Jones at Maxie's.

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