

LeMar seeking members, support for state lobby

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LeMar, the University's newly founded organization dedicated to the project of legalizing marijuana, held its second meeting Tuesday night in the EMU with approximately 20 people in attendance.

Still in the process of organizing, LeMar is seeking members and funds to get a state lobby going.

Bob Caufield, vice president, informed the group that LeMar now has official recognition of the University, which means it can, among other things, hold dances and set up tables on the EMU Terrace.

Steve Leppanen, LeMar's organizer and president, opened the meeting by giving a brief history of marijuana.

He reviewed the pot laws and gave arguments to counter charges that pot leads to "stronger drugs, like LSD." Leppanen concluded by describing marijuana as "one of the most innocuous drugs around. All the facts of marijuana are in our favor," he asserted.

Presently, LeMar's principal aim is to try to educate the public to the facts and fallacies concerning marijuana.

"The most important thing we can do is serve an educational function," said Caufield. He urged members to inform their friends and parents about LeMar's activities and the pot laws.

Leppanen told the group that recently Senate Bill 213 was introduced by Ted Hallock of Portland to make the possession of marijuana for personal use a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

LeMar is trying to get nationally recognized and prestigious people to testify that marijuana does not have harmful effects.

One name suggested was Sam Irwin, director of the psychopharmacology department at the University Medical School.

Leppanen said he has plans to visit other campuses throughout the state with the hope of recruiting members and establishing LeMar chapters throughout Oregon colleges.

LeMar meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the EMU.

Credit union formed to aid Lane's poor

A new credit union sponsored by the Urban Community Action Center and Lane Human Resources has been formed to assist the low income people in Lane County.

The Oregon Urban and Rural Federal Credit Union (OUR), will provide credit and financial help to the poor.

Representing the ASUO at the Tuesday meeting was Marc Levy. The University will be involved with OUR through Student Community Projects.

Phi Psi elects Small as fraternity president

Peter Small was elected president of the Oregon Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi in its Jan. 29 elections. Other new officers include:

James Eller, vice president; Doug Nelson, corresponding secretary; Mark Holst, chapter secretary; Frank Webb, historian; Steve Smith, messenger; and David Wilkie, chaplain and sergeant-at-arms.



Photos by Matt McCormick

RICHARD MCKINNON, associate director of the University of Washington's Center for Asian Arts, lectures on "Kanjicho," the Kabuki classic, prior to a showing of a film of the play. The Kabuki is a Japanese literary classic. The Wednesday night lecture was part of the University's 1969 Festival of Arts.

Oregon senators ask abolishment of draft

PORTLAND (P)—The military draft received attention from both of Oregon's senators Monday, in Oregon for a series of speaking engagements during the Lincoln Day recess of Congress.

Sen. Mark Hatfield said voluntary military forces for the United States were necessary to curtail the President's "unilateral capacity to involve us in war."

Sen. Robert Packwood, speaking at a separate news conference, said he thought a volunteer army would work, but only at additional costs of from \$5 to \$7 billion annually.

"I think as soon as the Vietnam war is settled, President Nixon will move quite strongly on it," Packwood said.

Hatfield said a military draft cannot meet the three criteria of any military manpower procurement system.

He said the criteria are "to preserve the maximum amount of individual liberty and freedom from unjustified intrusion by the government; to be fair in its application so that every young man receives equal treatment and no young man is required to make sacrifices that

are not demanded of his peers, and to provide the maximum national security with the greatest efficiency and economy."

PSC's university status official Friday

SALEM (P)—Portland State College probably will become a university on Friday, its birthday and the birthday of the State of Oregon.

The House Education Committee approved a Senate-passed bill to give the college university status.

The bill will reach Gov. McCall's desk so he can sign it Friday.

ASUO Committees

Building, grounds to discuss parking

General parking rules and regulation policy will be discussed at the Building and Grounds Committee meeting today at 2 p.m.

Committee members will also discuss visitor parking policies and violation problems and will review a request by the Emerald for two additional parking spaces.

Criteria for the selection of architects for University building projects will be discussed.

SAB

Quickly passing a film policy and granting recognition to several groups, the Student Administrative Board adjourned a half hour after it came to order Tuesday.

The film policy passed was suggested at the SAB meeting last week. The policy states that requests to schedule more than two films will be considered as a film series.

It goes on to require that film series to be shown fall term must be requested by the fourth week of the term. Series to be shown other terms must be requested before the last two weeks of the preceding term.

The SAB granted recognition to Le Mar/Northwest, a group supporting legalization of marijuana, UO Rehabilitation Association, a group supporting physical and mental rehabilitation; Law Students' Wives, Wives of Art and Architecture Students, Alpine Folkdancers and Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity.

The SAB also discussed use of the EMU Fishbowl for "rap-ins." The SAB passed no policy, but decided to suggest that rap-ins be held at the Free Speech Platform outside after this, except in cases of bad weather.



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