

Campus administrators take afternoon off

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Everyone has problems, and all too often they occur on Friday afternoons.

For example, the graduate student needs a manuscript reviewed for weekend revisions, the flunking undergraduate needs some questions answered, and the absent-minded professor discovers he didn't order enough supplies for next week's lab.

All of these people may find themselves in a common dilemma as they arrive at the appropriate administrator's office to find he's out until Monday morning.

From 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m., administrators' offices were called. Out of 26 administrators, 17 of them — 65 percent — were out until Monday.

The first call was to University Pres. William Boyd. He was in, and explained that an administrator is required to work "as many hours as is required to get the job done. There is no set amount of hours established beyond a minimum of 40 hours per week."

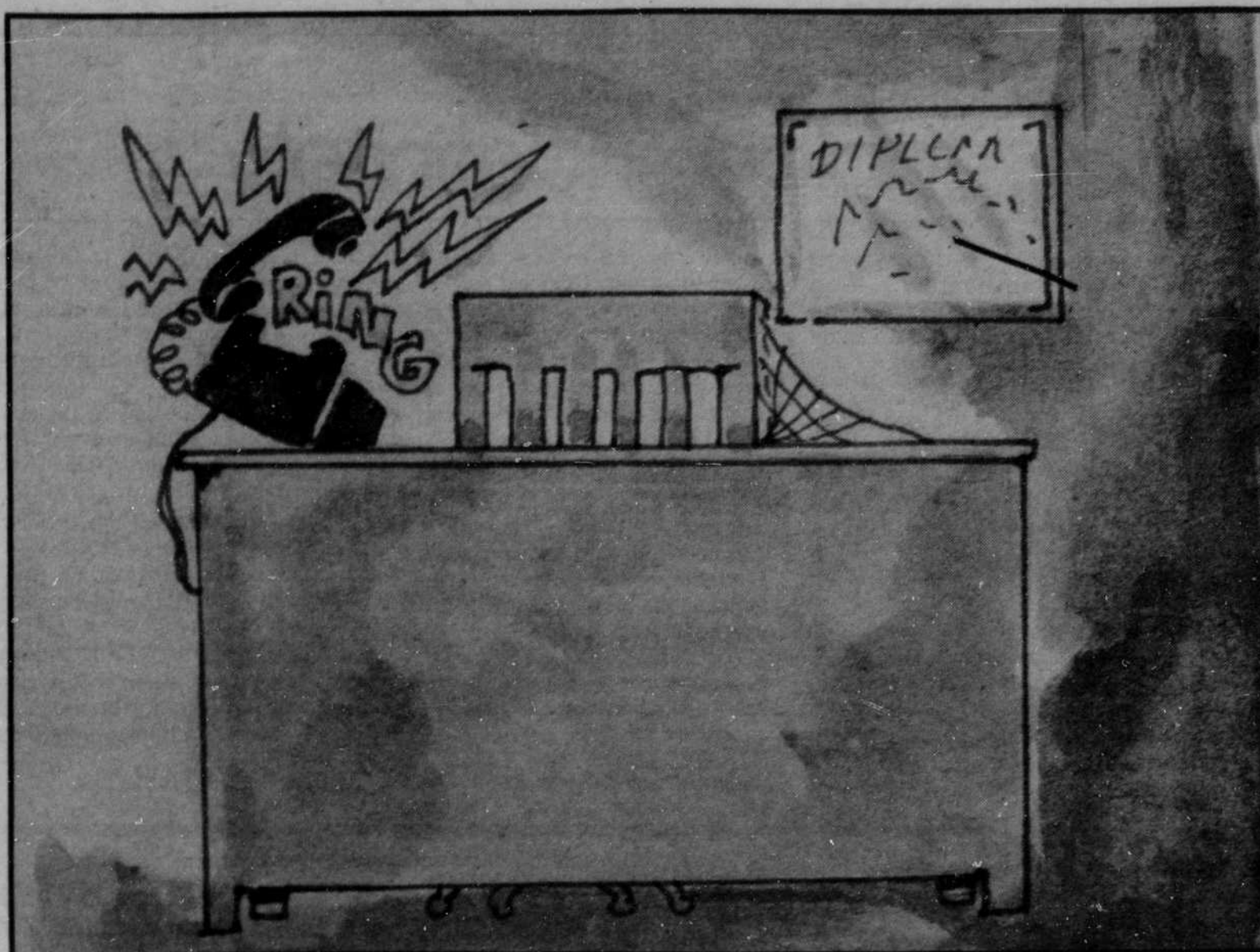
The standard University office hours, according to Ray Hawk, vice president of administration and finance, are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"However, the hours vary by function," he added. "The business office, for example, closes early in order to balance as a bank does. Other offices, like the health center, are open 24 hours a day."

