

Chancellor molds higher ed future

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Survives controversy

In his large, second-floor office in Johnson Hall, the chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, must face issues his predecessors never dreamed of.

Faculty unionism, minimum wage standards, affirmative action and social issues such as divestment of southern Africa-related stocks require Roy Lieuallen's attention, as well as the more mundane financial task of running eight institutions of higher learning.

Lieuallen weathers the debate over these critical issues with a quiet, forceful manner, sitting in a position that allows him leeway to operate effectively behind the scenes, though not always with success.

As an example, he steadfastly opposed demands that the State Board of Higher Education divest Southern Africa-related stocks from the state system's endowment fund.

"On principle," he says, "I don't think a university ought to declare a position on social issues, but should encourage individuals to."

Taking a position tends to close out debate that is contrary to the position, he claims.

But the state board, moved by testimony from South Africans, religious groups and students, voted to divest. The chancellor must now administer that decision, and he has come to agree with it.

"Occasionally, an issue can become so repugnant and revolting that we have no choice," he now says.

In reality, such issues occupy a small part of Lieuallen's time.

Lobbying for the state system's budget is paramount during the legislative session, and he has established himself as an effective operator in this critical arena.

Chancellor since 1961, Lieuallen had to handle rapid enrollment increases in the late 1960s. He says the state system's greatest accomplishment during his tenure has been the "maintenance of reasonable stability" during this period, at least in the quality of faculties.

His greatest disappointment is that support services have received inadequate funding.

"We avoided any major erosion of faculty quality," he says, "but it resulted in no funds for library support or



Chancellor Roy Lieuallen

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physical plant maintenance."

Now funding for those support services must be brought up to par in a political climate that demands reduced government expenditures, he adds.

Lieuallen is quick to point out that the share of personal income devoted to higher education has declined over the past decade, while human resources expenditures and support of community colleges has risen rapidly over the same period.

"If you examine these facts, you have to conclude something other than the Department of Higher Education

caused the taxpayer's revolt. Gov. Vic Atiyeh's support of the state system's proposed biennial budget bears out his contention, Lieuallen says.

The predominantly Democratic Legislature still seems supportive of budget-raising social programs, and higher education has few friends and many critics in Salem. Lieuallen admits public higher education could suffer in the budgeting process, though he is optimistic that it will not.

Already, a legislative committee has recommended an increase in the share of tuition graduate non-residents pay, up to 50 percent from 38 percent, which translates into a 32 percent dollar increase.

Lieuallen says this action will limit graduate enrollment on the wrong basis — ability to pay — rather than ability to do the work.

Graduate tuition will remain low in Oregon, compared to other states, but the committee's action makes more pressing a project Lieuallen has advocated for some time — coordination of graduate programs in the 13 Western states, with a framework for student exchange programs between these states.

"We simply cannot afford for each institution to strive for excellence in all fields," the chancellor says. The state has done a lot to limit the proliferation and duplication of programs, but Lieuallen says the efforts so far are not good enough.

Another budget problem facing Lieuallen is minimum wage. Student workers have demanded that they be paid the federal minimum wage, but the state board sides-stepped the issue by voting in 1978 to allow institutions to decide individually whether they would pay minimum wage.

Only Portland State University, whose president has a history of siding with students, now pays the \$2.90 hourly rate as policy.

In an easily achieved compromise, the board agreed to include a \$2 million line item budget, and the Oregon Student Lobby has made minimum wage one of its three goals this session.

Lieuallen says he will retire in 1982 when he reaches age 65, but more controversies and challenges remain for his tenure as chancellor. The effectiveness with which he handles them will help shape Oregon's higher education during the next decade.

IFC cools down, turns to EMU programs

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The Incidental Fee Committee cooled down as it moved from Tuesday's heated discussion of the EMU administration to informational hearings on EMU programs Wednesday night.

Representatives of the Child Care and Development Center, the Craft Center, the Outdoor Program and Recreation and Intermural Sports explained the operation of their programs to the committee.

