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What the Students Intended

The group of students who decided Wednesday to hold a vigil outside next week's faculty meeting could be creating an explosive situation. What they want is quick faculty action on a request from the ASUO Senate to allow two students to sit in on faculty meetings.

The explosive situation is likely to come from faculty members who will feel the students are trying to "pressure" them.

In a way, the students are.

Students at that meeting indicated that they feel they are not asking for a special favor. They are asking for their rights, maybe even less than their rights. Their draft of a letter to the faculty indicates that they want the University to operate from the assumption that there are certain basic rights which all citizens in the academic community have. They think it's time students stopped being second-class citizens.

A lot of faculty members will object to that in itself. But many will agree that this should be done. What's likely to bother even those faculty members who favor in-

creased student participation in the decision-making processes is that the students will be demonstrating before the faculty has even had a chance to vote on the Senate's request.

The faculty should realize that most of the students who've planned this demonstration are not trying to say that they expect the faculty to defeat the proposal. Many are skeptical, but they hope the faculty will agree that students have a right to attend faculty meetings. After all, decisions on such areas as curriculum and student discipline are made by the faculty and these greatly affect students.

Most of the students merely want to make clear to the faculty that they consider the Senate's request important, warranting swift approval. It will be a quiet, controlled vigil, not a demonstration, rally, sit-in, or anything else.

We hope the faculty realizes that and don't feel they're being treated unfairly. This question is much too important to be messed up by a misunderstanding of the students' intentions.

How Dirty Is Playboy?

Tim Casey's recent efforts to remove Playboy magazine from the stands at the Co-op bookstore have been met, as would be expected, with cries of indignation from the student populace. While his spirited crusade has a few supporters, most of the letters we have received oppose his stand.

Unfortunately for his purposes Mr. Casey carried his arguments much too far. If he thinks the magazine is trashy and doesn't deserve tacit endorsement by the student store, that's a valid opinion. However his prediction of someone's 18-year old daughter posing unclad for the publication has no relevance to his cause. And his assertion that persons buy the magazine largely for the pictures and ignore the numerous articles therein is not an academic question with a ready answer.

Playboy, while controversial, is not obscene, at least not by Supreme Court standards. The Court has ruled that an obscene

work must, taken as a whole, serve the purpose of exciting prurient interests. The photographic displays in Playboy are a relatively minor part of the content, and even these are little more exciting than some underwear advertisements in women's magazines. Much of the literary content is well-written and timely.

Mr. Casey, however, must be admired for expressing his opinion in the face of expected strong opposition. There is a lot of really filthy trash on the newstands because most persons are afraid to express any convictions.

Letters to the Editor

Where to Write

Emerald Editor:

It is encouraging that Mr. Casey of the Co-op Board is concerned with student welfare, morals, and maturity. It is a wonderful idea that Playboy magazine be removed from our magazine racks, so that the mature, though immoral, among us can make up our minds to buy Playboy elsewhere. While the moral, immature, or unliterary majority may then turn to such more worthwhile collegiate pursuits as the Woman's Strike for Peace, the Grape-pickers' and Drinkers' Unions, or whatever would be preferable.

To assist him in his campaign, we should recommend that he write for the Alaskan Command Exchange Board minutes for 1964. Among the subjects discussed in these meetings was whether girly magazines should be sold in the base and post exchanges.

Each U.S. military installation in Alaska has a branch. This proposal, approved by the chaplains, was directed primarily toward the branches on remote sites where the troops have only limited off-duty activities available. The resolution was passed and implemented. Thus, individual squadrons and group unit funds had to subscribe to these magazines. Note the lifetime subscription entered by the air cavalry company in Viet Nam several months ago.

Mr. Casey, the address is ALCOM Exchange Officer, APO 942, Seattle, Wash. Good luck, we're all with you.

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Irresponsible Press

Emerald Editor:

In reference to your article yesterday "Who Wants In?" in which you complain about not being admitted to meetings, and in which you state that "... everyone will campaign for open meetings—until it's their meeting:" most of us would campaign for open meetings if they are of interest to the students, as a matter of principle. But you must realize that despite this worthy principle, the limitations of freedom in practice may force us to revise our stand to meet these limitations. For example, an irresponsible press. I realize the danger of this position, but, hopefully, the situation here is somewhat unique.

I don't know about the "Po-

litical Union" or why, specifically, they refused to admit you to their meeting. But you are wrong about nobody loving the press. We do. We do. We also became wary, however, of a paper which often allows itself to criticize for the sake of the sight and sound of their criticism, and not always for the sake of the subject criticized, or for the edification of the reader.

Perhaps if these meetings charged admission like the University Theater, there would be no objection. But then ... their purpose is not to entertain, is it? Besides, Mr. Dimeo is given comps, isn't he?

William Hall
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Print in Full

Emerald Editor:

On March 29 I had thought it unwise to soak up public attention with a request for correction of the small misprint in my month-old letter which you published. Today I read Phil Semas' prediction that we should expect student-faculty relations to become a big issue during spring term.

Because I agree with his prediction, and also because I feel the time is long past due for the entire University community to pool its fragmented assessments of needs and duties, it now seems more important that the record be straightened, during this quiescent period, on a couple of small points.

I appreciate the Emerald's clarification of my misreading their report that it is the ASUO Senate which would approve student Council members appointed by the ASUO president. Unfortunately, this effort led to a typographical slip in the March 30 printing of my letter: in the second-to-last paragraph of that letter, let readers replace the words "ASUO Senate members" with the words "student Council members."

In addition, may I suggest that, if the Student-Faculty Council is to be of any benefit to use, then it might be a service to the community to print the motion in its entirety, in its final form as passed by the faculty last term. At least, the Emerald editor, Phil Semas, and the Register-Guard editor would then be able to refer to the full title of the proposed Council in its correct form.

I hope the foregoing comments have not been mere quibbling. What I seek is far more profound and responsible dialogue than any of us have managed to date.

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What's Important?

The "win or else" boys will be at it again pretty soon. Their target: University Basketball Coach Steve Belko.

Mr. Belko's team won 13 games and lost 13 this season. A lot of people seem to think he should have won more. So they'll be out demanding that he be fired. You can bet on it. Happens regular as clockwork after every season. They'll have lots of reasons why he should be fired. His supporters will have some reasons why he shouldn't. Before it's all over they'll all probably sound pretty silly.

We only know one thing. The times we saw the basketball team play, including those last games against Oregon State, we saw some good, entertaining basketball.

After all, entertainment is the main reason for having a big-time, student fee supported intercollegiate athletic program.

Isn't it?



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