

KWAX head resigns after 13 years

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Dr. John Sheperd, director of Broadcast Services, told his staff early Thursday morning that he has requested and been granted permission to be "relieved of his duties as of August 1978."

"I have become convinced that it is important for programs to have changes of personnel," he explained. "It is sometimes a good idea for administrators to serve their time and then step aside in order to get

some new ideas into the system."

Shepherd, who has been with the broadcasting department since its development in 1957, has been in charge of broadcast services 13 years.

He said his decision to resign was not a sudden one, but something he has been considering for some time. "Ever since the station passed the 10-watt stage, I have increasingly neglected my own projects," he remarked.

Shepherd met with University Pres. Wil-

liam Boyd Sept. 9 to discuss "problems that relate to some of the business of KWAX and the appointment of the new vice-president for social services."

He notified Boyd Sept. 16 by letter of his resignation. "It's the perfect time for me to make this move because the new vice-president is coming," he said Thursday. After the position is filled, the administration will be making some major decisions about the future of the broadcast division.

Shepherd said he decided to make his decision public now because he felt the

staff should have "the longest possible time to think about the directions we (the broadcast division) might want to go in."

He plans to apply for a grant to study the National Board of Canada and will take a sabbatical fall term 1978 to study it further. Winter term he will return to the University to resume teaching and research in the speech department.

Shepherd says he is looking forward to being involved in "creative pursuits" and to working with students again.

Computing system lacks policy objectives

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A national search is underway to fill the position of University Computing director, but interim director Wayne Wiitanen, assistant professor of biology, faces other problems with the campus computing system.

As the spokesman and coordinator of computer policy, Wiitanen is focusing on where the computer system is headed.

"The computers are getting old and need to be updated," he says. "The electronics frequently fail after they have been in operation for eight to 10 years. We have to replace them."

Wiitanen also complained of the difficulty in gaining interest from new faculty members because of the outdated system.

Before the computers can be replaced, a consistent University

agreement on policy must be secured, according to Wiitanen. This is achieved by discussing political and practical questions with computer staff members and faculty. Students are not involved in these debates, as they are highly technical, he explains.

"A lot of factors are involved in formulating a policy," Wiitanen said. "By means of consultation we will decide what to replace."

Replacing the computers takes from six months to two years.

The three main computers located in the computing center on 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street support three areas of University operation: instruction, research and administration.

Computers are scattered throughout the University in many departments. Wiitanen uses them for the biology department to map graphs from data collected in

physiological experiments. The departments of chemistry, psychology and physics also use computers to decipher their problems.

Computers have endless uses, as verified by the overwhelming demand for microcomputers. Offices and households are purchasing these \$600 mini-computers and programming them to schedule appointments, turn off lights, figure biorhythms and even plan menus. Wiitanen analyzes the process of programming a computer as an extension of the programmer's own personality.

"Those who like problem-solving tend to gravitate to computers," says Wiitanen. "Just like people who enjoy rebuilding Hi-Fi sets."

Computers have numerous advantages, he says, because they never complain about salaries or long hours, never get bored, impatient or irritable. If you want your computer to talk to you, there are voice boxes on the market.

"If you don't have a friend, you can talk to your computer," says Wiitanen.

The mention of the word "com-

puter" might discomfort a lot of people because of its obscurity or their own lack of knowledge. Wiitanen says this is perfectly understandable.

"Computers are very impersonal and cold. But today we live in a technical society and if you feel computers are your enemy, you should get to know them."

The Department of Computer Science offers several introductory courses, most of them requiring prerequisites in math. "It is a tool for doing problems," says Wiitanen. "If it's not fun, don't do it."

IFC reviews tripartite Asian union leadership

The Asian/American Student Union (AASU) went before the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) Wednesday to seek permission to expand its leadership from one to three directors.

AASU director Mike Kan cited an excess of work and a desire for increased effectiveness as primary reasons for the request. The present director's salary would be split three ways.

IFC members expressed concern over a possible overlap of responsibility by the three directors. Kan assured the committee that definite areas of responsibility would be delegated to each director. No action was taken on the proposal until further study could be made.

In the only vote of the day, the committee, by the recommendation of IFC member Doug Benson, voted unanimously to appropriate \$224 to SEARCH Director Andrew Freeman for travel expenditures. Freeman is scheduled to travel to Illinois for the National Free University Conference Oct. 22 and 23.

Other requests were heard from the Women's Referral and Resource Service and Developmental Studies. The Women's Referral and Resource Service asked for

money to hire an administrative assistant, and Developmental Studies requested funds for a projected deficit on an upcoming symposium on Sigmund Freud. Both requests were assigned further examination.

The next IFC meeting is Oct. 13.

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1947 Alums to hold reunion, watch Ducks

Members of the University of Oregon's class of 1947 will reunite this weekend at the Valley River Inn.

Cost of reunion events includes \$4.50 per person for the pre-game brunch, \$8 per person for football game tickets, \$9 per person for dinner and \$2 per person for the bus trip to Autzen Stadium.