

Anti-war coordinator quits; Moratorium interest declines

Campus Moratorium coordinator Russell Husted no longer wants to lead the local anti-war organization.

"I myself don't want to be the 'Moratorium leader.' If someone wants to have a Moratorium in Eugene next month, I'll be glad to help, but they'll have to do it."

Husted's attitude reflects a growing decline in participation and interest in the Moratorium locally on all levels.

In October, nearly 5,000 students and community residents participated in an anti-war march to downtown Eugene, and thousands attended an evening rally to hear former Oregon Sen. Wayne Morse.

November saw smaller crowds (2,500 in each of two marches), but a continuing momentum that brought several hundred students and others from Eugene to San Francisco for a mass Mobilization Committee march that drew 250,000 marchers.

A December "walk" to downtown Eugene, however, attracted only 75 students at its height, and although the choice of timing—immediately before finals—was admitted by Moratorium leaders to have been poor, the general attitude was of a decline in enthusiasm for a movement that, after three months, had failed to change official Vietnam policy and had failed to bring about significant changes in that conflict.

"A great deal of enthusiasm was lost in December," Husted told the Emerald. This loss, Husted feels, was felt strongly not only in the ranks of potential marchers, but additionally among those in the past have done the actual labor neces-

sary to create and coordinate all of the Moratorium's various activities.

Many of these Moratorium workers, Husted said, simply left the Moratorium and occupied themselves with finals and other activities. A "guilty conscience," he added, prevented many from showing up again after a month's absence.

This month the campus committee planned few activities, and in the end was able to carry out even fewer.

The Moratorium did co-sponsor last week's "People's Trial" of the University and did co-sponsor a talk by Prof. Mordecai Briemberg, former chairman of the political science-sociology-anthropology department at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C.

Referring to the large numbers that the Moratorium brought out on the streets in October and November, Husted commented: "The Moratorium was almost too much of a success."

People are able to go along with and some even to support an ineffective movement, Husted said, but the Moratorium's "success was so overwhelming that the veterans had to hold their Veterans' Day rallies."

Campus "liberals," who Husted feels would normally have supported a group like the Moratorium, "knew that that big a demonstration was doing more than to just end the war," and gave it less and less support.

According to Husted, these "liberals" feared that the Moratorium might "get out of hand and work at shaking a few more basic foundations of this society," such as its economic and social structure.

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On Tuesday, friends in the printing plant gave him a "certificate of award" for his years and efforts on the job.

The 65-year-old man plans an active retirement. He is launching full-time involvement with the Eugene Speech and Hearing Clinic, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), the National Model Railroad Association, and the Celeste Campbell Senior Center.

Zehring has installed a printing press in his home and his job has become his hobby. He does voluntary printing for the speech and hearing clinic.

Another hobby led to his involvement with OMSI. Zehring is a model railroad builder and has been working on the railroad exhibit at the museum.

He is currently vice-president of Division one of the Pacific Northwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association. Division one includes the Eugene, Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon area.

In addition to all these activities, Zehring is taking creative writing at the Celeste Campbell Senior Center. The National Model Railroad magazine has accepted one of his short stories and will publish it.

He was on the job when the Emerald was first printed. It had a circulation of about 3,500; now its circulation is over 10,000.

He reminisced, "In the old days the Emerald was really a newspaper. Now it's a news magazine."

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