

USNA Instructor Leaves Academy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (CPS) — An assistant professor of English is leaving the United States Naval Academy because of the school's admitted policy of changing grades.

Richard C. Vitzhum is the second faculty member in two weeks to draw attention to the academy. Last week, Kent Ponder, an assistant professor of Spanish, charged that his contract was not being renewed because he had refused to approve a passing grade for a student who scored 16 per cent on his final written examination. The student, the son of a high ranking naval officer, received the passing grade anyway.

The departure of the two faculty members is only a small part of what has become a public dispute over the Naval Academy's grading practices. The dispute, in turn, reflects a deep concern among some faculty members over how swiftly the academy can, or should, meet changing educational demands.

Report Released

A self-study, released by the academy last week, emphasized that the need to curb academic failures made it impractical to "base grade distributions solely on scholastic competence." The report regretted that the limit on failures has led to "coasting on the part of a significant number of middle C average midshipmen."

After the report was publicized, however, Rear Adm. Draper L. Kauffman said that as of next September the academy will drop the grading controls.

The system requires that only a certain percentage of men in each class and each course be allowed to receive D and F grades. If after all the papers for a given course are graded and the department chairman finds the percentage of failures is too great, he merely raises all of the grades so that the number of failures falls within the allowed percentage.

Won't Fail

This means, a number of faculty members charge, that the students know they will not fail if most of the grades remain in the middle C category.

The academy's self-study said as much when it acknowledged that the system allowed students to "coast." But school officials say the system is necessary because they must turn out a certain number of Naval officers every year and they cannot allow large numbers of students to fail.

Because of the system Vitzhum wrote letters of protest last May

to the administration saying he was hired "at least in part for the reason that I could distinguish between literacy and illiteracy in reading and comprehension on the college level."

"No member of the administration is competent to make that decision for me. The ability to so distinguish is one of the two or three talents that define me as a professional teacher, that set my capabilities in the classroom off from those of a janitor, a barber, or a seaman. Deny it and one denies much of my professional reason for being."

It was learned last week that an accrediting team from the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which recently visited the academy will recommend that the school let up on military and athletic requirements in order to allow students more time for study.

Parents Club OKs Information On Birth Control

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (CPS) — The Parents' Aid Club, formed by a group of Hofstra University students, has received the approval of the administration and student council to distribute birth-control information on the Hofstra campus.

Randall Hoffman, dean of students, said, "I think it's a good thing for them to do. Students need this kind of information and don't ordinarily get it—either at home or from us."

The Parents' Aid Club, an extracurricular activity, will hold at least two meetings a month with qualified speakers and films explaining contraceptive techniques and the dangers of overpopulation.

The club was founded by 15 students who had worked with an off-campus group, the Parent's Aid Society, which disseminates the information in poor neighborhoods. The idea for the club came as the group discussed the effects of overpopulation on poverty neighborhoods, and the discussion turned to the ignorance of college students on the subject.

Douglas Wilcox, temporary chairman, said the club has three purposes:

- To acquaint students with the various means of contraception, "their advisability, relative reliability, and how to get them;"
- To urge students to join and support educational campaigns,
- To encourage the college to establish a course on family problems.

New Emerald Staff Named by Semas

The 1966-67 Emerald staff has been named by Editor Phil Semas. The new staff will take over operations of the paper May 1.

The staff: Annette Buchanan, managing editor; Larry Lange, news editor; Cliff Sanderlin, editorial page editor; Nomi Borenstein, associate editor; Maxine Elliott, feature editor; Jim Sellers, assistant news editor; Dave Baronti, sports editor; Steve Dimeo, entertainment editor; David Brown, church news editor; Shota Ushio, photo editor.

Semas said he would name the new editorial board next week.

Job Corps Program Scheduled for PL-3

"Three Corpsmen Look at the Job Corps," second in a series of television programs sponsored by the Student Union Forum Committee, will be telecast over PL-3 at 9 p.m. Monday.

PL-3 programs are shown in the dormitories over Channel 3, and in the Eugene area, Channel 11 on the cable.

Weekend Religious News

By DAVID BROWN, Religious News Editor

Cooperative Christian Ministry

Raymond Lowe, professor of education and director of VISTA, will address the Sunday Forum on the topic, "The Humanistic Image of Man." The Forum will begin at 8 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. Lowe's address is the second in a series on the general theme, "Images of Man; Competing Views of Human Life and Destiny."

The Coffee House will be open Friday evening at 9 p.m. at 1430 Kincaid.

