

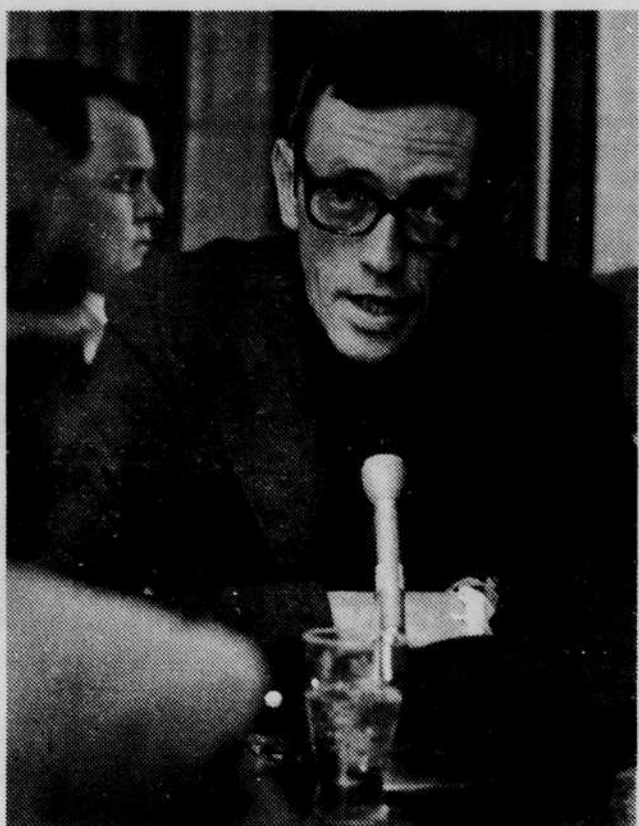


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Eugene Police Capt. Dale Allen: as a student, he would try to change things "legally and peacefully."

PE requirements to stay, says faculty

By PEARL BAKKEN
Of the Emerald

If you want to graduate from the University, you still have to take five terms of physical education and one term of health.

The University faculty decided Wednesday to keep those 66-year-old requirements.

They voted 46-108 against abolishing the P.E. requirement and by voice vote not to abolish the health requirement.

The faculty, meeting Wednesday to finish up business not completed at their regular monthly meeting last week, debated the requirements for over an hour.

Joe Allman, political science professor, presented the proposals on behalf of the ad hoc committee on undergraduate education which has been studying undergraduate requirements over the last two years.

The P.E. and health requirements "build in a certain priority for these programs which the committee has found difficult to justify," Allman said.

He said the proposed changes were intended to reduce restraints on students' decisions regarding their educational programs. "One of the major purposes of education is to teach students to make decisions," said Allman. "Requirements aren't a way of educating people. Students have to understand there are consequences in terms of the choices they make."

However, Arthur Esslinger, Dean of the School of Health, P.E. and Recreation, said he was afraid leaving the decision up to the students would cause the program to lose the students who needed the courses the most.

Estimating that P.E. enrollment would drop 50 per cent, he said, the students who took the courses would be those "already fit and skilled and in control of their bodies. We wouldn't get those who are weak, poorly conditioned or skilled in few life-time sports."

"If you could see the unfit and ineptness of the bottom half of our student body, you couldn't support this motion," Esslinger said.

Leonard Jacobson, associate health education professor, said the P.E. requirements should be retained because "sufficient muscular activity doesn't come easily—it has to be disciplined into our life style."

Saying that the U.S. is becoming "Americanis flabiosis," he said exercise is essential to halt the rising incidence of arteriosclerosis and heart disease, "which has its inception in early adolescence."

Jacobson brought mumbling from the faculty when he suggested increasing the P.E. requirement to 12 hours and adding a requirement for faculty members.

Proponents of the motion, he said, "must be joined in a subtle conspiracy with General Motors, the elevator tycoons, golfcart and numerous other manufacturers of hundreds of laborsaving devices designed to get rid of a large proportion of our productive young males."

Lewis Ward, a member of the ad hoc committee, said "I can assure you we weren't attempting to plot against the health and wellbeing of the student body or anybody else."

He said the major concern of the committee had been to ask whether it was appropriate "to tell students what's good for them." If classes are required because a student needs them, he said, then perhaps a course in money management and credit should be required to help students deal with problems of personal debt.

Bower Aly called the argument "specious," saying "If you steal my purse and I still have my health I may still be able to get more money."

Esslinger said the P.E. program, which includes 58 different course selections, emphasizes activities which a person can participate in throughout his life.

Yet, Allman and Ward both said the committee had not been able to obtain any data from the school to show that the requirements did lead students to continue participating in the activities after leaving the University.

