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Law School Elite?

*Law Students Have Indicated the Student Conduct Program
Is Not Good Enough to Try Them*

We were amazed last week when the Law School students asked the Student Conduct Committee for a delegation of authority to try the case of a Law School student accused of academic dishonesty.

In asking for the delegation of authority, the law students suggested that only law students are capable of hearing a case involving their own kind. Yet we have heard law students acting as defense counsels for students from other departments praise the court system that was organized under the Student Conduct Code.

And when the same students informed the Conduct Committee that a committee of Law School students had already held a hearing on the case in question—acting in a grand jury capacity—we were further amazed at their gall in then asking for authority to hear the case.

This grand jury-type hearing was held to determine if the law students felt a case could be made against the accused. Then, after deciding that a case could be made against their fellow student, the law students asked the Conduct Committee for authority to impose sanctions for the alleged violation. The student's guilt apparently had been determined at the pre-trial hearing.

More than one law student said before and during the subsequent Student Court hearing of the case: "Law students ought to be above suspicion. The fact that his integrity is in doubt is enough for me."

We believe that the law student's pre-trial hearing was in violation of the spirit of the Conduct Code. The hearing was not in keeping with the spirit of the Code because alleged Code violations, such as cheating, are supposed to be reported to Associ-

ate Dean of Students Francis B. Nickerson, who then holds a grand-jury type hearing himself. If he determines that the complaint should be heard in court, he refers it to the proper body.

That is his job and nobody else's. That is what he is paid for. If every school and department in the University held pre-trial hearings on alleged Code violations before referring them to the court system, Dean Nickerson could be replaced by a computer that merely schedules court hearings.

Since University law students apparently have enough faith in the Code to act as defense counsels for other students accused of violations, we would assume they are gracious enough to submit to the same court system when a law student is the defendant.

But this may not be a safe assumption, because several law students have said they are going to ask the Conduct Committee for the authority to set up a permanent tribunal to hear the cases of law students. They say that the Law School's honor code is unique at the University and there ought to be a special court to deal with alleged violations of this system.

However, as Conduct Committee Chairman Wendell Basye said last week, academic cheating is a Code violation, whether it is under an honor code or during a proctored exam.

We strongly urge the Conduct Committee to reject any suggestion that would allow law students to set up their own tribunal to hear cases concerning law students. They are no better and no worse than the other students at the University, and they deserve no better and no worse than the other students.

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.

Faculty Represented?

Emerald Editor:

The ASUO Senate's proposal that it should have two representatives to attend and speak at all faculty meetings (Emerald, Feb. 18), which the Emerald editorially declares "A Reasonable Proposal" (Feb. 21), does, indeed, seem only fair, particularly since the faculty is already represented, I presume, on all student bodies, such as the ASUO Senate and the Emerald editorial board.

Or am I wrong on both counts?

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Activities Committee

Emerald Editor:

As you blissfully read the following rendition, the administration is gaining more control for policing your activities.

In the name of FREEDOM, the Student Activities Committee wants more dictatorial power. The old line — obey for freedom's sake — has been implicitly and explicitly programmed in the Student Activities Policy Draft.

According to this memorandum, among a multitude of other things, all students have been allotted the freedom to "accept an elective or appointive position in any extra-curricular of organization activity," only if (if is a very powerful little word, isn't it?):

- The student takes 12 term hours, or 9 term hours as a graduate student;

- The student has attended the University for at least one 12 credit-hour term;

- The student has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00;

- The student's previous term GPA was at least 2.00;

- The student has not been suspended or expelled from the University;

- The student is "a regular student in good standing"; (however "good standing" is interpreted.)

- The student "has obtained a certificate of eligibility."

These are fine upstanding "ifs" from the controller's point of view. I assert, that the student should be allowed the

freedom of choice and individual responsibility.

Why must a student attend the University for a term before he or she is allowed the freedom to accept an elective or appointive position?

One is either enrolled or not enrolled. Why set the arbitrary 12-hour limitation?

Since the student is responsible for his GPA, the student should be granted the freedom to analyze and choose his course of action. One does not dictate intellectual growth.

By the way, no restrictions have been placed on student group or organization faculty advisors. Student Activities Committee's new name could be Student Union Control Committee.

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Socialism Needed

Emerald Editor:

Since 1962, one million South Vietnamese soldiers have deserted the Saigon governments. According to reports, it was stated that "these soldiers did not go over to the Viet Cong, they just went home." The question is, how many of these soldiers turned in their weapons to the Saigon government before they went home?

The enemy is all over the cities and countryside and not even confined to South Viet Nam. The fighting could extend to all Southeast Asia; it's already lapping over into Laos and Cambodia while pressures mount in part of Thailand. Politically within South Viet Nam the Saigon Government is only at the "beginning of a beginning" in mobilizing popular support, according to the Wall Street Journal, January 18.

During the four-day Lunar New Year Holiday, Saigon propaganda leaflets were to be dropped by the millions over territory controlled by the Viet Cong. (1) to encourage desertion in the communist ranks, (2) to stimulate confidence in the government, and (3) to undermine enemy morale. "You have a choice" the leaflets say, "return to the government or die... make your choice now." (N.Y. Times, Jan. 18)

In this country demonstrators against U.S. policy in Viet Nam and draft card burners are (Continued on page 7)

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