

Travelers drift through depot...

...always moving on

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A squall caught me unaware one day recently as I rode my bicycle through the city. It poured so hard it soon became dangerous to be on the road without pontoons, so I took refuge under the entranceway to a bus depot in hopes the rain would be brief.

I soon noticed a blind man in front of me just before the curb. I didn't know how long he had been there for I was absorbed in my own soggy plight, but as I watched, it seemed the rain had him completely immobilized. He was turning in slow circles tapping a white cane into puddles on the sidewalk. What a din the rain must have been to his over-sensitive ears!

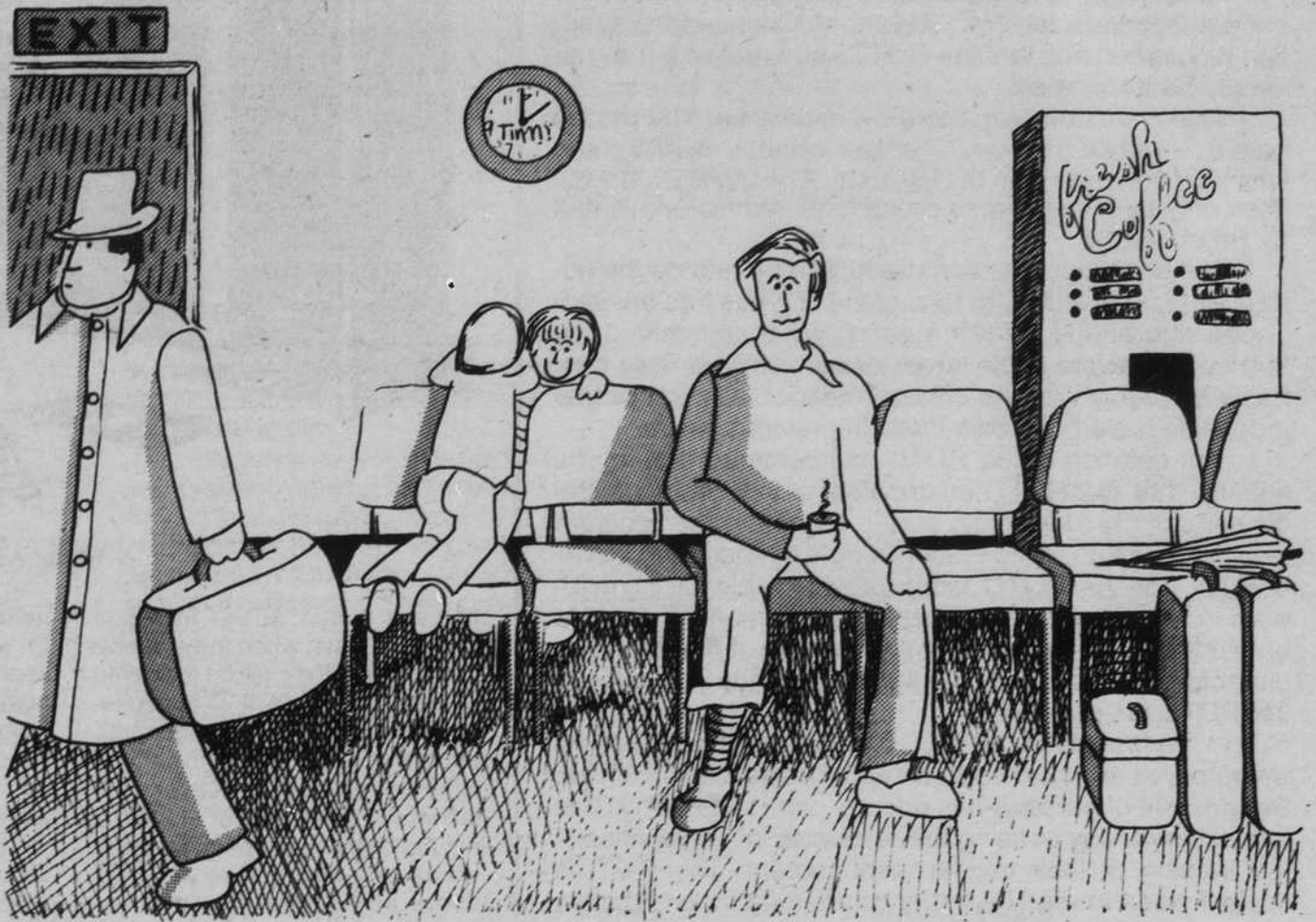
Just as I began to think that I should call out to him or help him out of the rain, a bearded man appeared from nowhere, took the blind man by the arm saying, "I don't know where you're going buddy, but you shore shouldn't be out in this rain," and whisked him around the corner as if he were made of cardboard.

