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CARP active on campus, shuns Moonie image

By Mike Drummond
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The Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle has been busy on campus lately — a fact that may not have escaped the notice of many University students.

CARP has sponsored forums two weeks in a row: On Nov. 3 it invited "Open Doors With Brother Andrew" to campus to explain that group's Bible smuggling campaign behind the "Iron Curtain"; on Nov. 10 CARP held a professor's forum examining values, or the lack of them, in higher education; and Tuesday and today CARP sponsored a free concert to promote student participation in the Student Symposium on World Affairs and the World Student Service Corps Summer '88 project in Guatemala and Honduras.

What many students may not realize, however, is CARP is one of more than 300 Unification Movement organizations established by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, patriarch of the "Moonies."

As far as University groups go, CARP is a relative newcomer. In March 1987 University CARP Activities Coordinator Peter Reiner filed an application with the ASUO to become a registered campus organization. The ASUO denied Reiner's original request, however, because the application indicated full-time members should study 40 hours of Unification principles — a three-part lecture series explaining the gist of the Unification philosophy.

That philosophy, according to Reiner, entails merging science and religion. "We don't teach that God is an old man with a beard... our view of God may not be the most traditional view because we also believe there has to be a unification of sciences and religions, so we teach a view of God that doesn't conflict with what we scientifically know to be true," Reiner said.

Undaunted by the ASUO's denial, Reiner submitted another application, this time deleting the reference to the suggested 40-hour study ses-

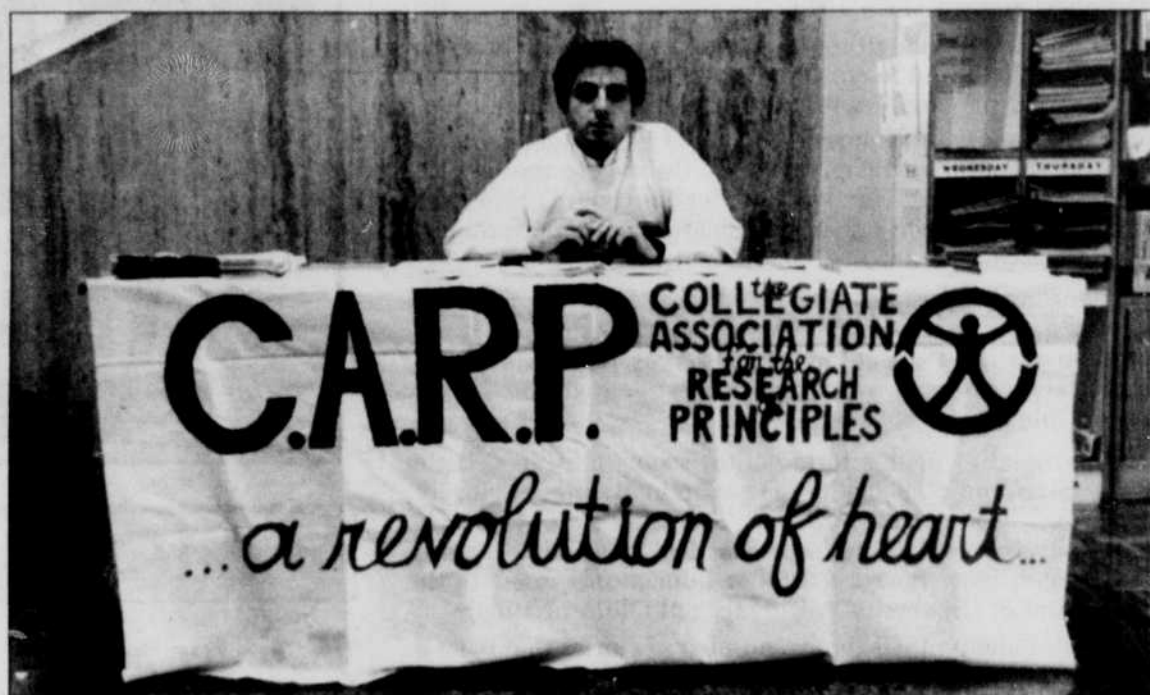


Photo by Andy Cripe

Peter Reiner, local CARP activities coordinator, helped establish an ASUO-registered CARP chapter on campus. The group is a relative newcomer on campus, officially registered April 1987.

sion, and in April the ASUO registered CARP as an official student group.

CARP has more than 30 of-

fices on college campuses nationwide. According to Reiner, the idea to bring CARP to this campus was the brainchild of a

handful of Eugene Unification Church members attending the

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Handicapped group awards scholarship

By Paula Green
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A visually-impaired University student has been awarded the first of what are planned as annual scholarships from the American Handicapped Workers.

