

President Clark avoids arrest Protesters summons citizens

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As a "dramatic and decisive comment" on the plight of political prisoners in South Vietnam, about 10 members of three local peace groups symbolically "arrested" Eugene Mayor Les Anderson, City Council member Wickes Beal, and a number of other prominent civic and educational leaders Wednesday afternoon.

The arrests took place between noon and 3 p.m.

The three groups staged the "arrests" to dramatize what they described as the Saigon government's "terrifying and repressive treatment of its own citizens."

Marion Barnes, coordinator of an ad hoc committee formed from the three groups, said after the day's arrests, "We can laugh about it here, but it is a real issue for the people in South Vietnam. The lives of these political prisoners may well depend on us and what we do with the issue."

The three groups were the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Eugene Peace Center, and the Movement for a New Society.

A statement prepared by the ad hoc committee emphasized that "The American public has largely forgotten about the political prisoners of South Vietnam, which number over

200,000, and the government of the United States bears a major responsibility for the imprisonment and criminal treatment of these people."

The committee first "arrested" Frank Wilkens, pastor of the Newman Center, and Sue Gordon, chairer of the Eugene Clergy and Laity Concerned. The "arrests" took place at the Central Presbyterian Church, 1475 Ferry St.

Moving on to the regular meeting of the Eugene City Council in committee-of-the-whole session, the committee then "arrested" Anderson, Beal, and the chairer of the Mayor's Committee for International Cooperation, Ruth Carson.

Eugene attorney Charles Porter was not available at the city council meeting as the committee had planned, but the committee issued a summons for his arrest in his absence.

After being "arrested," Anderson made a short speech, commenting on the direct responsibility of the United States in Vietnam.

From the council meeting, the committee moved to the University campus, where it had anticipated the "arrest" of University President Robert Clark.

However, Clark was not at his office at the time committee members arrived, and an "arrest

summons" was given to his secretary.

Assistant sociology professor Ted Goertzel was next on the committee's list, and he was "arrested," along with about 50 students in a sociology class he was teaching.

Committee members told his class, "If Eugene were located in South Vietnam, all of the people who were arrested in the demonstration, and many others would already have been arrested for neutralist sympathies by the Thieu regime in Saigon."

They also said thousands in Eugene would be probably grabbed off the streets if they were in Saigon for various violations and shut up into interrogation centers for years on end, without trial. The committee added that the entire population of Eugene would be under strong government surveillance if Eugene were South Vietnam.

"The U.S. taxpayer has subsidized the South Vietnamese prisons," the committee said, "also it's extensive secret police force and their corps of American advisors. We just want the citizens of Eugene to realize how their freedom would be curtailed if they lived under President Thieu's rule in Saigon and South Vietnam."

Through this demonstration and the "arresting of these people" the committee stressed the hope that "our symbolic action today will arouse the citizens of Eugene to write to their representatives in Congress, urging them to investigate Saigon's corrupt regime more closely and to cut off all funds for South Vietnam."

Asking to "see my lawyer" after being arrested in his Sociology class, Goertzel was answered by Coordinator Barnes with a definite "no way." Barnes was quick to point out that if this were South Vietnam he not only would not be able to do that, but with all certainty his lawyer would be put in jail too.

Option deadline change defeated

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The Faculty Senate approved Wednesday a motion to allow the inter-institutional transfer of credit from certain community college professional programs and approved the just released report of the Curriculum Committee on class changes for next year.

Two motions to change the deadline for grade options from six weeks to three weeks after the beginning of the term and to abolish distinctions in professorial ranks were not approved by the Senate.

The inter-institutional transfer proposal would create a committee in a particular academic or professional school which would examine the applicability of credit transfers in technical-vocational courses to specific departments in the university.

Presenting the motion, Richard Ingraham (CSPA) said, "The question is whether skills can proceed concepts instead of concepts proceed skills. We will assure that students get their liberal arts concepts in the last two years."

Robert Kime (Health) argued that many professional services such as inhalation therapy which are now taught in community colleges are in desperate need of qualified instructors who have received subsequent training at a university.

"Block credit is needed in certain areas," he said, "to allow students to become teachers in those critical areas."

Currently, non-transferable courses in community colleges are determined by the State Board of Higher education. The proposed committee would advise the Academic Committee in making a transfer agreement.

Jack Sanders (Religion), a member of the Academic Committee thought the proposal would open up professional requirements that "would remove the general requirements."

Ingraham denied that it would.

Sanders also presented the motion to move the grade option deadline to three weeks instead of six weeks after the beginning of the term. He claimed students who change their option to pass-fail after mid-terms do so to escape "a pejorative grade."

"The tendency is to have P's recorded on the transcript rather than C's," he said.

Senate member Robert Harris (Architecture) argued that many students need the six weeks in order to determine how they should focus their efforts, and questioned why students wouldn't be allowed to "doctor their transcripts."

Sanders replied that the current situation is causing professors to "look at transcripts and assume a P means the student didn't put much effort into the class."

"The real reason for the pass-fail option is to allow a student to learn subject matter and not have to worry about what his grade is," he said.

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Primaries slated Friday for fee board seats

No kidding, it's election time again.

Although ASUO General Elections were just last Wednesday and Thursday, students will be voting in a primary election Friday. The primary — along with a general election that will be held March 7 — is just one more by-product of the passage of Amendment "A," the one that abolished the senate. Also included in that amendment are provisions for a five-person incidental fee committee to distribute some \$800,000 of student incidental fees during the next year.

The primary will narrow down a field of 41 candidates who are running for those five positions. The top two vote-getters for each position will run in the general election next Wednesday.

Voting procedures are similar to those of the last election. Students will receive five computer card ballots, one for each position, after presenting a winter term fee card and photo I.D. card at one of the polling places. Voters may then vote once for each position.

Polling places that will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. include the EMU, the Co-op, and the intersection of 13th and Commonwealth. Polling places at Carson and Hamilton Dorms will be open between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mobile units will also circulate to collect votes at fraternities, sororities and the College Inn.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by presenting a letter of explanation and a winter term fee card to the ASUO Vice President. Upon approval, the student may vote before election day.

A complete listing of the candidates along with their election statements is scheduled to appear as a paid advertising section in Friday's Emerald.

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