

2nd Degree editor discusses graduate isolation

"Graduate students tend to become very isolated in what they're doing," said Charlie Itzin, newly elected editor for Second Degree, a campus newspaper for graduate students. This was one of two problems Itzin pinpointed as the reason for the newspaper's earlier difficulty in reaching the nearly 3,000 graduate students at the University.

The other problem Itzin spoke of was that Second Degree is a new paper and that not enough graduate students were aware of its existence. According to a January telephone survey, however, Itzin said that close to funding for graduate students and other information that would spark graduate students' interest could help to break up their isolation from important events and data focused directly at them.

Itzin, who was editor of a literary journal at the University of Texas and of "counter-culture" newspapers, said that he has learned a lot about putting a newspaper together and that several graduate students have helped him through their interest in writing stories for the newspaper.

The newspaper is funded by the Graduate Student Council, according to Itzin, and carries a cost of \$170 for each issue 60 per cent of the graduate students were familiar with the paper and expected it on a regular basis.

Second Degree was created in the fall of 1972 by the Graduate Student Council and Marc Lifsher, who was editor of the newspaper up until Itzin's recent election to the position. The newspaper, however, evolved

from a newsletter which Lifsher also created.

"Information directly pertaining to graduate students is the newspaper's key factor," said Itzin. He continued by saying that information such as federal published. The work done by graduate students for the paper is

voluntary.

Itzin said he would like to make the Graduate Student Council more of an active voice for the graduate students. Consequently he feels that the GSC's funds for Second Degree will allow the newspaper to grow and serve as a "unifying force among graduate

students" by alerting them about important graduate student information and about what other fellow graduate students are doing.

Vote set . . .

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the committee votes 4-1 to override the veto.)

Wyatt sees electing a new president earlier than was expected as an advantage for the new president. Having a say in the 1973-74 incidental fees budget and having time to appoint executive staff before spring term is over will definitely be a

boon to the new president, he said.

Through all of the discussion about recall this week, Wyatt said he has discovered that the recall portion of the new ASUO Constitution is "meaningless," when applied to the presidential and vice presidential positions.

The constitution provides for no method for electing a new president and vice president, if a current president and vice president are recalled. Since the president and vice president are charged with the responsibility of administering elections, there would be no one left to set up new elections, Wyatt said.

Publicity needed for forests

Speakers at a conference in Portland, March 20, who took a close look at the concern of the public in the management of forest land, both public and private, were in agreement on the need for better means of communication.

The conference, "Public Relations in an Era of Public Involvement; Challenge for the Timber Industry," was held by the Forest Industries Management Center of the University of Oregon College of Business Administration and the Division of Continuing Education.

In a period when the public is evidencing a strong and vocal concern for the quality of life, it follows that the public also wants to be a part of the decision-making that affects the quality of life.

This broad public concern

about environmental quality and dissatisfaction with the kind of land-use ethic in this country have had a strong impact on the Forest Service, declared Theodore A. Schlapfer, Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest.

"Management programs must reflect public wishes," he stated. "For too many years now we have concerned ourselves with the professional posture of land

management without two-way external communication."

The message that the "people want a voice in the way their forests are managed" has broken through to foresters, he said, who think "that the public has every right to be concerned with how public lands are managed."

Schlapfer added that he feels that "private landowners are now just enjoying a grace period."

ACT opposes increase . . .

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was considered by the State Board of Higher Education on March 27.

The proposal stated that rental rates for married student housing at each institution shall be established for each fiscal year by the institutional executive, with the approval of the Chancellor and report to the Board.

The proposal also stated that the rental rates will be established after a public hearing at the institution.

ACT is investigating the proposal to determine whether or not there would be hearings pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act at each institution before the decision about rental rates.

Students needed to help gardening senior citizens

A chance to "cultivate a friendship and some vegetables at the same time" is being offered to students through the Celeste Campbell Senior Community Center in Eugene.

According to Wally Wallberg, a CSPA student who is doing his field study at the center, many senior citizens have gardens but are unable to handle all of the gardening tasks. They would like to meet students who would help them.

"A lot of students who live in apartments would like to have a garden but don't have any room," said Wallberg. "This is a chance for them to have a garden and help other people."

The Celeste Campbell Senior Community Center is operated by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department and is a social and recreational center for people over 55, said Wallberg.

He said that many of the people who participate in activities at the center have backyard gardens and orchards.

"You hear a lot of talk around here between people who can't till their gardens yet would like to have fresh vegetables," Wallberg said.

Students interested in helping a senior citizen with gardening can talk to Wallberg or Bob Eaton at 687-5318, who will help match up the people interested. Details concerning the individual gardening projects will then be worked out between the people concerned.

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