

# Advocate attacks new rule

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A proposed rule designed to crack down on Student Conduct Code violators who fail to comply with their imposed sanctions is being strongly attacked by the University's student advocate.

The new rule only concerns those students who break some part of the code but don't pay the penalty, such as community service, within the required term.

At that time, the student would be notified of a "show cause" proceeding, in which the student would have to either prove the sanctions had been fulfilled or explain why they were not, says Associate Dean of Students Vern Barkhurst, who helped design the rule.

The hearing officer at such a proceeding would have a number of different alternatives at hand, including extending the time to complete the sanction, blocking the student's registration, or making a notation on the student's transcript that the service had not yet been carried out, he says.

Barkhurst says the new rule is necessary to expedite the delinquent sanction process.

"Right now, the code provides for a process to deal with the delinquency, but the process is as cumbersome as the original (hearings) process," Barkhurst says.

But Student Advocate Bill Kittredge disagrees, saying the new code would be a more cumbersome process than the one already intact. He adds that a lawsuit

could ensue if, say, the student actually had fulfilled the sanction but it was not recorded due to an administrative foul-up.

"This is enforcement before the appeal," he says. "The burden is upon you to prove you're right."

What's more, Kittredge disputes Barkhurst's claim that so many unfulfilled sanctions exist.

"It's a case of reactive, instead of proactive rulemaking," Kittredge says. "It's a bureaucratic nightmare. And besides that, his (Barkhurst's) own records don't bear out the need for this."

Kittredge also takes offense at the fact that the rule would not allow a "peremptory challenge" in the show cause proceeding. A normal procedure at other hearings, peremptory challenge allows the student defender to ask for the replacement of a hearings officer who is acting inconsistently.

Kittredge says the challenge was kept out of the proceeding for Barkhurst's own personal reasons.

"The rule is a direct attack upon a problem Mr. Barkhurst sees," Kittredge says. "One of his favorite hearing officers was essentially replaced because we challenged him every time we came before him."

Barkhurst, however, says peremptory challenge was prevented for reasons of efficiency. In addition, he says the procedure is unnecessary because the show cause proceeding is unlike a regular hearing.

"Show cause is not a subjective judgment kind of thing," Barkhurst says. "Either the student has or hasn't fulfilled the sanction."

## Alumnus dies

University graduate Lila Acheson Wallace, co-founder of "The Reader's Digest" and a \$1.5 million donor to the University, died Tuesday.

"We regret the passing of a good friend of the University of Oregon," said University Pres. Paul Olum.

He added that Wallace was a generous supporter of the University, especially of the programs in community service and public affairs.

"That support played a major role in the development of these programs, especially in attracting a strong faculty. Even though the University has changed the administrative structure of the programs, the legacy of Lila Acheson Wallace's gift to the University continues," he said.

The \$1.5 million gift from Wallace was the largest gift ever made by a living donor to the University through the University of Oregon Foundation, according to Russ Picton, the foundation's executive director.

Wallace graduated from the University in 1917 with a bachelor of arts degree in Germanic languages and literature.

In 1966, Wallace gave \$1.5 million to the University to establish the Lila Acheson Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs.

The school was dedicated and named for Wallace on May 3, 1969, but was suspended as of July 1, 1981 to save an estimated \$85,000.

## University profs take presidential candidates' roles

Three University professors will debate the merits of the candidates vying for the Democratic presidential nomination at a forum tonight in EMU.

Each professor will represent one of the candidates, giving a short presentation on where the candidate stands on the issues. Afterwards, each professor will answer questions from the other representatives and the audience.

Education Management Prof. Max Abbott will represent Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, and Sociology Prof. David Milton will represent Rev. Jesse Jackson. Political Science Prof. Jim Klonoski will represent former Vice President Walter Mondale.

The forum is sponsored by University Democrats as part of "Democrat Week" on campus. The forum's purpose is to inform students about the issues and candidates so they can make informed choices in the May 15 Oregon primary, says Marina Yu, president of University Democrats.

"I don't feel our generation can be politically ignorant in times like these," she says. "We must take a stand now for the generations to come."

The professor's forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. in 167 EMU.



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