"Administrators normally work more than 40 hours per week, including after hours and on weekends," Boyd said. "I would be suspicious of any administrator not working more than 40 hours, because that would be an indication to me of an overstaffed office."

Administrators out when called were: Scott Bassett, ASUO president; William McLaughlin, business manager; Shirley Wilson, academic advising director; Neil Murray, director of career planning and placement; Robert Bowlin, dean of students; Robert Gilbert, dean of the college of education; Eaton Conant, director of the institute of industrial and labor relations; Galen Rarick, dean of the journalism school; Kenneth Erickson, director of the field training and services bureau; Alan Kimball, director of the honors college, and Ed Vignoul, financial aid office director.

"Deans and directors' normal working hours are from 9 to 5," Hawk said. "But many commonly work through their lunch hours, and leave an hour early. Also, there is no overtime compensation, so whatever they do beyond 40 hours is extra. The University's policy is a flexible one, based upon professional ethics."



Graphic by Tom Ettel

At 4:30 p.m., Richard Hill, dean of the Wallace school of community services and public affairs, was not in, but someone in his office said he would return before 5 p.m. He wasn't in when called again.

Norma McFadden, director of affirmative action, was also out when she was called, and the person on the phone said she, too, would return before 5 p.m. When she was called back she indeed had returned, and she was answering her own phone.

Offices with no answer include the Communications Research Center, the Institute for Communications and Art Studies, the Ethnic Studies and the Health, P.E. and Recreation office.

"I do realize work comes with peaks and valleys," Boyd said. "Sometimes there is a tremendous amount of work requiring many long hours, such as the computing center at registration, and other times there are slack periods. It is not a steady rhythm."

At 4:45 p.m., Graduate School Dean Aaron Novick was on another line, a reporter was told. Would he like to leave a message? No, he'd call back. When he did, Novick was working on memos, a book review and correspondence, he said.

Also out were John Baldwin, dean of the college of arts and sciences, who was out of town until Wednesday, and Lois McCarty, director of alumni relations, who was at the Oregon-Arizona football game.

'Guide' causes ASUO rift

The Guide will be published next term, says ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett.

But at Monday's Incidental Fee Committee meeting, Bassett met with opposition from members of the IFC who said it was unrealistic to make that decision.

Last week the committee learned that The Guide has already spent all but \$400 of its \$5,180 allocation for the year. More than \$2,000 of that money was spent to publish a calendar which IFC member Dusty Rhodes said was not to be published with IFC money.

The Guide publishes a guide to course selection every term.

"It's nothing less than a pipe dream, a charade and a disservice to students to say The Guide will be published on \$400," Rhodes said. "To run

into a deficit situation ignores what budgeting means."

But Bassett said The Guide can be published without running a debt if professionals are hired to sell advertising for the program.

Last week Bassett said he opposed hiring professional ad salespeople. "That's not the purpose of the program. Students should do the work," he had said.

Monday, however, Bassett said professionals should be hired to "bail us out of a bad situation."

Bassett told the committee its purpose was to hear requests for money allocations and act on them. It is not, he said, to formulate policy.

"It's premature to look at a course of action," he said.

Rhodes countered that Bas-

sett has no authority to allow a state agency to operate in a deficit situation.

Bassett conceded that The Guide "may possibly need more money."

Don Chalmers, director of the Office of Student Advocacy, said The Guide should not be allowed to go into deficit.

"To allow The Guide to go into a deficit would not promote fiscal prudence. One of your jobs is to insure fiscal prudence," he told Bassett.

Chalmers outlined options available to the committee and Bassett.

He said The Guide could be published for \$400 with an adjusted format, but the quality would not be at its usual level. He added that it could be sold for 10 cents a copy to raise revenue.

Marriage workshop seeks volunteers

As part of an ongoing research project, local couples are being recruited to participate in a free workshop sponsored by the Oregon Marital Studies Program at the University.

The workshop is designed to help couples in committed relationships develop ways for maintaining and enhancing the quality of their relationship, according to project coordinator Gary Wieder. It will also provide methods for effectively resolving conflicts.

The project will extend

over a two-month period, but most of the workshop tasks can be completed in the couples' homes.

Couples will be asked to give information about their relationship through interviews, questionnaires and samples of their communications. A small fee, collected at the start of the workshop, will be fully refunded at its conclusion.

Interested couples should contact Wieder at the University department of psychology, at 686-4974 Monday through Friday, for further information.



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