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The Housing Shortage

Roy E. Lieuallen, chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, has said he thinks the higher education budget passed by the State Legislature does not provide enough funds for dormitories. This, says Chancellor Lieuallen, will cause a housing shortage at most schools of the State System during the next biennium.

Some will say, of course, that Lieuallen would have some objection to the budget no matter what its provisions were, since few budget appropriations ever satisfy the people making the requests. But he has a legitimate point.

According to present estimates, University enrollment will be at least 11,300 next year. If present percentages hold for next year—and they probably will—about half those people will be seeking dormitory accommodations. The dormitory system here can handle only 3,143 compared to a possible 3,400 in requests. And that total will probably increase again next year. According to Lieuallen, this is the condition on several other campuses of the State System.

It is easy to blame the Legislature for this. But one must remember that the men in Salem are limited in the amount of money they can spend on any given area.

This year for the first time they asked that the priority lists for academic and auxiliary buildings be combined and they also combined the funds for such projects. Most funds for auxiliary buildings (dormitories, student unions, etc.) came out of student building fees. The State Board of Higher Education submitted such a list and the Legislature approved the first 24 items on that list, plus the 53rd.

There were four auxiliary buildings which were high enough on that list to be approved. They were a dormitory at Southern Oregon College, two co-operative houses at Oregon State, a parking structure at the UO Medical School in Portland, and outdoor practice facilities for the Portland State College practice teams.

Among the auxiliary projects that

weren't passed were six housing projects at schools of the State System, including a dormitory for the University. In other words, the State Board placed only a few dormitory projects high on the list, while giving equal priority to parking structures and athletic fields.

Practice fields and such are necessary, of course, but it seems to us that student housing should rate first. Most of the monies for the auxiliary projects come from student fees. It is only logical, therefore, that the money be used for projects which will benefit the greatest number of students.

Move Over, Greeks

At a recent meeting of the State Board of Higher Education Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, a member of the Board, questioned whether living in a woman's co-op isn't "kind of a sorority without really being a sorority." That statement could, we suppose, be extended by some to say that living in a men's co-op is the same as living in a fraternity without being affiliated with a national.

Maybe. But after the trophies were handed out to living organizations during Junior Weekend, it seemed that maybe the co-ops have something the Greeks don't.

Campbell Club walked off with the Burt Brown Barker cup for outstanding scholarship, but apparently the men's co-op doesn't spend all its time studying. The organization also co-sponsored the first-place float in the Canoe Fete and, along with University House, led the All-Campus Sing, mixed division. And University House, a women's co-op with consistently high grade averages, co-sponsored the third place float in addition to its prize in the Sing.

Perhaps Mrs. Johnson, and the Greeks, too, should take a closer look at the co-op houses. They seem to have some secret of success.

Another Sandbox

Emerald Editor:

During the past few weeks the term "sandbox" has been used only in reference to student government. However, I should like to broaden the application of this term by commenting on certain policies of yet another "sandbox" government—the government now meeting in Salem.

I strongly object to the new policy of partially financing academic buildings with excess monies gained from the student building fee and the university housing fees. Previously this money was used only for auxiliary buildings such as dormitories and the student union, all of which are self-liquidating.

There are two obvious faults in using these monies to finance academic buildings. First, the fees paid by students living in university housing would help finance academic buildings which are used both by university-housed students and by off-campus students who would not be paying such fees. Second, the expansion of many vital facilities such as new dormitories is already retarded by a lack of funds in this area. For example, \$14.5 million was requested for auxiliary buildings by the State Board; and Hatfield suggested \$11.2 million, but the education subcommittee approved only \$3.1 million.

In light of these two criticisms, I should hope that the other "sandbox" government would reconsider its policy on financing academic buildings and in the future would look with more favor on the needs of higher education.

Bill Dames
ASUO Senator-at-Large

Reply to Clark

Emerald Editor:

In reply to Don Clark's letter of May 11, concerning the apparent hypocrisy of a number of the professors on campus, we would like to say that we believe you, Mr. Clark, to be somewhat off base in your attack.

Indeed, as these professors often do stress, "... truth is wholly relative ... ethical values have no inherent worth ... there is no scientific basis for an 'ought to' argument." But this, Mr. Clark, is applicable only to truth and morality as a whole, since no apparently university precept has been established, either a priori or by observation, which can be applied to the overall "correctness" of human relations.

The professors of this, or any other university, contrary to your opinion, are not displaying a dual nature when they take a stand on U.S. policy in Viet Nam. In certain situations, in certain contexts, morality becomes a very real concept.

It is in the present context of freedom and the rights of man that these professors take a "moral" stand on U.S. foreign policy. They claim that what the U.S. is now doing is wrong (or right) in light of present-day opinions and values.

Assistant Professor Roland Ball, in his speech Monday, said that U.S. policy has, "... no contact with truth in the world today." It is the word "today," implying a definite context of situation and attitude, which gives these professors the right, if you will, to take a stand based on personal opinion and knowledge.

We hope you can see the difference, Mr. Clark, between abstract morality as a whole, and definite morality when confined to a certain context of man's contemporary values and needs. They are two entirely different things.

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Lauds Library

Emerald Editor:

In a time when free speech is threatened by fearful people, it is especially important that the pressure of censorship should not be allowed to influence libraries. Our own campus library is to be commended highly for its current display, "Freedom to Read," which affirms a forthright approval of diversity of opinion.

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Thanks Students

Emerald Editor:

During the week of May 3, 1965, the University of Oregon Development Fund conducted a telefund for the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. A telefund is a process whereby alumni and friends of the University collect in a central location and call other alumni in order to solicit gifts to the Development Fund. This year 23 undergraduates cooperated with the Fund by telephoning alumni for gift money. This is a very fine thing these students did, and I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank each and every one of his efforts on behalf of the University of Oregon Development Fund.

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I HAVE LISTENED TO THESE CRITICISMS OF MY POLICIES AND I CAN ONLY RESTATE WHAT I HAVE SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN



THERE IS NO PROBLEM HERE EXCEPT THE ONE OF OUTSIDE NORTHERN AGITATORS



BREEDING DISCONTENT AND REVOLUTION. THESE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH ARE MY FRIENDS. A GENTLE BREED I KNOW MANY OF THEM—THEY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT US.



IT'S THESE EXTREMISTS FROM THE NORTH—STIRRING UP TROUBLE.



WITHOUT THEM I ASSURE YOU THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN SOUTH VIETNAM.



THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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