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Tuition Tax Credits Needed

A proposal for a federal tax credit program for college tuition payments has come up in the last two sessions of Congress, only to suffer eventual defeat. But it now looks as though the long-needed plan may pass this year, due to the pledged support of Rep. Gerald Ford (R-Mich.), House minority leader, earlier this week in a GOP reply to the President's State of the Union message.

The tax credit proposal, drawn up by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn), would allow anyone who supports a college student to subtract from his income tax a percentage of the first $1,500 spent on tuition, fees, books, and supplies at institutions of higher education. The taxpayer would be allowed to deduct 75 per cent of the first $200, 25 per cent of the next $300, and 10 per cent of the next $1,000.

What Ribicoff's bill will do, primarily, is ease the financial burden on middle-income families who send children to college. These families are often caught in a bind—they are not wealthy enough to meet the high costs of college, but they are not poor enough to qualify their youngsters for scholarship aid. And it has been estimated that costs of sending one child through four years of college will climb as high as $19,000 by 1983—about the time when today's college students will be sending their children off to school.

Ribicoff's amendment to the administration's tax-cut bill failed 48-45 in 1964, due to election year pressure from Johnson forces. Again defeated last year, the bill has suffered from only lukewarm support by such groups as the American Council on Education, and from strong opposition by the AFL-CIO.

Labor leaders have opposed the plan, saying that it will force tuition up, especially at public universities. But, as Ribicoff pointed out, tuition will likely go up anyway if past experience is a guide. Besides, any credit offered for high tuitions (more than $500) is not likely to speed up increases because of the graduated percentage scale.

Other benefits for the parent supporting a college student have been found necessary in the past in order to keep college costs from becoming prohibitive. With the pressure being applied to today's youth to complete college, bills such as Sen. Ribicoff's will be needed if we are avoid educational discrimination because of income.

Library School Needed

The faculty last Wednesday approved the proposed School of Librarianship "in principle." It is important that the State Board of Higher Education follow suit quickly so that the new school can be established, at least on a skeletal basis, by next fall term.

The needs are apparent. In Oregon alone at least 500 additional school librarians are needed within the next two years. Of the 696 people now working in public school libraries throughout the state, 100 have had no library training at all. Since the July 1965 change in certification requirements for school librarians, approximately 325 people now employed as librarians throughout the state must receive additional training before they are able to meet the new requirements.

This trend is reflected throughout the entire country. Although approximately 3,000 librarians are added to the labor force each year, President Johnson, in his education message to Congress in January 1965 said, "At least 100,000 more professional librarians are needed in public libraries, schools and colleges."

The University now offers about 15 hours of library studies in the School of Education, to meet high school librarian requirements. But the University does not offer a librarianship degree. Students who want to study library science must ge out of the state to one of the four universities on the West Coast which offer this program, usually the University of Washington or the University of California.

At the moment, library courses are taught by two full-time instructors. The rest of the staff teaches part-time and are also working in the University Library. In order to establish the school, only two more full-time instructors must be added to the faculty and ten courses added to the present curriculum. In order to ask for an accreditation visit, the school must be in operation at least one academic year.

There will be no trouble finding students to fill the new school. Last summer, the University ran an NDEA institute in library science, 1090 applications were received to fill the approximately 300 positions. The courses offered by the University have a high reputation both inside and outside the state.

The need is urgent; the cost slight; the plans already begun. We urge the State Board to approve the faculty's recommendation.

Letters to the Editor

All letters to the editor must be typewritten and double spaced. Letters not over 300 words in length and those dealing with one subject will be given preference for publication. All letters must be signed in ink and must give the class and major of the writer. Letters not meeting these criteria will be returned to the letter writer. The Emerald reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar, punctuation, and potentially libelous content.

Half Truths

Emerald Editor:

I would like to make a comparison between the Emerald's article on the ASUO Senate hearing on Viet Nam (Jan. 17), and daily national news reports on American soldiers killed or wounded on Viet Nam.

