

Student Budget Planning

Budget Board Should Develop a Priority List

If the State Board of Higher Education approves the two-dollar cutback in the incidental student fee several campus agencies can expect substantial budget cuts. If there are enrollment decreases winter term, the income budget for student activities, the athletics department, health service and gym suit service will face further reductions. Obviously these reductions will mean 2 less student services. The health service will probably not be effected by the initial two-dollar cut since President Fleming has maintained that it is now operating on minimum allocations. The gym suit service may be able to weather a slight cut without seriously reducing its present activity. Student activities are likely to share a major part of the cut along with the athletics department. The substantial athletic surplus would indicate that this department can best afford to take budget cuts without jeopardizing programs.

We are concerned that cuts in the Student Union and Educational Activities Budget will be made in equal across-the-board percentages for all activities, publications and programs. This would be most unfortunate. We agree with the letter from the Student Publications Board which Dean William C. Jones of the Budget Board received Thursday morning. The letter, which we helped to draft maintains that some

programs including publications cannot incur across the board cuts and still provide full service which is essential to the success of every other student activity and program.

Admittedly some programs are more important than others. The economic principle of social and merit wants applies well to the university situation. We believe that publications are an essential part of the university program. We believe for example that a student newspaper ranks pretty high on any priority list of student fee allocations. Tuesday night the Student Publications Board outlined tentative cuts in their budget. This includes elimination of "luxury" items such as awards banquets.

Cuts beyond these tentative proposals will seriously jeopardize all student publications. It would be in order for the Budget Board to develop a priority list for budget reductions. Perhaps cuts will not be serious enough for them to refer to it, but on the other hand it could be utilized to maintain a few good programs rather than many mediocre and crippled programs. It's time for the Budget Board to face this issue squarely. Some items in the Student Union and Educational Activities budget are essential while others are quite clearly extra services. We are hopeful that the Budget Board fully considers the Publications Board Proposal.

Letters to the Editor

Old Writer Returns

Emerald Editor:

In June, 1962, I graduated from the University with a major in history (92 hours) and a minor in English Lit. (45 hours) plus a variety of other courses from German to Karate. I did not spend all my time at Oregon, however.

In the never-ending search for more courses, I had left Portland State where I studied for a year. Previous to that I had studied at Lewis and Clark College for two years. My g.p.a. came to 2.94 for 190 hours.

Ever since the age of nine I had worked in my father's restaurant in Portland. What did I do immediately upon graduation? Nothing. Not for at least one day. I worked from then on in the restaurant until my father passed away.

Then I worked in a variety store, a cabinet shop, another restaurant. Now I am working for Stanley's as a master manager trainee. I love my work and find everything to be quite satisfactory. Then one day I

read Mr. Fischer's letter about the athletic fee.

I also read Mr. Fixman's letter decrying his various ills. I tried very hard not to laugh or cry or weep. I don't know. Anyway, I would like to clarify a few things as an alum and a citizen of Oregon about the stadium issue.

Recently, the voters of Oregon have voted down all tax raises 3½ to one. Also, the city of Portland (where I lived for fourteen years) wants their own stadium. Also, Portland State College needs a library much more than the University needs the expansion of its present one. After the performance of our glorious team on November 2, 1963, I am inclined to think that Oregon could wait a while for another stadium.

What is the big question then that arises out of all this? It is this question, which I address to the faculty and students of the University as well as the athletic department and the administration.

What are the aims of your

kind of education? Are preparing your students adequately enough to face the world outside of the library, the classroom, and the stadium? We already know how sadly high school graduates are prepared. Who prepared them? College trained teachers? Who prepared them? College education professors and their colleagues.

What kind of work are you creating for us to believe in? One of endless, uncomplicated, beautiful, painless affluence, one in which every man must work with every other man if he is even going to achieve a decent standard of living.

I would be inclined to forget about stadiums, libraries, personal affluence, and stick mainly to education. And it would be wise to think seriously about this proposition, because the voters of Oregon are not willing to lay out any more of their hard-earned money and talent on anything "less at the moment."

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College Side Defense

Emerald Editor:

Let those who wish to destroy the College Side building defend themselves with any argument other than that of economics, for it is not a question of economics. That is how they wish to degrade the issue, though, and that is how they seek to befuddle the real question.

When they say that these and those figures are such and such, and prove so and so, and so forth, they cannot speak coherently, nor can they exhibit any reason whatsoever in favor of the destruction of the Side building that cannot be put aside by the simple refutation that there are half a dozen alternate sites for their new three story box, and places to build where the students would be served better.