Christian House

Wednesday Chapel Service at 9 p.m. will center upon the theme, "Morality: The Context of Decision." Discovery Groups continue to meet on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

Newman Center

Sunday evening lecture series at 7 p.m. will be lead by Sister Mary Alberta, O.S.B., president of Mt. Angel College, and Stanley A. Pierson of the History department on "What is an Educated Man?" Refreshments will be served.

There will be a work and clean-up party Saturday at 9 a.m. and choir practice Monday at 7 p.m.

An ecumenical Bible service for unity will be held at Newman Center Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in conjunction with Luther House and Episcopal Campus Center.

Sunday masses are at 9 and 11 a.m., noon, 5 and 6 p.m.; daily masses are at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Saturday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are 30 minutes before 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. masses and 4:30 p.m. daily mass.

Wesley Foundation

Wes-Weds, Wesley married students, will meet Friday at 6:30 p.m. for the annual Chicken Feed at Wesley Foundation. Speaker for the evening is Arthur Pearl

whose subject is "Social Responsibility of College Students." For information call 344-1043 or 344-8479.

"Dialogue" is held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. followed by rides to worship at 10:40. Anyone interested in joining an Encounter Group is asked to meet at 6 p.m. Sunday.

First Baptist

The COS college class meeting at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, will be continuing with the study of the theology of Paul. The topic for discussion will be "Man Prior to the Revelation of Faith."

College Hour, meets at 1332 Kincaid St., 8:30-9:30 p.m. with Norman Pott scheduled to speak on the Changing Patterns in the American Church, "Where do I fit in?"

This weekend is the IV Conference at Cannon Beach. David Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary will be the speaker. Transportation is being arranged.

Baha'i

"Christ and Baha'u'llah" is the topic for discussion at the noon meeting today in the Student Union. You are invited to bring your lunch and talk with us about the influence of the Baha'i Faith on Christianity and other Religions as well.

Grace Lutheran

Retreat with students from Corvallis at Grace Haven Lodge this weekend with the theme, "Freedom in Worship and Liturgy." Meet for rides at 5:30 p.m. today.

Grace Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod)

17th and Hilyard Street 344-2361

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Bible Class for Students: 9:45 a.m.

Harold J. Gieseke, Pastor

Norman Metzler, Vicar

First Methodist Church

1185 Willamette 345-8764

8:55 and 11 a.m.—Dr. Norman Conard

WESLEY FOUNDATION

Next to the Co-op Bookstore—1236 Kincaid

Robert Kingsbury, University Pastor

9:30 a.m. Dialogue

10:40 a.m. Rides to Church

Evening Program

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

(A Reformed Church)

3350 Willamette Street

Sunday School—All Ages—9:45 a.m.

Morning Service: 11:00 a.m.

"AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT"

Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.

"IS THERE A RIGHT TO STRIKE"

For information or transportation call Rev. Glenn T. Black 345-3638

First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

23rd Avenue East and Potter

(5 blocks south of campus)

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Ministers, Lloyd Stamp and

Wesley Goodson Nicholson

For Transportation call 345-8741

First Baptist Church

Broadway at High

9:45 C.O.S. Class

11 a.m. Service

"Living the Christian Life"

Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon

7:00 Service

Baptismal Service

Speaker: Frank Dobra of

West Pakistan

8:30 College Hour



345-0341

1332 Kincaid

Central Lutheran Church

(The American Lutheran Church)

18th & Potter

Sunday Worship — 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

LUTHER HOUSE

1824 University

Kenneth F. Wieg — Campus Pastor

Olaf A. Anderson — Pastor 345-2053

Eric Ottum

Lay Assistant

Campus Briefs

Announcements for Campus Briefs must be turned in by 3:30 p.m. the day before publication. Because of space limitations no announcements will be run more than twice.

Deadline for open rush sign-up has been extended to 5 p.m. today. Applications are available in the Dean of Women's office.

The University Hawaiian Club presents its annual luau, "A Lei of Stars," at the Lane County Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. April 30. Tickets are available at the Student Union desk and at Bronson Travel.

Today is the last day to pick up petitions for Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's honorary. They are available on the third floor of the SU.

Evaluating petitions for Kwama are available now at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

The Blood Bank will be closed to everyone on Monday except those members of the University donor club who have been contacted.

Channing Club will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday at 965 W. 22nd. Dr. Klonoski will lead a discussion on "Civil Disobedience." Rides will be available at 7:45 p.m. at the SU turnaround.

The Womb coffeehouse will be open as usual from 9