

Boyd urges restraint to student protestors

By SALLY HODGKINSON
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University Pres. William Boyd says he extends the same advice to University students that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini told students in Iran: "Don't be frightened but don't frighten anyone."

Everybody — including foreign students — has the responsibility to "be as quiet and unemotional as we can possibly be and leave the decisions to the professionals," he says.

Boyd advises all students not to protest or counter-protest.

"I'm not going to say anything that legitimizes the actions of either group," he says. "I urge people not to be demonstrating in the face of all of our profound ignorance." He adds that such actions can harm negotiations for the safe release of the hostages.

"In the face of our ignorance, we're not in a position to speculate or criticize our government's actions," he says.

Boyd adds it is inappropriate for him to comment on the Iranian crisis.

"It's best to avoid the subject," he says. "I have no desire to make the kind of public statement that would rile people up. I expect the government to do things that are most apt to lead to the safe release of the hostages."

Boyd says Iranian students have the right to protest, but he adds that they need to be sensitive to the "code of hospitality" that exists in every country.

"Courtesy and common sense do not

limit your rights," he says. "But rights are always regulated by time, place and manner rules."

Iranian students should exercise a "direct restraint based on what should be a sympathetic understanding of our concern for the safe release of our citizens."

The shah may be guilty of offenses against the Iranian people, says Boyd, but "they have no right to believe those American citizens being held hostage are guilty of any offenses against them," he adds.

Holding hostages, no matter what the reason, "is no more moral than hijacking an airplane," Boyd says.

Requiring Iranian students to register through the immigration office is "certainly not even-handed," but it's not illegal either, says Boyd, adding that the question of fairness "must be judged in terms of context and purpose."

Although Boyd says he didn't attend a Monday night "Teach-in on Iran," he feels that teach-ins "are an appropriate way for the University to react to a controversial issue."

Picketing former Pres. Ford's University visit Wednesday was "a legitimate level of dissent," Boyd says. In fact, he adds, he was surprised the protest was so small and mild.

At the University, American students' reaction to the Iranian crisis has been good — especially compared to other college campuses, where violent protests have erupted, says Boyd.



Photo By Martha Stanton

Unlike this demonstrator, University Pres. William Boyd says he shouldn't comment on the Iranian crisis. But he does say that Iranian students need to be sensitive to America's "code of hospitality."

SUAB examines change in grade average system

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The Student University Affairs Board is considering a proposal to abandon the current percentage rules for evaluating academic progress in favor of a grade-point-average system.

Bob James, architecture and allied arts professor and member of the Academic Requirements Committee, presented the plan at Wednesday's meeting. The proposal calls for implementing the conventional system of A equals four points, B equals three, C equals two, D equals one and F counts zero. Pass/no-pass courses would not be added in, and a student would have to maintain a 2.0 average to stay in school.

This plan is necessary, said James, because the current percentage-based system is too complicated for academic advi-

sors and students to understand. The plan, if passed by the University Assembly, will go into effect next fall, and would not be retroactive.

The GPA plan would "allow students to redeem a poor performance with an outstanding one," said James. That is not now possible, he said, because with the percentages system an A does not balance out an N, for example, because all work is simply regarded as passed or not passed. In determining a GPA, however, an A would balance an F, making the average 2.0 — good enough to meet the proposed requirements.

In other business, Scott Bassett, Mylene Simons and Charlie Weaver were present from the ASUO to discuss further action on the evaluations release proposal.

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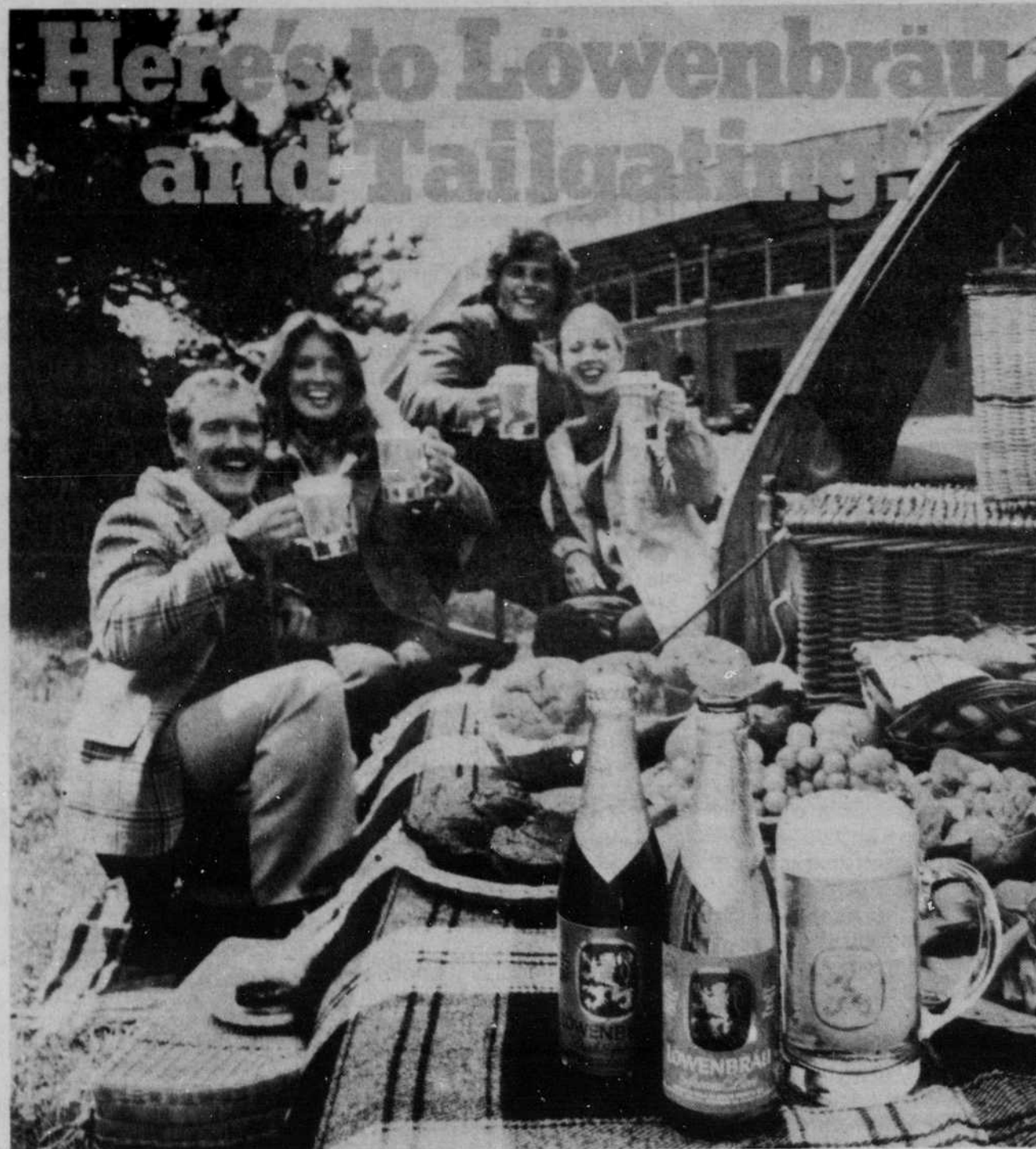
SUAB, presented the motion at last week's meeting of the University Assembly. It would release course evaluation material to students through in-

dividual departments.

After an hour's deliberation and debate, board members agreed to contact faculty members in each department

and inform them of the upcoming assembly vote.

The next SUAB meeting will be Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU, room to be posted.



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