

Proposal to Bring Co-op Under Conduct Code Stalled

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A tied vote among the Student Conduct Committee members Wednesday night resulted in stalled action on a proposal to bring the University Co-op under the Student Conduct Code.

The proposal submitted by the Co-op is designed to bring students charged with shoplifting before the student courts.

As a result of the tied vote the committee put off further action on the proposal until the missing members, professor Scott Nobles and student Phil Barnhart, could read the minutes of the meeting.

At the public hearing, Lane Watson, vice-president of the Co-op Board, stated present penalties for shoplifting under the state law are too severe.

He argued that since the Co-op was a student service and affiliated with the University in a non-formal way, a place under the Student Conduct Code could be found for the thefts currently there.

Punishment Needed

"There is a need for punishment," he said. "But not so harsh that it affects the student later in his career," due to a theft record.

He did not feel there would be a greater number of thefts with the Co-op under jurisdiction of the Conduct Code.

Presently, the Co-op may at its discretion charge shoplifters and bring them to local courts for prosecution.

Fred Mohr, chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union and not a member of the committee, said he was "generally supportive of the proposal" but objected to the discretionary authority of the Co-op Board and questioned the equal protection aspect of the proposal. He asked if students would have special privileges not given to non-students. He favored a change in municipal ordinance governing shoplifting rather than in the Conduct Code.

Bruce Brothers, committee member, replied that the student would be punished whether he was tried in local court or in student court. Gerald Henson, general manager of the Co-op, added, "students often feel more when judged by their peers."

Paul Medler, Co-op president,

said the private problems of students and pressures on the store manager from parents and lawyers had become an issue because the discretionary power of the Co-op, and "did not concern the interests of the corporation." He said such pressures would be ended if the issue was brought under authority of the code.

Peter Sherman, senior instructor in mathematics, questioned whether students should be treated differently for theft in the Co-op than in a private business in the University area, which would turn the student in to local authorities.

Brothers replied that because the store was student-owned the theft would be a student loss only and thus should be handled by the Conduct Code.

In response to questioning by Bud Titus, acting chairman, Henson further explained the position of the Co-op in relation to the University. "The Co-op belongs solely to the University," he said.

Its shareholders are composed of student and faculty membership. If dissolved, Co-op funds would go back to the University, he said.

He said the board of directors is nominated and voted for by members of the Co-op, with elections separate from other University elections in time and

place. The executive board of directors is composed of five students and two faculty members. "It is strictly a student enterprise," he said.

The proposal will be voted on again when the other two members of the committee are present. Titus was substituting Don Van Rossen, who resigned as chairman of the committee in March and who has not been replaced.

Second Hearing

The Conduct Committee held a second hearing after the Co-op proposal on allowing alcoholic beverages in the dorm for students under 21 or over. Rick Farleigh and Clint Archibald from the ASUO Senate presented the proposal to the committee.

The committee did not feel it was in full possession of the facts on whether there is or is not a state law against alcohol in the dorms . . . so it took no action but to request Mike Easton, student prosecutor, to provide such information.

The committee then made a number of changes in the code to clarify the student traffic court. During spring term the committee found that the traffic court had no right to take fines from a student's fee unless the student specifically waived his right to have the District Court handle the fine.

ASUO Budget Faces Fiscal Committee Cuts

The Fiscal Committee continued work on the ASUO budget Thursday in an attempt to make it conform to expected revenue from incidental fees.

ASUO Senator Bruce Gerhardt asked witness after witness, "Where can your requests be cut and yet avoid destructive impact?"

Each time witnesses would reply something like, "I-I don't know. That is so hard to say."

The Women's Recreation Association (WRA) was the exception to the persistent requests for funds, when its representatives said their request

could be cut by \$1,500.

Members of the committee were encouraged, but then found that the women's intramural programs does not receive PE department support as the men's program does.

Among programs asking for increased funds are new club sports teams, a community action program, a summer VISTA-type program sponsored by Operation Citizenship, the news at noon bulletin, guest speakers' fees and SEARCH.

University Girls Compete for Title

Miss Eugene 1968 will be crowned by the reigning Cathi Collins at North Eugene High School at 8 p.m. Saturday. The pageant, sponsored annually by the Eugene Jaycees, will feature eight finalists, five of whom attend the University. Nancy Mariott, a sophomore, Karen Hugdahl, junior, and three freshman women: Tanya Gray, Stacey Jo Lay and Caroline Gandt, all are University students.

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Committee Sets Up Library on Draft

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Furthering its campaign for providing draft information to students, the Campus Draft Committee opened a library of selective service material today.

Located in the basement of the EMU, the new draft information center shares office space with the campus YMCA.

"Recognizing that people have to have full knowledge of any situation in order to make intelligent decisions we decided that information on the draft was required to be given to students so that they could make a choice or decision that so many of them have to make," Blaine Ackley, committee member said.

"Many people on campus were considering courses of action that they had no real knowl-

edge of the consequences," Ackley explained, "so we thought that there was a real need for the establishment of such a center."

The draft center will provide information and will make available counselors. "The center will contain a list of counselors who can best answer questions," Ackley said.

"We need volunteers to man the center," Ackley reported, "and we will have a better library situation shortly but we are now waiting for action by the ASUO senate."

Working with the draft committee on the library, which is open from 9 to 12 a.m. daily, is Robert Bowlin, dean of men; Walter Freauff, associate dean of students; David Brinks of the University counseling center; and Chuck Palmerlee of the YMCA.

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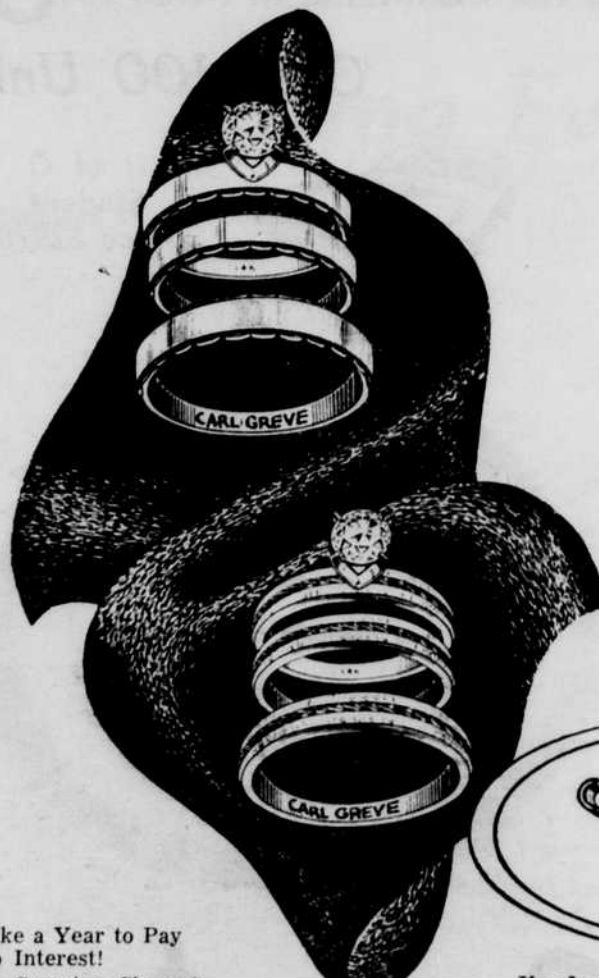
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