

Search for Lieuallen's successor begins

Help wanted: Opening in the toughest post in Oregon higher education . . . not much in the way of budget to work with . . . must be able to shrink instead of expand Oregon higher education . . . should be diplomatic with politicians who know very little about the workings of the state system of higher education . . . will receive little thanks from the people of Oregon . . . previous office holder retiring after 20 years; the last two of which were the most difficult.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen's retirement has prompted a nationwide search for a successor. At present a sub-committee is sifting through the 100 or so applicants and nominees before the "first cut," according to Charles Duncan, coordinator of the search committee. By Dec. 18 the number of applicants will be pared down to between 20 and 30.

This is the first search for a chancellor in 20 years and it is not without precedence. Lieuallen held the post for such a length of time that a set of entirely new guidelines had to be devised. The selection process, the state system of higher education and the financial condition of Oregon were quite different when Lieuallen took office. Whoever is named the new chancellor will have to be made of mettle different from Lieuallen's in order to cope with the disarray of Oregon economics and higher education.

The Chancellor Search Committee approved a statement of qualifications and criteria at a Nov. 19 meeting. The criteria are said to be without priority order — however — the first asks a candidate to be knowledgeable of and sensitive to political processes, and be able to work with the legislative and executive branches of government. Whether or not this was inadvertently listed first — it may be the single most important qualification for the incoming chancellor. Coinciding with this statement, the applicant is asked to possess the ability to communicate effectively as an advocate of higher education.

Lieuallen has been a strong advocate of

higher education — but his successor needs to be even more aggressive to deal with Oregon higher education's present dilemma. Lieuallen had the benefit of the prosperous years while the college and university budgets were secure. Under Lieuallen's chancellorship higher education in Oregon achieved nationally a reputation for excellence. It isn't by Lieuallen's willing hand that Oregon's colleges and universities are losing (and perhaps have lost already) this recognition for excellence. The blame for this should be addressed to the statehouse, not the state board offices in Johnson Hall.

The upcoming budgets will either break higher education or continue to keep it in an anemic state. The choice for Lieuallen's succes-

sor should have an extensive background in economics and know the machinations of Oregon politics. That way the survival, and perhaps only the survival, of Oregon higher education will be assured.

The chancellorship is something of a thankless occupation. Lieuallen has done a singularly commendable job; his successor has a difficult task to achieve for Oregon higher education all Lieuallen has.

Lieuallen's successor faces an even greater set of challenges for higher education in Oregon. The search committee needs to temper its judgment knowing the next chancellor will have to struggle with an unsympathetic Legislature and the all-too-political Oregon budgeting process.



'HOW'S BUSINESS?'

letters

Unpersuasive appeal

I agree with Dr. Seder's letter (Nov. 17) in the fact that his "rational historical" view of the Greek/non-Greek controversy is obvious to those with half a brain.

But to those with a whole brain, namely Germans, his appeal to pity is unpersuasive.

Nuclear weapons, in a corporeal sense, are not dirty or ugly — but rather their effects are. Why does Seder believe we should be afraid of the Germans? — the U.N. won't even let them have nuclear weapons.

I say brochwurst to Seder's attack on Einstein and all Germans! Whereas Plato and Co. wandered in rhetorical circles in their long robes, confusing those with "half a brain," Ludwig von, Bach and Mozart created cannons. How would it be possible for Seder to express his viewpoint without the inventions of Konig and Gutenberg?

Presently, the Greek's only offerings to the world are white skirts and nudist beaches. Wouldn't you rather have a Volkswagen?

Seder also believes that since there are only a few Greeks on the campus, the attack on them is unjust. Blah, blah — all the more reason to attack them.

Besides, how can you respect a people whose money sounds like candy?

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Israeli interests

The charges being made by Israeli spokesmen that supporters of the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia were anti-Semitic is one more example of Israel's ignoring the fact that its ardent U.S. supporters are now faced with the inescapable fact that Israeli interests are on a collision course with American interests.

At this crucial point in American history, Israeli supporters are calling for the suppression of free speech on a question vital to the survival of America — to whit — shall 160 million Americans risk nuclear holocaust to assist four million Israelis in a family feud with their cousins, not by taking one side against the other, but by impartially bestowing even-handed aid,

negotiation and amelioration of the dispute which must be examined from all sides?

Nevertheless, an Israeli official has threatened Washington to stop courting Israel's enemies "unless the U.S. wants trouble." He said Israel is a small country but in the Middle East nothing can be accomplished "against (Israel's) will" (Newsweek, Nov. 23). That means that Israel will continue to insist on attacking her Arab neighbors, thereby pulling Russia into World War III against her American benefactor who has kept her alive for 33 years.

The recently discovered recession actually began back in 1973 when the Arabs imposed an oil embargo in response to the West's support of Israel. Every American has had to pay through the gas hose for that support. And now as Israel expects America to support her with billions of dollars and arms aid, and to make American men available as cannon-fodder against the Arabs and Russians, she is making it more apparent that she is not concerned about our survival.

Americans have the same right to their survival as the Israelis have to theirs, and if that is anti-Semitism, then are not such name callers equally guilty of anti-Americanism?

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Dream of dignity

In this era of inflation, recession, unemployment, social unrest and sabre rattling, there seems to be more emphasis on affixing blame than on moving to solve these problems. By striking at the root, by restoring those positive values which are an integral part of the American Dream — dignity, independence, opportunity, freedom and peace — we can solve these problems.

These values have always been part of American society, but they have been obscured by years of growing control, power, deception and manipulation by government and those who use the government to further their own ends. We should remove the obstacles which prevent us from bringing these values to the forefront of American society.

Government will not remove these obstacles, nor can it restore these values. No legislation ever created dignity or independence. No administrative edicts ever

brought about equal opportunity. No regulatory agency ever restored freedom. No federal task force ever ensured peace. As George Washington said, "Government is not reason; it is not eloquence; it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." Politicians or interest groups who view government as a problem solver are really advocating the use of government force — laws, edicts, regulations — as solutions. In effect, they are invoking the use of government force for their own ends.

Government force is neither moral nor practical as a means of solving these problems. The use of force is, in fact, antithetical to the promotion of dignity, independence, opportunity, freedom and peace. It is time for each of us to advocate the restoration of these principles into the government — into both of the major political parties. Or, support the party that already advocates these principles — the Libertarian Party.

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Robbers and burglars

As every journalist knows, accuracy, accuracy, accuracy is the most important component of a news story.

Your newspaper has been guilty of repeated violations of this rule. I refer in particular to a front-page story on Nov. 19 entitled, "Dormitory Thefts Rise."

The story describes so-called "robberies" of property left unattended in dorm rooms. The writer obviously has robbers confused with burglars and thieves.

A theft accomplished by stealth — taking a wallet, watch or purse while the occupant of a dorm room is absent or asleep — is not robbery. It is burglary (entering a building with intent to commit a crime therein — Oregon Revised Statutes 164.215) or theft (taking of property with intent to deprive another of it — ORS 164.015). Robbery requires that property be taken from a person by force or fear. (ORS 164.395)

To quote the Los Angeles Times Stylebook: "Burglary is the act of breaking into a building to commit a theft or other crime."

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