

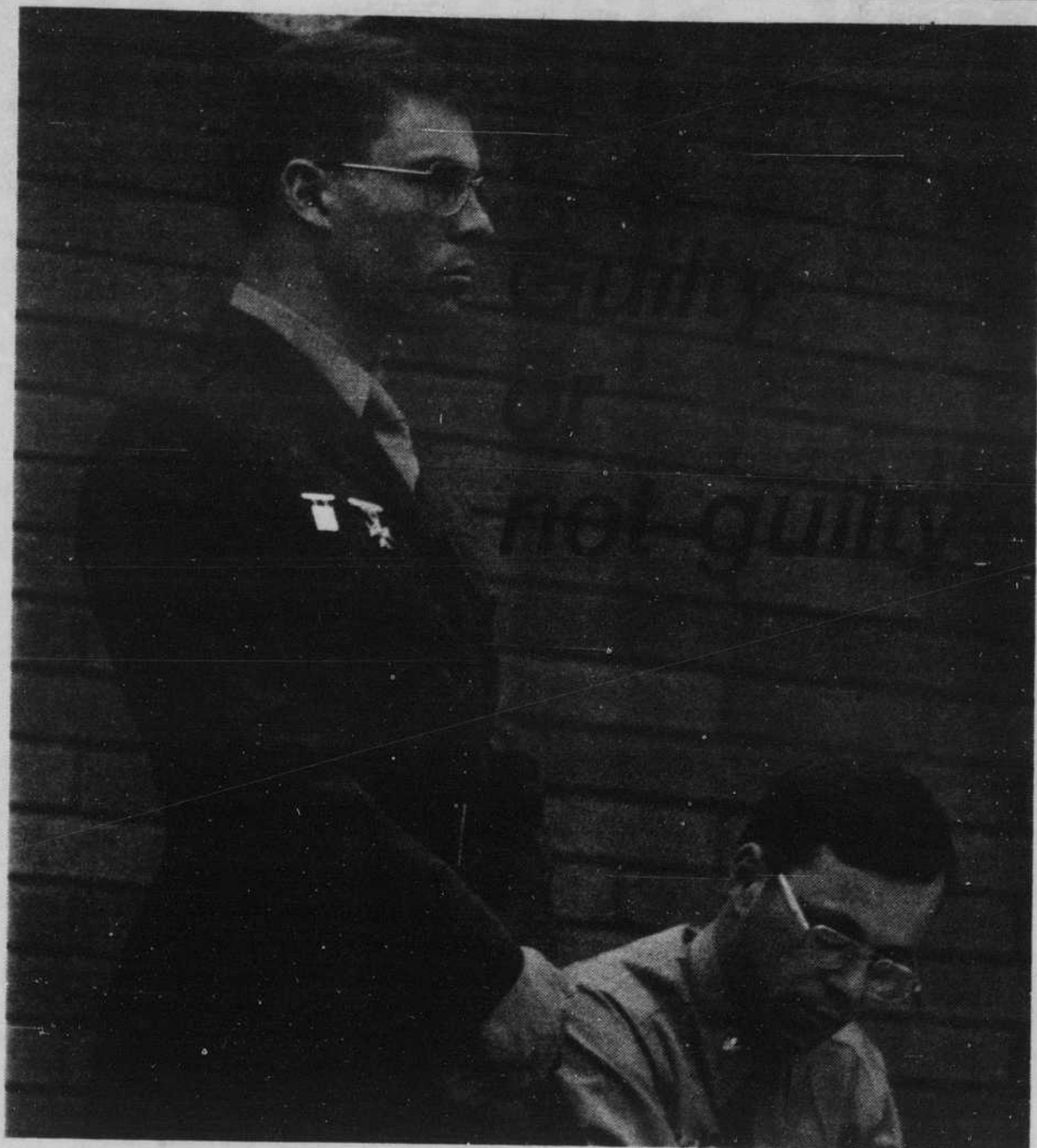


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Marine Corps stages fake trial

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It didn't look good for private Schull. They had discovered the stolen \$43 in a secret compartment of his wallet. The prosecuting attorney wasn't missing a trick. Schull had a reputation, recalled his commander—a reputation for losing things.

If the trial were to keep going this way, it could mean court martial. Schull looked worried.

But no matter how many times Private Schull loses his case, he keeps getting retried. It's all part of a Marine Corps effort to show how the Marine judiciary conducts its business. The court martial troop played before a law school audience Wednesday.

Kent Studebaker, a former court martial lawyer, has been part of the short-haired troop for two years. Wednesday, he played the judge.

"We're trying to show the opportunities for lawyers in the military," he commented. "It's a good life, with all the pensions."

As the troop moves about the Northwest, they vary their act to keep things interesting. Sometimes they change the suspect's name. Sometimes they change the crime.

Private Schull allegedly stole \$43 between zero 8:30 and zero 9:30 from another private's locker, while no one was looking. As the trial built to a climax Wednesday and the testimony of Schull's comrades was heard and the mystery behind the \$43 theft unraveled, the law student audience fell asleep.

In the many times he has been tried for this crime, Schull has never been executed. In the script he pleads guilty, which cuts down on his chances of winning the case. Yet a three-member jury appointed from the audience acquits him now and then.

Some members of the cast who have gotten to know Schull feel he may be innocent. Wednesday's jury, however, gave him the ax.

The scene looked real enough, put on by the Marine Corps for law students Wednesday afternoon, but these two Marines were only playing roles in a fake trial.

