

# Johnson Hears Advice of Community

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Acting University President Charles Johnson met Wednesday with representatives of the Eugene community and the University to "discuss issues and obtain the benefits of their advice" regarding relations between the University and the community.

The discussion, according to Steve Milam, member of the Student Administrative Board

(SAB) who attended the meeting, quickly became a "hard-hitting" exchange concerning a controversial SDS flyer and the issue of free expression on campus.

After the meeting Johnson said, "I think the people of the community are upset. I think the pamphlets have been offensive to the sensibilities of the community."

The meeting, he explained, was "to acquaint these people

with our policies and the reasons thereof."

Reporters were not allowed in the meeting, because those attending had not been told it would be covered, Johnson said, but added, "any student present at the meeting is perfectly free to comment on it."

Among Eugene leaders attending were Circuit Judge Ed Allen, Alton Baker Jr., publisher of the Register-Guard, and 12

other business and professional people.

Milam said the representatives of the University explained the general policies of the Student Conduct Code and SAB regulations to the group and answered questions concerning actions the SAB had taken on the SDS flyer.

Milam said he explained to the group that generally the board may sanction recognized groups if they violate the law and "it

is not for the SAB to interpret the statutes of the state of Oregon."

If one of the groups violates the law and action is taken by the courts, Milam said, the SAB can sanction it.

Milam said one of the concerns expressed by the group was "that many people who might contribute to the University Development Fund are not or would not contribute" because of misunderstanding about the University.

Milam said another issue was "the SDS leaflet had been given to children in Condon grade school and this did offend some of them."

The University policy on free expression was also explained to the group, Milam said. "There is no limitation on free speech, but obscenity is not free speech."

The offensive flyer has not been held obscene by the Lane county district attorney, however.

Many members of the group felt "conduct and discussion should be carried out at a 'high level of decency,'" Milam said, but University representatives pointed out the difficulty of determining what a "high level of decency" is.

## World Government Supported

# 'Big Brother' System Feared

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"I'm frightened because 1984 is only 16 years away. If we keep going the way we are, by that time the United States and Russia will come together and rule the world in a 1984-type environment," stated Michael Beard, executive director of the Student World Federalists (SWF).

Beard, who recently returned from a summer in Czechoslovakia and Poland, spoke with Barry Siegal, a University professor of economics, in an informal discussion Wednesday in the EMU. Siegal taught in Yugoslavia last year under a Fulbright grant.

Speaking about the possible "Big Brother" government of the future Beard said, "I want to develop an international system that won't let that happen."

Beard explained that SWF is dedicated to the creation of a world government which would preserve maximum freedom. "Our phrase is a creation of a government for mankind," he said.

### Foreign Opinion

Beard said he spent much time in Eastern Europe talking to students and getting their opinions on the problems of their countries. Students all over the world seem to be working for the same causes and fighting the same problems, he said.

During the summer, Beard attended the World Federalist Youth Conference in Vienna. The conference brought together students from 22 countries of Eastern and Western Europe to discuss the problems of East-West cooperation.

Beard said that for the first time representatives from all the socialist countries were brought together.

Especially impressive to Beard was that the students attending this conference were all politically oriented, yet they talked not about politics, but about economic and social problems.

Some of the students' concerns arose over "life-styles," and the question "how we can live in our society." Beard paralleled this problem to America's Black students who are asking the same question.

"They (the students from socialist countries) were concerned about liberal arts programs in education just as students here are," Beard said. "They wanted to study fine arts instead of engineering."

Because of governmental controls, students usually have no real choice in the socialist countries, he said.

Students were also concerned with the problem of "gradualism," Beard said. To explain gradualism, he cited a Bulgarian student's facetious account of the traffic jams in Sofia. The following is the account:

Because of the small amount of cars in Sofia and the high proportion of traffic jams, the government appointed a committee to study the problem.

### No Senate Meeting Due to Rule Change

The ASUO Senate will not meet today, since they changed their by-laws last week to meeting by-weekly instead of weekly.

The reason for the change was to give Senate committees more time to function to increase their efficiency.

Unless there are enough bills to warrant a meeting, early next week, the Senate will not meet until after Thanksgiving vacation, ASUO secretary Peg Lisk said.

The committee decided to use London as a guide because the city had a vastly larger sum of cars, yet less traffic problems than Sofia.

After studying London, the committee found the only noticeable difference in the two cities was that the Londoners drove on the left, consequently the committee urged the Presidium to change Sofia's traffic to the left.

### Drastic Change

Because this was such a drastic change, the government ruled that it would have to come about gradually. At first, according to the ruling, only buses would drive on the left.

"This was their way of illustrating the futility of gradualism as a social tool," Beard said. As for the United States, "I think we are having the same type of problems," he said.

Another problem common to Eastern Europe and the United States is discrimination against Black people," according to both Siegal and Beard.

Siegal said Yugoslav girls dating African students were ostracized. He felt the racist attitudes were very hard to understand because previously there had been little contact between Africans and Eastern Europeans.

### Differences

Beard explained differences of liberty in the socialist and democratic systems from a student's viewpoint. "They have some freedoms we don't have. Such freedoms include housing, schooling and medical care whether they can afford it or not," he said.

"Now they want to have an access to free ideas," he explained.

As for the Vietnam conflict, Siegal said that in his experien-

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