

Dean denies AOP funds side-tracking. . .

Editor's note: This story is the second part of a three-part series dealing with the current minority program on campus and events that precluded its adoption.

The second part deals with current AOP classes offered through the College of Liberal Arts, and the final part of the series, Friday, will focus on people who were major decision makers, in creating the current program, as well as other influential figures that had an impact on its inception.

By LORI PETERSON
Of the Emerald

While the former Educational Opportunities Services (EOS) served University minority students culturally and socially, the interim Academics Opportunity Program (AOP) offers services to students through limited enrollment classes.

About 188 students were enrolled in AOP classes this term.

The AOP classes served a broad target population of minority and disadvantaged white students, with eligibility for classes based on student's high school grade point averages (GPA), and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

KLCC listeners slate meeting

A KLCC listener support group will hold a meeting at 7:30 tonight at George's Garage, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Blair Street.

The Listener Network (LSN) was formed last week to explore legal avenues to prevent the layoffs of five KLCC staffers. LSN organizers say the meeting's purpose is to inform people of progress that has been made, allow more people to become involved in the group and select a board of directors.

"Our purpose is to encourage student's growth through the regular activities of the institution,"

says John Baldwin, dean of the liberal arts college.

Baldwin believes "those who have been denied access to higher education before have a real opportunity here."

But disadvantaged whites as well as minority students have opportunities in the program. Graduate Teaching Fellows (GTF) carry the bulk of the AOP class instruction. Many of their classrooms are filled totally with minority students, while others have a majority of white students.

"You're going to have these fluctuations," says Baldwin, who would be delighted to see more low-income minority students enrolled in the classes.

But what was not clear during the term was how the students themselves felt about the new interim program, specifically the classes. The Planning Committee on Minority and Disadvantaged Students decided to look into that particular issue.

About 114 students replied to a questionnaire submitted by the committee in late November, to help determine whether the AOP interim program should be continued or not.

Approximately 74 of 144 students, or 65 per cent said the AOP courses "helped me a lot." Only 24 per cent stated "They helped me a little," while ten per cent of the students failed to answer the questionnaire.

Jan Oliver, ASUO president says, "I would be happy too, if I had small classes." Oliver says a more important question would ask them if they were satisfied with the utilization of funds. She says that a number of people are unhappy with how the money was spent.

Oliver questions whether classes are the answer to the minority

problems on campus. "There has been considerable reduction of minority students on this campus," and adds that recruitment last year was "accidental."

Tamanika Ivie, ASUO vice-president for programs and

community affairs, doesn't believe the course material is relevant to ethnic students. "Many of the AOP students are not in these classes," she said.

Baldwin contends there has not been any sidetracking of funds.

...as new charges cited

By KATHRYN SLADE
Of the Emerald

The Student Faculty Grievance Committee reported the results of its investigation into "alleged misuse of authority" in the 1975-76 Academic Opportunities Program (AOP) in a report to the faculty at a General Faculty meeting Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The specific charges against the AOP were:

- demeaning language towards AOP students;
- inappropriate juggling of work-study assignments;
- and awards of financial aid based on the personal reactions of AOP administrators.

The committee's report stated that no factual evidence could be found in support of the charges.

However, the committee found that the present AOP organizational structure appears to have inhibited joint cooperation between AOP officials in causing displays of personal animosity and "shocking abrasiveness" among AOP officials, and between officials and students.

The committee sent the following recommendation to Pres. Boyd in the event of AOP restructuring as a distinct department within the University:

- the AOP should be under close supervision of an AOP director;
- AOP administrators' authority should be limited to the specific function of each officer;
- AOP students should be provided with a written statement specifying the amount of aid given and the nature of the aid, and should be provided an appeals system;
- AOP academic advising be done by the Office of Academic Advising (as is done now).

Program outlines Bornson-Davis plight

By JACKMAN WILSON
Of the Emerald

Two members of the Unemployed Workers' Organizing Committee (UWOC) presented a program Tuesday night in the EMU on the progress of the campaign to free Tom Bornson and Lonnie Davis on bail.