Student access to CCDC could be seriously affected if Gov. Atiyeh's plan to

cut child care funding passes through the Legislature, said Wanda Venturacci, director of the center, adding that many student parents presently have some of their child care costs subsidized through the Children's Services Division.

"Child care is not a high priority in Oregon," said Venturacci. "If Atiyeh's plan is approved by the Legislature, it will alter child care in the state and alter our budget. There's no way to tell yet if the plan will pass and what effect it will have on the CCDC."

The CCDC takes care of 163 children per day, from 15 weeks old to grade school age. CCDC also runs an after school program for children of working parents, said Venturacci. A majority of the parents

for both the day care and the after school program are students, she added.

The Outdoor Program sponsors field trips from eclipse watching to river rafting and canoeing, co-director Bruce Mason told the committee.

IFC member Kevin Chambers praised the program for saying it could operate on a reduced budget. "It's great to see one program at least admit that," he said.

"With too much money, we could get away from our purpose and participation," explained Mason. "That would hurt our trips."

The Craft Center also heard praise from the committee for its workshops, classes

and studio. "This is the best cost efficient program we've seen," said Chambers. "The amount of services offered to students compared with the amount of money the IFC gives you is great."

The committee asked the Recreation and Intermural Sports representative to look into the possibility of having the Physical Education Department pay for game officials. Currently the department pays for women's and men's sports but not coed teams.

The IFC will hear reports from the Cultural Forum and Club Sports today beginning at 4:15 p.m. Friday the committee will decide on Athletic Department subsidy. Funding hearing will begin March 28.

ask the sexpert

This is a weekly column by Planned Parenthood of Lane County. Send questions to the Emerald, 300 EMU, or call Planned Parenthood at 344-1611.

If a man blows air into a woman's vagina while interacting sexually, will it kill her? I heard this is true.

Air blown into the vagina of a pregnant woman could lead to a fatal air embolism of the mother's brain by forcing air into the blood vessels that line the uterus. Deaths (although rare) have occurred this way.

For the same reason, pregnant women are advised against oral-genital sex or douching with a bulb syringe.

What about the non-pregnant woman? Usually this is not a problem. But if air is blown under fairly high pressure, there is a

possibility of the air entering the uterus, traveling through the fallopian tubes and eventually reaching the abdominal cavity. This could cause an infection from bacteria present in the air, and abdominal discomfort since air is not normally present in the abdominal cavity.

You might be interested to know that the Rubin test for infertility involves releasing carbon dioxide gas into the uterus to determine if the fallopian tubes are blocked. If they are, there is no passage of gas. If gas does pass into the abdominal cavity, the patient will experience some temporary shoulder pain (yes, shoulder!) from gas that is trapped next to the diaphragm. The carbon dioxide is soon absorbed, causing no damage.

Returning to your example, remember that the air may contain bacteria, therefore, sustained hard blowing is not wise.

Are uncircumcised men more susceptible to venereal disease?

No. The presence of a foreskin does not increase the chances of contracting VD, nor does it provide any immunity. Occasionally the foreskin will hide a painless lesion (as with syphilis), but if the foreskin is pulled back for regular cleansing, the chances of overlooking a lesion are reduced.

Could a diaphragm with spermicidal jelly already smeared on it be kept handy for example in an empty cigar box until luse? Say the jelly was put on early one evening, would there be any argument against taking it out of a bedside box and using it the next morning? Does spermicidal jelly become less effective when exposed to air?

We advise the use of a cigar box to store the "ready-to-go" diaphragm for a few reasons.

First, although the cigar box is not likely to do any damage to your diaphragm, the air can dry out the jelly, since jelly contains some water.

Secondly, thickness of the jelly would change overnight, thus providing less protection when inserted the next morning. Jelly has a shelf life of two years, but when taken out of the tube, it is generally not effective after a few hours.

For the most protection, insert the diaphragm no more than six hours before intercourse, and keep it in six to eight hours afterwards.

It is probably not worth the risk to keep it out overnight and depend on the jelly to still be as effective in the morning.