Their arguments are roundabout and obscure, complicated in the extreme, and in particular show a narrow-mindedness that is nearly fanatic. They cannot understand that it is important to save that building, much less are they aware there is something to be saved that is even more important than the building. The depth of their understanding can be plumbed with a column of figures.

They bring about their accountants, fire marshalls, insurance agents and building inspectors to prove that the building is naturally doomed in the face of higher economics. An argument typical of the destruction people, is that the stairways in the building are eleven inches too narrow.

Oh, is that so? How long have the stairways been eleven inches too narrow? Did it just happen recently, or were they built eleven inches too narrow? Whatever the answer, it is because of that bit of dynamic inspection that the balcony of the College Side Inn was closed.

Did anyone know that? It is the truth, and certain members of the Co-op board—those who cry loudest for destruction—are responsible that this discovery was made. (Why, when the building was bought by the Co-op in 1955—why was the discovery not made then?) The larger intention of the stairway nonsense, and the reason that the building is now largely vacant, is because then it will be less attractive to the students, because then the way to destruction will be easier. You will probably not see a refutation of this statement in this paper, because those in favor of destruction need a great amount of space to answer such accusations, and have to append official reports, diagrams, and attach columns of figures to prove that they are entirely right and correct—down to the last fraction of an inch.

But they should not insist so, for on Judgement Day such inhuman niceties will be held against them. "No," Saint Peter

will say to them as they stand before the Gates of Heaven, "you cannot come in. You must go to the other place. You are eleven inches too narrow." At least that.

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Songs and Football

Emerald Editor:

A few days ago, a gentleman indignantly stated that "Louie Louie" was NOT the name of our school song. Correct. But why isn't "Louie Louie," or some such modern song adopted by the University?

I remember one day in Utah at a football game between a local team and a squad from Idaho. The particular schools involved were the "Utah Undergraduate University" versus the University of Idaho.

The "Utahians" gave a few cheers when their team appeared on the field—and then the entire student body enthusiastically sang their school song: "U, U, U; We're in love with U, U, U."

The visitors from Idaho were not to be outdone in this idea of modernized school songs when they burst out with: "One potato, two potato, three potato, four; five potato, six potato, seven potato, SCORE!!!"

The spirit expressed by the schools involved was invigorating. It was hard to remember how it was a few years ago when the schools chanted, "Ra, ra, ra; Siss, boom ba."

This trend of modern college songs actually was initiated many years ago. Once upon a time, Penn State and Penn. Univ. were competing, not only on the athletic field, but on the enrollment books.

Pennsylvania University had been boasting that their college was 64,691 strong and that their

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AS PART OF A FACT FINDING, TROUBLE SHOOTING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM SENT OUT TO SEEK WAYS OF RESTORING BI-RACIAL COMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTHERN CITIES, I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT OUR FINDINGS.



NO. 1- IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES ARE SEMANTIC. THE NEGRO COMMUNITY HAS DROPPED THE USE OF THE COURTESY WORD "SIR," REPLACING IT WITH A WORD FOUND TO BE FAR LESS APPEALING. IMMEDIATE REINSTATEMENT OF THE WORD "SIR" MIGHT WELL OPEN OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION.



NO. 2- IN TALKS WITH WHITE CIVIC LEADERS IT BECAME CLEAR THAT INCREASED TENSION WAS DUE TO NEGRO LAPSES IN THE TECHNIQUE OF NON-VIOLENCE. SOUTHERN MODERATES FEEL THIS TO BE A BETRAYAL OF THE NEGRO REVOLUTION AND INSIST THAT ONCE THE NEGRO COMMUNITY SURRENDERS ITS ARMS, OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT WELL BE OPENED.



NO. 3- SOUTHERN MODERATES DEEM THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF NEGRO CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO BE A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION. RETURN NEGRO RELIGION TO THE HARMLESS PURPOSES IT WAS DESIGNED FOR AND OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT WELL BE OPENED.



FINALLY WE FIND THAT WHITE CIVIC LEADERS REMAIN PERTURBED AT OUTSIDE AGITATORS—A PRIME EXAMPLE BEING THEIR ANGER AT OUR FACT FINDING, TROUBLE SHOOTING PRESIDENTIAL TEAM WHEN IT TRIED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE NEGRO COMMUNITY. THE DISSOLUTION OF OUR TEAM MIGHT WELL SERVE TO OPEN OTHER AREAS FOR DISCUSSION.



OUR PRESENT ATTITUDE IS THAT THIS MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE SHOULD BE CONTINUED.



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