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However, upon his return to Eugene, Frei reconsidered.

"Consequently, I felt that the best course of action was for me to tender my resignation. This action certainly was difficult for me to initiate, but in my opinion necessary.

"I am tremendously proud of the staff with which I worked, and I am proud of the tradition of the 'Fighting Ducks' that we leave behind.

"Perhaps more important, I have great confidence in the student athletes that our staff will leave behind to carry on that tradition.

"The experience of having been part of the University of Oregon for the past 17 years has been most rewarding.

"I will never forget the young men I have had the pleasure of coaching, and I hope that I have some positive effect on their lives.

"Finally, I am indebted to Len Casanova for giving me my opportunity and I leave confident that there will be only good years ahead for the University of Oregon athletic program."

More's release, however, presented athletics and specifically the Oregon Athletic Department in a somewhat less attractive light.

"Jerry Frei's resignation supports the thesis that I have consistently made that the structure of athletics in the U.S. is such that it subverts what should be the goals of the program. The value of the winning team and the close association with the dollar leads to outside pressure from alumni and the press. Pressure which produces decisions contrary to the interests of the program.

"There seems to be only two solutions which can prevent this sort of thing in athletics today. One is to change the structure which should be a long term goal. The other solution is to have an Athletic Director who supports his staff to the hilt when he knows they are right. He must have the courage to say to the alumnus who demands 'Fire Frei or no money,' 'keep your money.' Oregon does not seem to have arrived at that point yet.

"Some alumni and media may regard this as victory. I think it is an example of what distorted values can do. The ASUO will make sure that it is closely involved with the selection of a successor. Jerry Frei's critics can rest assured that our interests are in finding someone who reflects as closely as possible his philosophy."

Ritchey had "no comment" concerning More's release.

Because of the surprise decision, Frei indicated his future plans are "very indefinite."

Frei's decision also left Ritchey with a head football coaching vacancy.

Ritchey noted the recruiting process is "well underway" and hoped "to be able to secure a new football coach within a short period of time."

Ritchey also noted offensive line coach Dick Enright has announced his candidacy for the head post. Enright, 37, has held the line job for two seasons. Before that he was head coach at Gardena (Calif.) HS where he compiled a 75-5-0 record.

The remaining assistants will be determined by Frei's successor, according to Ritchey. In addition to Enright, there are George Seifert, Bruce Snyder, Ron Stratten and John Marshall.



Scott Bengtson, student manager of the Outdoor Resource Center on campus, displays skis.

Outdoor resource center sells, rents equipment

If you're planning to go mountain climbing, cross-country skiing or even just hiking and are in need of equipment, the Outdoor Resource Center, located in the EMU basement, is waiting for you.

The center is primarily oriented towards student customers, though another main function is to supply "group rentals of expensive equipment" to groups such as physical education classes, according to Scott Bengtson, student manager.

Outdoor equipment is sold and rented at the center. One may also sell his own used equipment in the center on consignment. Materials and a workshop are available for those who wish to have equipment custom-made for them or to design it themselves.

Bengtson says the center likes to "help students out on rentals at reasonable prices" and most everything sellable in the store can also be rented.

Another major purpose of the center is to give "good advice" to students who really don't know what they want.

The center opened in mid-September on funds emanating from other EMU-sponsored activities. The center is presently operating on deficit spending, says EMU Director Richard Reynolds, but the shop was "not budgeted to make any money."

"We're heading for a break-even point," says Bengtson. Reynolds considers the center "extremely successful" with an "overwhelming response from the students." He said the center has "opened up a new resource for the students."

Center Business hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The center is not open weekends to allow the staff to enjoy the outdoors themselves, says Bengtson.

Willner opposes evader's amnesty

Don Willner would not grant amnesty to draft evaders while our boys are still dying in Vietnam.

A state senator from Portland and Democratic contender for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Mark Hatfield, Willner said, "It is not fair to give people rights who have violated the law, whatever the law. I think that a person has to follow his conscience, but if following his conscience is a violation of the law, he must be able to face the consequences."

Willner discussed several issues with Art Pearl on the KZEL-FM radio station program, "Art Pearl versus the World" Wednesday night.

Pearl asked Willner if he felt the same way about unjust laws. The candidate said that he had been a lawyer for 20 years, represented conscientious objectors 16 years ago, and as a

result has "a reverence for laws." He believes that they "should be changed within the system," however.

Willner said he is opposed to the legalization of marijuana because the medical research on it has been inadequate. He did, however, vote for the criminal code that reduced the penalty.

He is not for or against clear cutting, but feels that "the key question is how we are prepared to support regulation in timber cutting." Willner is a lawyer to nine conservation parties fighting for French Pete.

The 6 per cent level of national unemployment is "a very serious problem," he said. "I am appalled at a system so inefficient. The government should 'stop spending so much on administration and start spending it on the people,' he added.

Higher-ed panel proclaims goals

A newly formed ad-hoc Study Committee on Higher Education met Tuesday to discuss the purposes of the committee.

Discussion centered on committee goals. The committee grew out of discussions last fall between ASUO President Iain More and University President Robert Clark.

Members expressed hope that the committee serve in an advisory capacity to Clark. They said they eventually seek to identify individual problems committee members see on campus.

The seven faculty members and seven students who serve on the committee said they expect help from outside persons concerned with higher education. Some of this help would come from Acting Director of Financial Aids Larry Large and John Richardson, assistant to the chancellor of the state system of higher education.

Members brought up the possibility of the committee becoming a liaison between the Legislative Interim Committee and University students and faculty. To inform the interim committee about the new ad-hoc committee, one member suggested writing a letter, notifying the interim committee of its formation.

The interim committee will meet Friday in Portland, and a delegation from the ad-hoc committee will attend. A second meeting of the ad-hoc committee is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. next Monday in the EMU, to discuss what happened at Friday's meeting.

Members elected Bill Wyatt, junior, chairman of the committee. David Frohnmayer, assistant professor of law, was elected secretary.

Paul Simpson, professor of economics, said he hopes information the committee receives will be "channelled back through students and faculty" in a continuing input-output process.

KWAX will carry the 2½-hour NPR broadcast of a special program in conjunction with its live coverage of President Nixon's State of the Union Message on Thursday, January 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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