However, other professors, from personal experiences, support the value of learning the life-time activities. Wallace Baldinger, art history professor, said

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'On Art Pearl vs. the World'

Eachus and Allen switch roles

By IRJA ORAV
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Ron Eachus, student body president, and Eugene Chief of Police Dale Allen were asked to hypothetically switch roles Wednesday night. Art Pearl made the request of his two guests on his weekly talk show, "Art Pearl versus the World," broadcast from Laurelwood Country Club over KZEL-FM.

Pearl, a university education professor, asked Allen, "If you were student body president and had gone to North Vietnam and returned to work against the war, how would you respond to the demonstrations?"

Holding a cigar in his bandaged right hand, Allen responded, "That's a difficult question for me to answer. If I were a student leader, I'd have an inner feeling to keep the group together."

"If I felt the same frustrations as students do now," he continued, "I would want to do something about it. Legally and peacefully, I would try to reverse the situation I was against."

Pearl then asked Eachus what he would do as chief of police. "If I were the chief of police and felt the demonstration to be illegal, I would ask the demonstrators to disperse. But if the crowd stayed, I would make quiet arrests. There is no need to beat people. It's better to move in non-violently to make arrests."

He went on to say that the group should be kept together, and using tear gas would only cause it to scatter. He would avoid using tear gas.

Pearl, addressing both Eachus and Allen as leaders of groups, asked, "What happens when you are caught in a game where you have to defend the behavior of individuals in the group you may not agree with?" He was referring to the use of violence such as rock throwing in a supposedly peaceful demonstration and police using violence against protestors.

Allen answered the question by saying that if a group is called together, the official in charge has to accept the responsibility for its actions.

Before the guests spoke for their sides, Pearl said, "We have a chance tonight to look at what's happened in the last week. We'll have it from the perspective of two people who played significant roles in the demonstrations."

Allen said the members of the University and the Eugene community on May 1 showed they could be drawn together when they marched onto the Mall area. But he said by the May 5 evening demonstrations, the events were taking on a different tone. Again on Thursday night, when the group was blocking all six lanes of Franklin Blvd., the tone of the group again "was not as friendly as some others I have dealt with."

Eachus said the original intent of the demonstrations was to show non-violent civil disobedience. "We had to show that there was enough interest in the issue by being able to disrupt business as usual. The result of the demonstrations Thursday night was to characterize the protesters as a mob."

Eachus said even President Clark characterized the group as dangerous, and said people had been "led into it."

"Monday night the march to the City Council was to show the intent for non-violent protest," said the student body president. "It wasn't reported that seven out of nine councilmen reported that they would vote for the referendum (to keep Oregon citizens from fighting in undeclared wars) May 20. Violent incidents received press, not what the councilmen said."

Clark tells faculty

'Solons not hostile to University'

"Plentiful" speculations, rumors and apprehension of misunderstanding have existed on campus this year about the University's budget, University President Robert Clark says.

But state legislators are "not hostile" to higher education, he adds.

Clark made those statements in a prepared speech to the University faculty Wednesday afternoon.

In his prepared text, Clark said Dean of Administration Ray Hawk was quoted in Friday's Emerald as saying, "The University is going to survive" a possible 10 per cent budget cut.

Clark went on to say, "Unfortunately, he was grossly misunderstood." He explained that, "If taken literally, his remark is true. But in quality (the University) would not be the same institution."

Nowhere in Friday's or any other day's Emerald was Hawk quoted as saying the above statement, referred to by Clark.

In Friday's Emerald, Chief Budget Officer Ralph Sunderland was quoted as saying, "The University is going to survive" a possible 10 per cent budget cut.

Clark's statement to the faculty was composed of similar remarks he made to the State Senate Education Committee, dealing with adjustment of non-resident student enrollment. He said a "severe restriction" on University library funds could be decided upon if the Legislature approves the Governor's Budget for the State's higher education.

"We shall know in another ten days or two weeks what our situation is. My own conversation with the members of the Legislature leads me to believe that they are friendly to higher education, not hostile," Clark said. "They are faced with an apparent budgetary problem—I say apparent because I believe that Rep. Stafford Hansell, who has given me permission to quote him, has spoken truly when he said that 'we are a high service and low tax state.'"

Risely funeral arrangements set

Funeral services for professor Paul Risely will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 14, at the First Congregational Church, 23rd and University. Risely died Monday night of a heart attack. There will be a private interment.

Risely came to the University in 1945 and served as chairman of the University biology department from 1945 to 1953. He specialized in the study of mammalian reproduction and had carried on an active research program. The 65-year old Risely had planned to retire in June.

Professor Risely is survived by his wife Louise, two daughters, Barbara Newton of Eugene and Carolyn Hicks of Dallas, Texas, and his mother, Laura Risely, of Eugene.