The Emerald's report on the Senate hearing allotted about 500 words to the Young American for Freedom platform and only 88 words to the Faculty - Student Committee to Stop the War in Viet Nam. This is misrepresentation. Eighty - eight words to describe a three-page 2,200-word statement by Mary Hamilton (student co-chairman, Faculty - Student Committee), does not come near "representative news." Also, these 88 words do not attempt even to summarize Miss Hamilton's statement.

In the daily press we read of only the numbers of Communists killed, captured or wounded, but we are kept in almost total ignorance to the number of American soldiers killed, wounded or captured in Viet Nam. This is another example of half news, half truths.

Many people have an idea about who controls the national press releases on Viet Nam. But who or what is controlling the news at the University through the Oregon Daily Emerald?

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FLY IN THE SOUP

Skip Clemens

Students Denied Right To Attend Carnival

Editor's Note: At its meeting a week ago the ASUO Senate voted not to endorse University participation in Portland State College's Winter Carnival. In the column, the main proponent of the bill to participate, Senator-at-large Skip Clemens, analyzes the defeat.

The University will not be allowed to participate in the Winter Carnival held in Bend this year. Although we were invited to enter, the ASUO Senate decided to defeat the bill asking for the necessary $80 to finance our participating in it again this year. So I would hope to take the matter to the students that we are representing.

First of all, the Winter Carnival, sponsored by Portland State College annually, with the exception of last year, in order that it might be reorganized to facilitate better control of outsiders who were crashing it, is a skiing and winter event opened to the invited colleges throughout the Northwest.

Included in this three day weekend are two and one half days of skiing at Bend, competitive alpine races, talent shows, big name bands, spaghetti feeds, and dances. The competitive skiing is one of the highlights of the weekend, but by no means the only thing going on at Bend. There will be a number of opportunities for students from the over 20 colleges in the Northwest to get together.

STUDENT FAVORITE

What with the number of dances and shows this has always been a favorite with University students. In 1964, when it was last held, somewhere in the neighborhood of 300-600 students from the University participated.

It shares a lot of the excitement of the Rose Bowl in that it offers the competitiveness and inter-school rivalries are continued in supporting their respective schools.

But just like the Rose Bowl, there is a social element as well and the Winter Carnival committee, in order to provide things for the students anticipated, has scheduled a number of recreational activities as well in order that planned activities may be provided.

As it would appear, Tore Steen, our ski coach, in order to enhance the reputation of our ski team, and because he did not feel that the competitive nature of the intercollegiate meet was up to standards, withdrew the University ski team from the event.

STEEN'S PREROGATIVE

This, I feel, was on his own prerogative, and he, as our ski coach, should be able to decide on this kind of matter. But when he went further and asked the Senate not to allow those students on this campus who would have wanted to, to go to the Winter Carnival, then I feel that he has overstepped his bounds.

And in order that the ski team may stand to gain a lot of publicity, particularly for their meet which they have set for the end of this month, the students will be penalized.

Marv Faust, the general director of the Winter Carnival, a student at Portland State College, told the Senate at least Thursday's meeting that if they chose not to support the bill asking for $80 for Winter Carnival they would have no means of selling tickets on this campus. Their revenue is based entirely on these ticket sales and tickets will be sold on the over 20 colleges only in order to limit participation in the Carnival.

LODGING LIMITED

Unlike years past, lodging at this year's Carnival will be available only to those students who have already purchased the Winter Carnival ticket.

As a further precautionary measure, all but a very few of the motels and hotels in Bend have signed contracts agreeing to let out rooms only to those holding the ticket, with the further stipulation that all sleeping bags are to be confiscated.

The Winter Carnival committee is under still further pressure from the Portland State administration which have made it very clear that if Winter Carnival gets out of hand or proves too hard to handle, then this will be their last year. So the controls are there and will be used to prevent things from getting out of hand.

Undoubtably, the biggest problem in the past has been that of high school infiltration, which campus ticket sales and student identification will curb.

The new precautionary measures, the stringent controls of lodging, a careful count of tickets, advertising limited only to the

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