The rain continued and I decided to brave the price of a cup of coffee inside.

Passengers ornamented with luggage passed in every direction as I searched for a pencil in my coat pocket among the damp kleenex, half soggy match books and miscellaneous scraps of paper.

An Indian sitting by the window glanced despondently at the rain as he clutched a coffee cup. A young girl, looking lonely, sat in the corner. Little kids hurried about laughing happily as a girl who looked like a blonde gypsy brought a cup of coffee to an elderly lady. I gagged on mine. Too much sugar.

Outside the rain fell harder and a man wearing a



Drawing by Kathy Avanzino

cowboy hat pushed a disabled import off the road. Another man took shelter under the overhang where I had stood moments before.

Then as suddenly as it began, a patch of blue broke the dark sky and the rain ceased. An intercom announced

tinnily the bus leaving "to Portland, Hood River, Corvallis, Pasco..." and the passengers, like a flock of wet geese, departed in a flurry of cigarette smoke, umbrellas and luggage leaving the cafeteria oddly empty.

But as I left I noticed a fresh crowd coming in.

Administrators, faculty bridge communication gap

University Pres. William Boyd and Paul Olum, vice-president of academic affairs, fielded two hours worth of questions during an informal discussion with department heads Tuesday. The session was an attempt to clear some communication gaps between the administration and the faculty.

"The purpose of this meeting was so the president and I could meet with the department heads and give them a chance to talk about some of the things that are bothering them," said Olum. "We didn't bring them together to brief them on anything. We don't meet regularly with the department heads but they have a tremendously important job to do."

Some of the issues discussed

were tenure, research grants, staff appointments, summer salaries and possible changes in administrative budgeting policies.

Olum expressed his support of strengthening the University's established assets. "At this point everything is open to discussion on how to build a better university," said Olum.

"I would have made the same decision about cutting the CSPA and the School of Librarianship," he continued. "I cannot say for Pres. Boyd, but I would have made those same cuts with a level budget. Roughly \$300,000 that was in CSPA will get re-allocated."

Several professors complained about the long hours they are compelled to devote to their teach-

ing duties, leaving little or no extra time for the research which is important to career advancement. "We tend to be compulsive workers, we don't stop at 40 hours to do research," one professor said.

When discussing research grants and travel budgets one professor remarked, "the bind right

now seems to be that the money is going somewhere, but where?"

Another professor suggested to the administration that "possibly the University has done a poor job in giving the public a favorable view of research. We should work on convincing the faculty and the public that this is what the Univer-

sity is all about."

Several department heads expressed concern that what they termed mediocre programs, such as CSPA, are in danger of major budgetary cuts but have no criteria on how to build stronger programs in order to avoid extinction.

Vacation College expands

Something new will be added to the schedule for summer session this year. The University has expanded its popular Vacation College to include a special session strictly for families.

The Vacation College is based on a Danish philosophy of education, which has earned a reputation of emphasizing the need for personal freedom. The programs combine course work with recreation and cultural activity.

The new family version of Vacation College will be on campus from July 17 to July 22. The other Vacation College for adults, in its 14th summer, is from Aug. 14 to 21.

According to Effie Fairchild, there are no entrance requirements, examinations or college credit for Vacation College. Instead, lectures by faculty members are followed by informal discussions.

Students will attend classes in the morning and engage in leisure-time activities in the afternoons. Evening events include plays, concerts, slide shows and movies.

Children attending the family Vacation College will be entertained with games, swimming, dancing, story-telling and other activities for different age levels, under the supervision of recreation majors.

Housing is available in the University dormitories. Costs for those living on-campus are \$136 for each adult, \$50 for each child between 13 and 18, \$40 for children five to 12 and \$10 for children under five. These fees cover all expenses.

Families living off-campus will be charged \$105 for each adult, \$37 for each child over five and \$10 for children under five. This covers all costs except room and breakfasts. All other meals are paid for through the fees.

Persons interested in attending either of the Vacation College sessions available during summer 1977 should write for further information to: Vacation College, Summer Session, University of Oregon, Eugene.

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