Commission votes for minimum wage

By CAROLYN BEAVER
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Members of the Oregon State Scholarship Commission (OSSC) voted 4-3 Tuesday to support paying the federal minimum wage for college work study students.

Jeff Lee, OSSC executive director, says "There were mixed feelings on the part of the commission ... as to whether it was under the purview of the commission to make a comment on minimum wage in regards to student minimum wage."

Some members felt the issue should be left to the "internal operations of each institution" and that "the State System (of Higher Education) was doing what was legally right," says Lee.

The commission is "not an administrative agency ... so we couldn't make a recommendation, but we could state that we support the concept," Lee says.

The OSSC has jurisdiction over all Oregon schools' financial aid programs. They deal with work study student workers rather than non-work study student employees. Work study employees are granted a certain amount they may earn in the school year and are not allowed to "overmeet their need," says Lee.

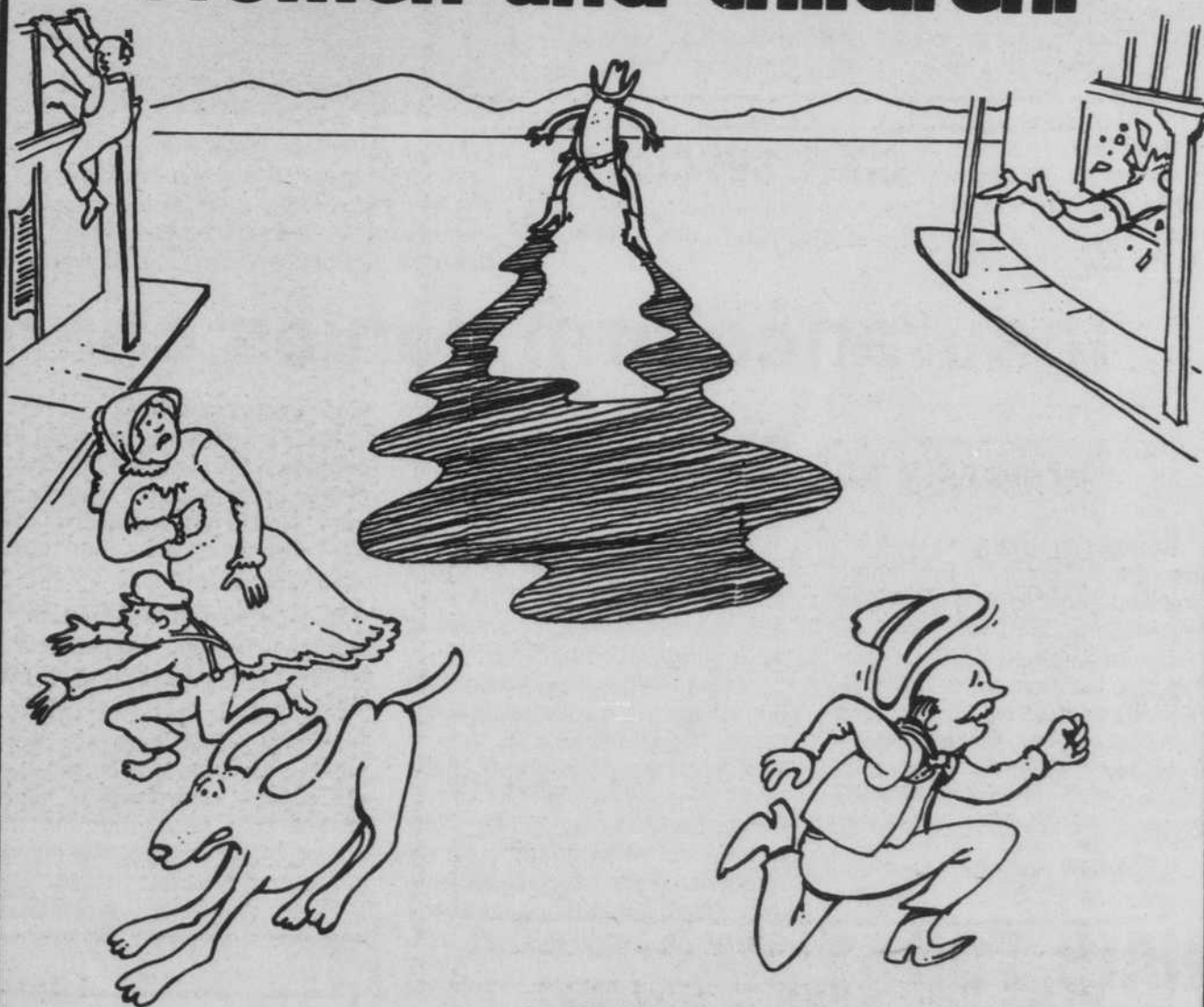
Many student workers say if the minimum rate was paid, they would have to work fewer hours to meet the amount set aside for them. It would allow them to spend more time with school-related activities.

Lee says the commission's decision should "be somewhat supportive, but I don't think it will cause any institution to roll over and go to the minimum wage." Besides, he says, "We still didn't feel we should be telling the institutions what to do."

In drastic cases, "If an institution was doing something wrong or illegal," says Lee, the commission could alter its financial aid disbursement plan. But he says the move is too "heavy a hammer" and adds he's never seen it used.

Lee has faith that "logic will prevail" in the matter and that student workers will eventually be paid minimum wage.

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