

ASUO helps cut through legal red tape

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Do you have a name you don't like or a spouse you don't want? Did you lose your financial aid application in a tangle of red tape?

If you are a student troubled with these or similar problems, you can look to the ASUO for help. The ASUO offers students free help in solving problems ranging from misunderstandings with the University to the resolution of routine legal matters.

ASUO Executive Coordinator JoAnn Een can help students who are involved in disputes with the University or who are frustrated by its bureaucracy. Although Een also does office management work for the ASUO, she says she spends about 75 to 90 percent of her time on individual student advocacy.

Een says her primary purpose is to make students aware of the problem-solving resources available on campus.

Students who have lost their financial aid or would like to know if they qualify for in-state tuition can stop by Een's office in Suite 4 of the EMU for help in

slicing through the red tape.

Also, students who have been charged with violations of the Student Conduct Code can get help from one of the four Law School students who work part-time on Een's staff.

Penalties for cheating, plagiarism, forgery and other violations are severe and can drastically affect a student's life, Een says. And the University's student prosecutors usually press for the maximum penalty, she adds.

"They go for the throat, so my defenders do too," Een says.

But students shouldn't expect her to solve all their problems. Een says she often acts as guide for students to solve their own problems.

"It's not my problem. I'm still going to sleep at night," she says.

Nevertheless, Een welcomes students who want to come in and talk about any number of problems, except for those concerning love.

"I don't take care of the problems of the lovelorn," Een says.

Students who need help with problems more serious than grade disputes

or bureaucratic hassles can visit the ASUO Legal Services Office, EMU Room 333.

Each term about \$3 of a student's Incidental Fees fund the ASUO Legal Services. Legal Service Attorney Charles Spinner says the fee entitles students to free help with a host of routine legal matters ranging from divorces, property transactions and tenant-landlord disputes to consumer problems and name changes.

Spinner stresses that Legal Services primarily handles cases that can be settled out of court, such as negotiated divorces. When confronted with a case in which a suit has already been filed, Spinner says he refers the case to a local attorney because such cases take more time than the office's budget and staff allow.

However, Spinner says he occasionally tries cases involving a group of students. In one such common-problem case last year, Spinner represented Amazon Community Tenants, who were protesting a rent increase. The students won the case, and the Univer-

sity later refunded the extra money paid while the increase was in effect.

Spinner will also help students who feel they're victims of consumer ripoffs.

In spite of the wide range of problems covered by Legal Services, Spinner says there are some things the office can't handle. Legal Services can't represent one student against another. Nor can the service help students who have legal difficulties in businesses they run for profit.

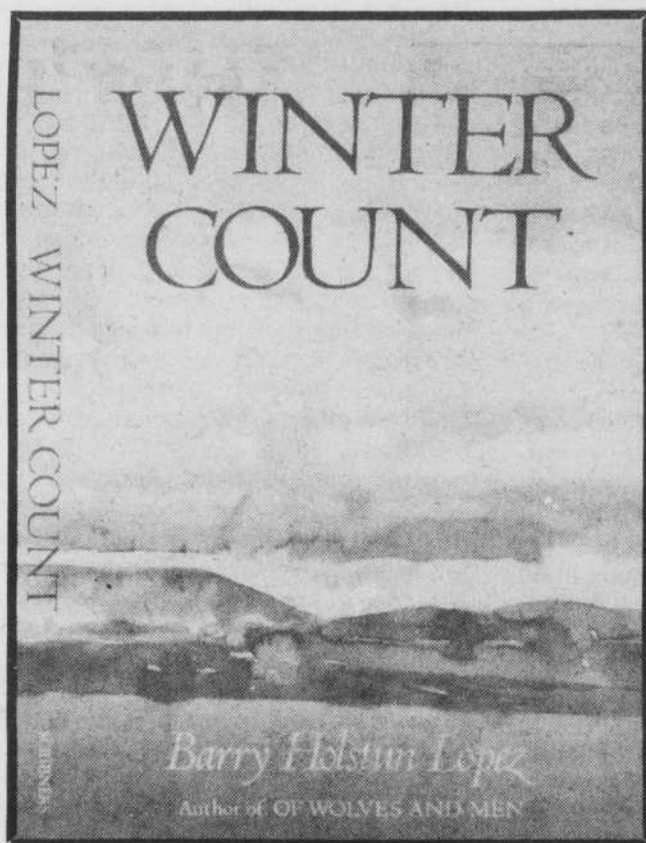
Finally, Spinner says he doesn't work on tax problems or workmen's compensation cases.

Students can make an appointment by calling Spinner at 686-4273. However, Spinner urges students who are charged with criminal offenses such as shoplifting to "come in and see me right away."

And for students who have always disliked their names, a trip to Legal Service could help them acquire a new one.

"You would not believe how many people do name changes," Spinner says.

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Nobel winner plans campus appearance

Sean MacBride — a co-founder of Amnesty International, a 1974 Nobel Peace Prize winner and chairer of the International Commission for the Study of Communication Problems — will speak in the EMU Ballroom on Tuesday 8 p.m.

The lecture is sponsored by the EMU Cultural Forum. Admission is free.

MacBride's lecture will focus on the report presented at UNESCO's last meeting of 1980, the culmination of the International Commission for the Study of Communication Problems. MacBride will discuss current

world communication problems and offer what he sees as plausible steps for a solution.

Having distinguished himself as a leader for human rights and an advocate for peace, MacBride received the Lenin International Prize for Peace in 1977, the International Institute of Human Rights Medal in 1978, and the American Medal of Justice in 1978.

MacBride is known both in his native Ireland and internationally for his distinguished law career. He was Irish Minister for External Affairs from 1948-51.

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