

Nickerson Says

Student Court System Not Favorably Received

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The University's student court system is not being too favorably received by students and faculty, but this attitude should improve as they learn to understand the new discipline system.

Francis Nickerson, associate dean of students, made this observation Thursday as he reviewed the court system's first few months in operation.

"Most students I have dealt with have not wanted to go before the court," said Nickerson. "They are not at all sure that justice is improved by appearing before their own peers."

Nickerson said this problem to be expected where the court members are untrained and inexperienced. In time students will become familiar with the system, he said, and realize the sincerity and dedication of court members and the value of the new conduct code.

Had to Change Thinking

"It's doing better than I anticipated," he commented. "We had to change the basic thinking of so many people."

The court system, set up fall term, is unlike a normal court, he explained, since it does not use sworn testimony or actual lawyers and operates under unclearly defined procedures.

"Our acts do have the force of law," he said, but "we have to be more careful than the court is, because we can't always be sure that our procedures are legal."

Under the new student discipline code, there are six minor courts for dormitory complexes, the student court to handle more serious offenses, and the Faculty-Student conduct committee as an appellate group.

Ambiguities Present Difficulties

Fall term the court system had numerous procedural difficulties, and the minor courts were only recently set up. Nickerson said these and other difficulties are due to ambiguities in the discipline code as well as a lack of experience among court members.

"I think there are problems inherent in the code itself," he commented. He said certain disagreements he has with the code are probably shared by others and will be worked out through continual changes based on actual experience.

He also noted that educators and legal experts have commented favorably on the code.

Faculty attitude is a problem facing the court, according to Nickerson. "They are very much divided" in their opinion of the court system, he said, and many will not report cases.

This results in an unevenness of justice since much of the suc-

cess of the court system depends on the willingness of the faculty to report cases.

Another major problem the court encountered was a somewhat negative attitude on the part of dormitory counselors toward the court.

This is also being overcome, he said. "I think there's evidence that counselors are beginning to be quite free in referring cases. They were more reluctant at first to refer cases to the student courts, he said, since they feared they were losing necessary power.

They are now being given authority in more cases than they were at first and dormitory courts are "running beautifully."

The six minor courts handled 27 cases as of last week and the main court has handled 15 cases. Nickerson said this indicates "some counselors are obviously not sending cases to courts."

Large Range of Cases

The main court has handled everything from four plagiarism and cheating cases, resulting in suspension to cases involving late hours violations. Even so, they are operating six weeks behind schedule.

Besides the plagiarism cases, another student is on strict disciplinary probation for lewd and indecent conduct. Nickerson said two students even withdrew from school to avoid going before the court. Only one case was appealed to the conduct committee and this was denied.

These cases will set precedent for the handling of future cases of a similar nature, such as with the penalty of suspension in the plagiarism cases.

Legal aid is provided for defendants by law students but Nickerson said this has been used very little since students are reluctant to involve others in their cases.

Emotionally Involved

This is a problem since these students tend to be emotionally involved in their own cases and need the advantage of outside legal help. So far this has not been a serious problem since most defendants have admitted to guilt.

Opinion Group

The Emerald Opinion Research Committee will accept new members during the next two weeks. The committee provides students with an opportunity to plan and conduct opinion surveys. Interested students should attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Room 301 Allen Hall. For further information students may contact Larry Derr at ext. 478.

Governor . . .

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be developed because of all the tourists. Which will then make them major beaches, and then the log burning process will have to begin here, also.

Of course the whole Oregon coast may become a smoking danger, but I don't think so. If the log burners and patrollers switch off beaches everything will be alright. When a major beach is being burned then a minor beach will be free, and then when the minor beach has become a major beach and is being burned, a major beach, which has since become a minor beach, can be used. Thus tourism won't be affected. And it might even increase. The Burning of the Beaches might become world famous and a tourist must.

Log burning would also solve the annual Seaside riots.

I bet that if he really wanted to, our Governor could provide even more industry. Why, he could ask the highway department to start tearing up Oregon's highways or burn its cars or something. Think of the job possibilities there.

Cute little thing pedals bike into LOYAL'S TEXACO service station. Three station men make mad dash to get through door. Smallest and fastest gets to pump island first.

"Hello there. Need some air?"

CUTE LITTLE THING: "Yes, is your name Loyal?"

LOYAL: "Yes. (now you know who is the smallest and fastest)

CUTE LITTLE THING: "My Daddy's going to give me a car next term, if I raise my grades. I'm on probation now, tee hee.

LOYAL: "Swell, we certainly would try to keep it in good running shape for you."

CUTE LITTLE THING: "Your station is nice and handy for college people isn't it?"

LOYAL: "Yes. What is your name?"

CUTE LITTLE THING: "Linda Ene-gred. I'm from Carson.

LOYAL: "Oh, do you know Joan Cole-

mah?"

LINDA: "Yes. She is house mother's 'little helper'. Isn't that her cute little green car parked over there?"

LOYAL: "Yes, she wants to sell it. She is hurtin' for money."

LINDA: "Tee hee. Ain't we all. How much does she want for the car?"

LOYAL: "70 bucks. Make someone a good little campus car. Do you happen to know her phone extension?"

LINDA: "Let me see; it's 493."

LINDA: "Can you higher my bike seat?"

LOYAL: "Don't you mean raise your bike seat?"

LINDA: "Tee hee, yes."

LOYAL: "Take the bike into the lube room and higher the seat for her. Say, I know a girl with a name about like yours. She spells her name Ene-gren. Know her?"

LINDA: "Yes. By the way, what's the name of your station?"

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Board Holds Decision On Co-op Architect

"There is no need to make a decision now, when we are dealing with something as important as this," said Jerry Utti, member of the Co-op Board of Directors at its unofficial meeting last night.

The board decided Thursday night to wait for responses from more architects and for an formal recommendation from the committee investigating ways to obtain the best architecture.

Open Competition Last Choice

Most of the board agreed that they considered the idea of an open competition as the last of the four choices remaining. But Utti suggested this possibility be retained for further consideration.

According to Robert Bosworth, assistant professor of architecture, competition would not be an abdication of the board's responsibility, but rather it would extend it by having experts make a quality decision.

The letter from the American Institute of Architecture in Washington implied that a competition for such a building might cost about \$5,000. The letter also suggested that "perhaps the job is rather small for such a process."

Other Suggestions Offered

Reporting for the advisory committee, John Kenyon, assistant professor of architecture pointed out that, "for a building of \$400,000, it would be ridiculous to decide for or against this method on the grounds of cost. The main point in favor of a competition, apart from its stimulating nature, is its fairness, for not only colleagues try who have shown an interest in doing so, but the present architect could too if he wished.

"Other suggestions from colleagues in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts have amounted to a panel or committee helping the board, an extension of this one, or a new one to examine and criticize proposals from the

present architect," Kenyon said. "We feel that this could become the truly unethical situation," he went on, "is we were passing judgment on the designs and sending them back with suggestions without the power to really help in a fundamental sense."

Kenyon reported that the replies of letters to ten outstanding architects have indicated an interest, but that it is premature to mention their names. "All expressed initial willingness to take on the job," he said.

No reply has been received from the letter to Alvar Aalto, Finnish architect.

INFIRMARY

Getting through the windows of the infirmary Thursday were Janet Lathen, Sally Williams, Linda Nelson, Sandra Ogren, Susan Paddock, Clarence Hues, Michael Noble, Phillip Perlman, Larry Hodson and George Rapin.

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