

Campus reacts to Nixon's action



Deborah Pettit

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"I think it's shocking. I hope something will be done about it. Impeachment seems appropriate at this time."

This reaction, by Susan Handy, lecturer in the English department, was typical of responses given by members of the University community when asked about the recent firings of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus, and the resignation of Attorney General Elliot Richardson.

The Emerald conducted on the street interviews on Campus Monday morning to discover the general reaction to the latest developments in the Watergate scandal.

Of 30 people interviewed, 10 would not respond, 18 felt the president should be impeached and two expressed reservations about his latest actions.

"At first I thought it was horrible because I thought for sure Nixon is our dictator now," said Ellen Kennedy, a junior in anthropology. "But now," she added, "I think it is such a stupid move that it is going to mean his downfall. I think he should be impeached and I thought he should have been a long time ago. Now I think he will be impeached for sure."

Robert Smith, professor of economics was

"incensed and frustrated" by the news of the Justice Department shakeup. He felt that "serious consideration should be given to impeachment charges," but was doubtful that Nixon actually will be impeached.

Deborah Pettit, a junior in journalism said she admires Richardson for resigning and believes that "Nixon has overstepped his authority."

"I think it was a pretty bum deal," said Dean Tennant, an employee of Chase Plumbing working outside Allen Hall. A co-



Susan Handy

worker, Del Lang, generally agreed with Tennant. He felt that Nixon should be impeached if legal grounds can be found. "As of now," he added, "they haven't been able to prove anything. He (Nixon) is pretty slippery you know."

Bob Novak, who is currently trying to get into law school said, "I think it is despicable. I

Novak said he feels that Nixon's actions have stymied the possibility of a Supreme Court ruling on the Watergate tapes affair. "Nixon had said that he would abide by a Supreme Court ruling. What he has done has cancelled out any possible ruling."

Many people said they were writing their

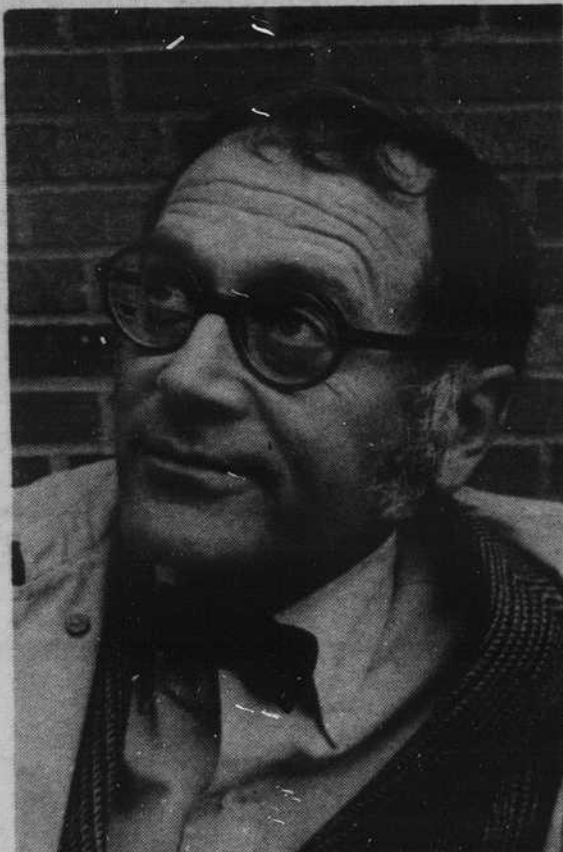
congressmen to express their opinions. Robert Lang of the history department said he is trying to contact Rep. John Dellenback to "encourage him to begin impeachment proceedings immediately."

Dean Wells, a junior in general science said he was "glad to see that Nixon has committed himself to something he won't be able to get out of very easily. I've always thought that Nixon should be gotten rid of. I never liked him. He was corrupt from the beginning."

Vice-president for Student Services Gerald Bogen was "perplexed" by the firings and resignations. "I really don't know what is going to happen," he added. Bogen said that he has "some private opinions I wouldn't choose to share right now."

"It has come to a question of how the people can force the executive to behave according to law," said Jeff Barlow, visiting assistant professor of history. "It seems to be that simple, and I don't know what is left except impeachment."

James Emanuel, senior in general science, was very serious. "I think the republic is in big trouble," he said. "We just have to wait and see. The future of the republic is in the balance. I think Nixon should be impeached as quickly as possible."



Robert Smith

Independent office

Dellenback proposes new special prosecutor

Fourth District Congressman John Dellenback said Monday that he might introduce a bill in the House of Representatives that would create a separate office for a special prosecutor.

In a press statement issued in Washington Dellenback said, "I am deeply disturbed at both resignations (that of Richardson and the firing of Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus and Special Prosecutor Archibald

Cox)." Dellenback said, "from what I understand Richardson made a commitment to Cox to give him independence...what Richardson did was an honorable act."

Dellenback added that "I am deeply upset by the President's action...because as I see it the Cox investigation was progressing exactly as it should have." The Republican congressman said he has his

"staff working on the drafting of legislation which would create a special prosecutor" outside both the executive and legislative branches. Dellenback said Congress could simply create the jurisdiction necessary by statute and then set the man "to get to the truth."

Dellenback said that he would favor appointing Archibald Cox to the position, since he feels "Cox was on much sounder legal

ground than the Senate Watergate Committee."

You have to separate emotion from law said Dellenback, "and I don't think its possible to discuss impeachment until we know the facts."

Lane County Dist. Atty. Pat Horton had a comment on the situation as well. He said that "the action of President Nixon in refusing to obey a final order of the United States Court of Appeals is an act of defiance by a reckless man who is obviously trying to save his own skin at the expense of the American people."

Steinem in Portland...

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country where the equal rights amendment is widely supported but still has no real impact," she added.

Steinem kept busy with speeches and workshops that day. By 9 p.m. she looked worn-out but her enthusiasm seemed inexhaustible.

She responded to several questions from the audience.

When asked about press coverage of the feminist movement, Steinem said little justice has been done.

"It's the kind of coverage we get — it breaks your heart, because it's such a joke." The last time she spoke at a women's convention, Steinem reported the only thing printed was that she hadn't burned any bras lately.

Another press "joke" Steinem cited was the coverage of the second national women's political caucus, which only received an eight-line notice on the obituary page of the New York Times.

When asked about the term "machismo," Steinem coolly responded, "It is to women what Nazis were to Jews."

On "Cosmopolitan" magazine's effect on the movement, Steinem quipped, "It's the unliberated woman's survival kit."

Referring to the feminist movement in general, Steinem termed it a "movement of joy. There's a lot of heartache and anger, but it's a healthy anger because we're not becoming alcoholics or turning against people."

"The real enemy occupies our brain and once we all realize this, we can truly celebrate ourselves and others," she concluded.

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