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Boyd reviews University issues

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Summertime, and the student's livin' gets easy. But a few tough University issues have struggled along during the academic year and will no doubt still be alive in the fall.

University Pres. William Boyd offered his perspective in a recent interview on matters like the recent sociology hiring dispute, the tuition increase and enrollment prospects.

• **Sociology:** "I am distressed to see something defined as an academic freedom violation," Boyd says. "Their (the students) complaint is with how the University is governed."

Boyd says he sees nothing to indicate that anyone's freedom to teach or publish is hindered. But he thinks the equating of student participation with faculty in decisions such as appointments, promotion, tenure and the shaping of curriculum is a "vestigial remain of a romantic moment in University life."

He adds that the trend away from student votes on those matters is occurring nationally.

"It's not that no gains were made," Boyd says. "I think we will always have more student participation than before. I don't think we'll ever go back to disenfranchisement of the student that once existed."

Tuition increase: "I don't think it will affect the enrollment in the short term," Boyd says. "I still am distressed by it for other, long-term reasons. There will come a point when continued increases in tuition will start reducing access to higher education."

Boyd acknowledges that education costs cannot be held immune from inflation, but believes if they continue to climb unbridled, a less highly educated society will result.

"At some point in the future, public policy has got to be re-thought," he says. "The state needs to decide who is the beneficiary of what forms of education."

A "loose, pluralistic approach" to education is the genius of the American system, he adds. "But we've got to keep it economically feasible. The system is working but alternatives must be sought."

Boyd says he was very sympathetic to the arguments against the tuition hike



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presented by the student lobby, but because of the underfunding problem, the board "couldn't take any other action."

"I am really proud of the fact that our students play such an important part of the process," he remarks. "It makes for a better informed board."

Enrollment: "We will not be all right for some time. It will be a persistent problem," Boyd says. But the president thinks the continuing decline can be turned around, especially with better representation of the University to high schools and community colleges around the state.

University budget: Boyd says a change in legislative strategy should produce better financial results for the next biennium. "The most important strategic decision was to abandon the approach in the past where the colleges and universities made individual proposals. We're going to have much more cooperation... what's a legislator to believe when he hears seven different

stories?"

Boyd says among the top shared priorities the institutions will be seeking are increased funds for library acquisitions and the physical plant and for replacing outdated equipment.

Faculty course evaluation: Boyd is against them being made public, because since they are faculty records it "should be a faculty decision."

He observed that student grades are no longer publically posted — "it was an abuse" — and thinks it ironic that students now wish to post faculty "grades."

The student "work ethic": Several weeks ago, Boyd commented that students seem to have less at stake in the "work ethic," and speculated that might be a factor in the trend away from carrying at least 15 hours per term.

Boyd now thinks the comment got more attention than it merited.

"Of course it's speculation as to why students are now willing to pay for a full load and carry less," he says. "Students used to brag about how many hours they could carry."

"The trend has been for the perfectly competent student to carry less than he could. Whether or not there has been a decline in the work ethic, it's certainly true that they have a freedom from it that permits them to carry less." Boyd is quick to add that his opinion is not judgmental, though personally he thinks the attitude is "wasteful."

"If students took heavier loads, they would not find themselves enjoying it less."

Boyd says he doesn't see any evidence that students spend more time working to support themselves than they have in the past, and discounts that as a possible factor in the decreased class loads.



Fred Friendly

Commencement features news exec

Fred Friendly, the former president of CBS news will be the featured speaker during the one hundredth spring commencement ceremony Sunday at the University.

More than 2,100 degree candidates are expected to participate in the ceremony, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. at Hayward Field. In the event of bad weather, the program will be moved indoors to McArthur Court.

The occasion offers special significance to the featured speaker. One of the University's first buildings, Friendly Hall, is named in honor

of Friendly's grandfather Samuel, University regent and founder.

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He also served as producer of Edward R. Murrow's acclaimed "See It Now" television series and also produced the "Small World"

series with Murrow.

In 1964, after winning 40 major awards as executive producer of "CBS Reports," Friendly was named president of CBS News. He served in that capacity until 1966.

A frequent contributor to the New York Times Opinion Editorial page, Friendly has written many major articles and two books on broadcasting and press freedom.

Friendly's talk and the entire University commencement ceremony will be televised live by the Oregon Educational and Public Broadcast System.