

Economics scholar holds varied opinions, interests

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"The duty of a teacher is to help a young man think clearly, logically, and intelligently, not direct his lines of thinking." This is a view expressed in a recent interview by Carlos Cipolla, a summer session economics professor from Italy.

Cipolla's views are of a wide variety, as are his interests, from collecting clocks to ecology.

His main interest, however, is economic history, and he has written several books on the subject while holding a joint appointment at the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Pavia in Italy, as well as the University's summer session.

Cipolla viewed the recent "floating" of the British pound as coming "unexpectedly yet not totally unexpected." He continued, "The Common Market should reach an agreement on monetary affairs. It is an indication of the state of the monetary market." He emphasized though, that the "last thing I could do is be a prophet" when it comes to economics, as his main interest is its history.

Cipolla commented on the beauty and sparse population of Oregon, "It is one of the few corners of paradise lost left on this world. I hope you will keep it as civilized and beautiful. The development of ecology happened at a time when Oregon is still in good shape."

He compared Oregon's size to Italy's, while their

populations vary greatly, from 2 million in Oregon to 55 million in Italy. Despite its pollution, he said, "The ecology movement in Italy is beginning and is not very well coordinated."

Cipolla considers himself as a "born collector" when it comes to items such as medieval coins, clocks, old books, paintings and Roman surgical instruments. He told of how their prices had increased rapidly in the past few years.

He said that there is a current revival in collecting because people don't know where to put their money. With cash, there's inflation, while stocks and bonds have low returns. However, he said, the value of these collector's items increase more rapidly than other investments.

The historian commented that he began collecting due to his own interest, rather than making an investment.

Cipolla is currently working on another book, dealing with the economic history of health and medicine. He found the University community easy to work in due to its "tranquility, peacefulness, and civility."

Cipolla also viewed that, historically, "tolerance is one of the best things we have inherited from the past."

He said that he felt that students were living in a fortunate period of time, and paraphrased the philosopher Tacitus, "It is one of the rare times they can feel what they want, and say what they feel."



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Ramsey Lewis led his Ramsey Lewis Trio in a benefit concert Monday in Mac Court. Also appearing were The Jerry Butler Revue with Brenda Lee Eager, Peaches and the Ice-Man Band.

Top librarian retires

Frances Newsom, who started working in the University Architecture and Allied Arts Library some 26 years ago "for a few weeks, just to help out" retired Friday from the position of head AAA librarian, which she had held since 1950.

During those years, she directed the AAA Library's operation in three different locations, watched the number of books increase to 10,000 volumes

and the staff grow to its current level of four full-time professionals and half-a-dozen student assistants.

Newsom says some collections have grown more noticeably than others.

"We have about 113,000 slides now, compared to the handful we had when I first came. Our photo collection has grown, and we keep about 200 periodicals on the shelves," she says, gesturing toward the magazines and journals filling one long wall of the Lawrence Hall Library.

The AAA Library serves staff and students in six departments—architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, art history, art education, and fine and applied arts. The most rapid growth seems presently to be occurring in the areas of environmental design and urban planning.

Not only is there a wide scope of materials, but more depth is required in every area than was the case 20 years ago.

"Students," according to Newsom, "used to be satisfied with one book on a subject. Now they want six or seven. I think students are working harder than ever."

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