

University delegate says

Hairstyles not aim of NCAA decision

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The University's delegate to last week's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) convention said Sunday the ruling on "manifest disobedience" passed by delegates was not aimed at athlete's haircuts or personal habits.

Physics Professor Raymond Ellickson, a member of the NCAA's policy-making council, said the purpose of the ruling was to give member institutions of NCAA the right to strip an athlete of his scholarship if he is found guilty of "disruptive activity."

"If an athlete were to throw a stick of dynamite into Johnson Hall, that might be an act of 'manifest disobedience,'" Ellickson said.

He said he voted for the ruling because he saw a need, in NCAA rules, for the existence of machinery to take away an athlete's scholarship.

"The way it is now," he said "there isn't even a provision in the NCAA rules to take away an athlete's scholarship if he decides not to compete."

Ellickson denied the ruling had any racial implications. "The whole notion that this was aimed at Negro hair styles was started by a delegate from Grambling. It was perfectly clear this was not involved."

He said the ruling would

probably not have a great effect at this University because, in making disciplinary rules such as this, the NCAA's policy was to establish guidelines for institutions to follow, leaving enforcement up to the individual schools.

He said a student charged with "manifest disobedience" here would probably be given a hearing before a student-faculty committee, though he didn't know which one.

Athletic department public relations director Art Litchman said he didn't have the "remotest idea" how the NCAA ruling would be implemented here. "It would seem that this would apply outside the normal scope of disciplinary problems."

"In that case, the intercollegiate athletics committee wouldn't be the judge in a case involving violation of this rule. Perhaps the decision would be made by the administration. If a student were suspended or expelled for disruptive activity, he would lose his scholarship," he said.

Teacher besieges cross; gets arrested for effort

Another attack was made on the cross on Skinner's Butte Saturday—only this time physically. Chet Taylor, a creative writing instructor at the University, attempted to topple the cross by digging at its base.

Taylor was arrested by Eugene police approximately two hours after he had begun digging. A bystander called the police. However, Taylor was released on a \$50 bail.

"I was kind of glad they stopped me, I was getting tired," Taylor said. "If they hadn't stopped me others would have helped," he continued.

Taylor belongs to the Eugene Activists Council, who sponsored the plan. "It's a very loose group," Taylor explained. The group consists of citizens in the Eugene community. According to Taylor, action in the group is on an individual basis.

Apparently the main reason for bringing the cross down lies in intellectual and philosophical reasons. "We worked to dramatize the fact that it is the time

to end supernaturalism," Taylor said.

"We are taking an agnostic position," Taylor said. "We want to be responsible for our lives as men, and not advocate our

lives to supernaturalism."

Taylor's action was planned to have much larger consequences than just digging up the cross. He said the group also wanted to destroy illegal links between the state and church locally. Taylor pointed out the Pledge of Allegiance and the "Bible Broadcasts" from outer space by American astronauts as examples of illegal religious procedures.

Taylor will appear in the Eugene Municipal Court today. As of now he will probably be charged with defacing public property by digging a hole in a public park.

Theological Grounds

Taylor said Eugene lawyer Charles Porter will defend him. They will try to have the case based on theological grounds. However, Taylor expressed the opinion that the city attorney will try to duck the central issue and try him on defacing public property.

"If they are successful in ducking the central issue, there will be another assault on the cross with concrete working equipment," Taylor said.

Taylor emphasized that he and other members of the Eugene Activist Council intend to practice further civil disobedience if it is required. "At first, we planned destroying the cross as a mass guerrilla action at night," Taylor said. "We decided to take more responsible action though," he added.

Controversial Topic

The cross has been a topic of local controversy since its erection in 1964. In 1965 opponents of the cross won statewide publicity when 10 Eugene residents filed a suit seeking the cross' removal.

Past opponents of the cross have claimed that its presence on public property is a violation of the constitutional separation of church and state.

The cross was ruled illegal in the Lane County Circuit Court by Judge William Fort. However, supporters of the cross have carried the fight to the State Supreme Court, where oral discussions of the case began last week.



CHET TAYLOR

Legislature opens today; priority low on education

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The 1969 Oregon State Legislature opens today.

A proposed sales tax, a proposed reorganization of state agencies and a bill proposing the state acquisition of beach lands, have pushed the higher education requests to a low position on the priority list.

However, Oregon's institutions of higher learning may be facing several serious problems, both financially and restrictively by the 1969 legislature.

Financially, the Oregon System of Higher Education may

be worse off than it was in the past academic year. This is coming at a time when educators are asking for money than they have any prior time.

Acting University President Charles Johnson called this a normal situation for the education budget. All state agency budgets are changed somewhat from their original requests by the governor, depending on the governor's estimated state income, Johnson said.

The legislature may or may not change the governor's budget allocations to institutions of higher education. "I don't have enough experience with the legislature to know whether they

will raise the budget," Johnson said.

Apparently, budget considerations for institutions of higher education are tied in with several issues, such as free speech on campuses.

Several issues in the last year such as speaker David Harris and the obscenity on the University's campus have drawn much criticism to Oregon schools.

As a result, the Speaker of the House appointed a committee of six legislators to tour state college campuses to report on conditions in the institutions.

Acting President Johnson said, "I strongly suspect that this report will influence the financial picture."

A crackdown on university
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Term enrollment up from last year

Registration figures totaled 13,117 students as of noon Saturday, 616 more than the same time last year, according to officials in the registrar's office.

Saturday was the last day to register without paying a late fee. Late registration will continue through this week.

Enrollment predictions for this term amounted to about 14,000. Enrollment last winter term was 13,169.

Fall term enrollment, higher than other terms, was 14,884.



Photo by Polly Thaxton

A SNEAK SNOW STORM struck Northwest Oregon Sunday as the worst winter in decades continued to plague the area. Hundreds of cars were stuck in snow-filled Portland streets with 10 inches of snow expected there by morning. The Coast Range and Cascades were experiencing a heavy snowfall. In Eugene snow covered the ground during the morning, but melted during the afternoon. Showers, with occasional winds were forecast for today. A high of 40 and a low of 35 is expected, 80 per cent chance of rain.

Educational change topic of grad dialogue

"We have some very pressing problems facing the universities, and the solutions are not forthcoming. By getting together faculty members and students who have an interest and a variety of ideas, we hope to come up with a few."

This was the explanation given by Joe Fashing, the current president of the Graduate School Student Council, for the creation of a series of conferences on higher education. The first of the series will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Graduate Center.

The series was proposed by the dean of the Graduate School, Leona Tyler, fall term. The idea behind her proposal was to make an opportunity for people who have ideas and share an interest in higher education to discuss their ideas and try to define its purpose and goals. This hopefully would lead to the solution of some of the problems facing most universities.

All of the faculty members and graduate students at Oregon received a letter asking them to indicate their reactions and interest towards the proposed conferences.

Over 100 replies were received with two-thirds of them coming from the faculty. It is hoped by Dean Tyler that more students will show an interest as the series progress. Students wishing to participate should contact her.

Approximately 20 people will participate in the first discussion tonight. The topic of the first two discussion meetings will be the purpose and function of a university. According to Fashing, the first couple of meetings will dwell on defining terms and from there branch out to the pertaining problems.

Fashing also indicated that any ideas that have some validity will be presented to the University through proper channels.