

# Deloria didn't find campus friendly

Vine Deloria, advocate of the Native American movement and author of "Custer Died for Your Sins," told 500 persons at Oregon State University Wednesday night that the University — and other schools — must "make decisions to have ethnic studies programs or not and stop leading people on."

Deloria's comments about the University came in response to a question from Larry Calica, former director of the University's Native American Program.

Deloria said that he had "tried to go to the University for a couple of months in 1958 and I didn't find them too friendly, to tell you the truth."

The American Indian author told the Gill Coliseum crowd that the "fourth unseen part of government," career bureaucrats, who are "more interested in making the machine run than in finding out where the machine is going."

"I think if we just use Indian Affairs as a small example of the state of affairs of the United States government and the various state governments, we really face an incredible crisis," Deloria said. "We face a whole different type of social movement in the seventies than we had in the sixties. In the sixties it was necessary to get out in the streets because . . . congress wouldn't consider anything," he said. "It wasn't until young people sat in those senators and congressmen's offices, until they marched up . . . and got those senators and congressmen to come out and sit with them that any action was taken on any of the civil rights legislation," the author said.

"In the seventies we're facing a very different type of situation. Get out in the streets and that's the quickest way to get your head busted, the quickest way not to solve the problem."

"Somehow, in some way, we have given control of our lives to people in the civil service, given control of our lives to the universities, to career bureaucrats, people who are more interested in making the machine run than in finding out where the machine is going."

"The major thing to me is information, documentation, analysis and the development of strategies to break up the crust on these institutions, and get them moving. We've got to narrow the ability of the career



Deloria at University last year.

bureaucrats to impose his policies on the people that are served by his institutions.

"What we're dealing with over and above any other Indian problems, education, lack of jobs, confiscation of fishing rights, is a fourth unseen part of government. That's the career bureaucrat who's made up his mind that certain things belong to him, and therefore regardless of what the President of the United States wants and regardless of what Congress wants, regardless of what the Supreme Court wants, if he decides that he's got to have a certain policy . . . he spreads lies, rumors, half-truths, whatever he wants, until he gets everybody so confused that they eventually let his policy go through, and not the policy of the elected representatives."

"There's not much that I could tell you about current Indian Affairs that I could not trace back to an individual in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, an individual in the Justice Department, an individual in Health, Education and Welfare. An individual who 10 or 15 years ago closed his mind and said this is the way I'm going to administer my Indian program. An individual who can't budge at the present time, he has civil service protection, he has buddies high up in the departments, he's always had this job, you can't move him. The whole thing is frozen over."

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