The UWOC is a national organization with chapters in 37 cities. The program was sponsored

by the Revolutionary Student Brigade and included a slide show, a talk on the history of the case and a rendition of "The Ballad of Bornson and Davis" by three brigade members.

Bornson and Davis are serving prison terms of nine and seven years respectively for the takeover of a Portland food stamp office last February.

The UWOC members, Peggy and Dwight Morrill, said the Bornson-Davis case is important because it symbolizes the conditions many people in America face.

"Yes, it was a desperate act," Peggy Morrill said. "But that was no depraved, crazy man who went in there. He had reached the end of the line and his family was starving. He knew he would probably go to prison. But he also knew his family would get food stamps."

Dwight Morrill related how the

"The amount spent for a class ranges from \$800 to \$3,000 depending on who's teaching it," he says. "The AOP office is bending over backwards to make sure the departments are not side-tracking the money."

However, the sociology department pulled out of the program for winter term, somewhat disillusioned about the money situation. In a letter to AOP Dean Willetta Wilson, Donald Van Houten, head of the sociology department said, "We are distressed that monies originally earmarked for minority and economically disadvantaged populations are apparently being used for others."

The problem could be a question of funding, according to David Shipway, Graduate Teaching Fellow in the sociology department.

"If you're going to have remedial programs it should come out of general funding," he says.

He added, "The very assumption that minorities necessarily need remedial programs is itself questionable."

Although the sociology department will not be offering any classes next term, all other departments will continue with their course offerings for AOP students.

judge who sentenced Bornson to prison tried to make a negative example of him. "The judge said, 'I'm giving you nine years because there are a lot of people out there just like you, and we can't have them taking over federal offices.'"

Peggy Morrill said that "this is an example we're going to turn around and use to expose the courts for what they are."

A bail hearing is expected to be scheduled in Marion County Circuit Court this month. The Morrills are worried that if the court decides to set bail the amount will be too much for Bornson, Davis and their supporters to raise.

"Mary (Bornson) is having a hell of a time trying to hold the family together," Dwight Morrill said, explaining that it is essential to the family's well-being that the father be released from prison. The Bornsons have six children.

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MEETINGS

The Baptist Student Union will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Norm Langston's house, 1340 Mill St. #207. The meeting will feature Billie Buckley's explanation of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Interested persons are invited to attend.

The Black Student Union will hold its final general meeting at 7:30 tonight in the EMU, room to be posted.

There will be a guest from Ghana to speak on FESTAC '77. Members and all those interested in going to FESTAC '77 in Nigeria should attend.

LECTURES

Chi-Chao Wu, from the space research department at the University of Groningen in The Netherlands will speak on "A Study of X-ray Nova A0620-00 and Optical NOVA Cygni 1975" at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 16, Science I. His lecture is part of the physics department's colloquium series.

Harold Wong, visiting assistant professor of economics, will speak on "The Relative Economic Status of Chinese, Japanese, Blacks and White Men in California" at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 189, PLC.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Department of Chinese and Japanese is sponsoring a no-host luncheon at noon Friday in the EMU, room to be posted. This luncheon is in

honor of state Rep. Nancie Fadeley, who returned last week from a trip to the People's Republic of China. All interested persons are welcome.

Prints, posters, greeting cards and gifts from the People's Republic of China will be on sale at a China Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today next to the EMU Main Desk. Publications from People's Republic of China will also be available at the bazaar.

The Gerontology Association is sponsoring its fall forum entitled "Death in Our Lives," from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in the EMU, room to be posted. The program will deal with the theories and attitudes concerning death as it affects each one of us. The program features noted guest speakers in the field of death. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

LISTEN (Listener Support Network) will hold a public meeting at 7:30 tonight at George's Garage, 341 Van Buren. The purpose will be to discuss the recent firing of five staff members at KLCC and to discuss KLCC's role as a community-oriented radio station. Everyone is encouraged to attend and express their views on these issues.

The Deutsches Haus and the German department are throwing a Weihnachtsfest (Christmas party) Friday, beginning at 8 p.m. Singing and refreshments will be provided. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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