Denise Clifton, a freshman pre-journalism student, will receive \$1,500 a year for up to four years to pay for tuition, fees and books.

Clifton was impressed with the criteria of the scholarship, which are that the recipient must be legally handicapped, retain a 3.5 grade point average and help the handicapped community in some capacity after he or she graduates.

Dennis Culp, the Oregon-Nevada district manager for the American Handicapped Workers, said the organization began to put together a scholarship to benefit the handicapped last April.

"From our experience, we know that individuals with handicaps set high goals, and we hope this scholarship will help in attaining them," Culp said.

Clifton hopes to apply the latter requirement to a prospective vocation in the journalism field, she said.

"With my work in journalism, I hope to write some

articles for the National Federation for the Blind," Clifton said. "My contribution can help people deal with their handicap."

Clifton noted that she "really didn't have to apply for the scholarship." After her parents brought the potential award to her attention, Clifton called American Handicapped Workers in Portland, had an interview over the phone with them, and found out about a month later that she had gotten it.

Culp said the American Handicapped Workers is extremely pleased to be able to fund this new scholarship and also hopes that the award will promote good will toward the organization.

Besides receiving this award, Clifton is one of the 48 recipients of a Presidential Scholarship from the University this fall. This award, worth up to \$1,000 a year for four years, is part of an effort by the University to encourage the best and brightest Oregon students to attend college in the state.

American Handicapped Workers is a member of the Handicapped Association of America, whose nine member companies have established similar scholarship funds at colleges and universities around the nation.

Court begins 'sentencing derby'

By Charles Korns
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In order to clear up a backlog of cases, rapid-fire sentencing of about 200 persons began Monday in Lane County Circuit Court.

"A lot of these people are out on the streets walking around, waiting to be sentenced," said Norm Meyer, Lane County trial court administrator. "They're either going to be put on probation, sent to the state penitentiary or the Lane County Jail, just fined or whatever."

Meyer said there are two reasons for what he calls "sentencing derby," which is scheduled to resume and conclude next Monday.

The local probation office had been very slow in getting out pre-sentence reports, Meyer said. Those reports are prepared after someone has been found guilty.

"Over the past year or two, it was taking them up to 80 or 90 days on average to get those reports prepared," Meyer said. "So we take three or four months in court to get to the guilty stage, and then it would take another three or four months almost to get to the pre-sentence report before we could sentence somebody."

Discussions between the courts and the state Department of corrections led the latter to reallocate its resources to expedite sentencing.

"They suddenly started firing at us these scads of pre-sentence reports," Meyer said. "That meant we now had to sentence a

whole bunch of people."

The second reason for the "sentencing derby" stems from a law passed by the last legislature, Meyer said. "So we not only have to get caught up but we're required by law now to stay current."

Although about 200 people are scheduled for sentencing, many of them won't show up in court, Meyer said.

"That always happens when you schedule hearings," he said. "People abscond or, as we say in the trade, they go boogie." In such cases a warrant is issued for their arrest and, providing they are arrested, they are sentenced at a later date, Meyer said.

But while the prosecution end of the system is getting caught up, the corrections end is getting swamped.

"It's going to send our case loads through the roof," said Joan Copperwheat, a unit supervisor with the Department of

Corrections. "We're going to get a huge number of new clients."

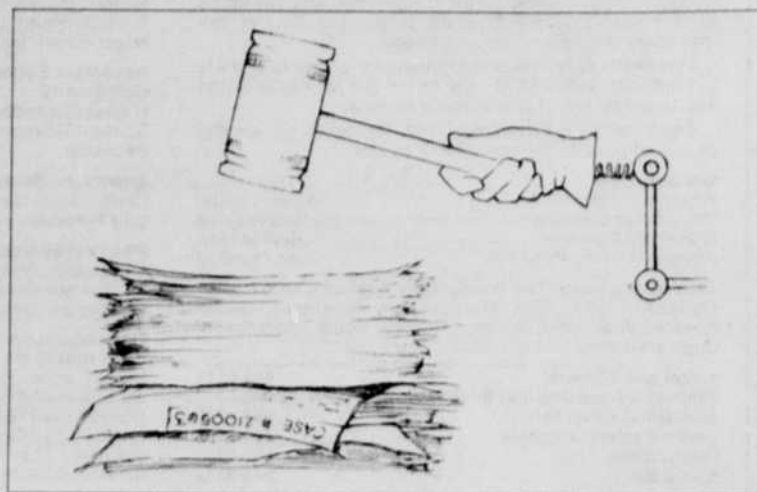
Copperwheat supervises a staff in which the average case load for each parole and probation officer is 88. The nationally recommended case load is 50 a officer, Copperwheat said.

But Copperwheat acknowledges the necessity of this month's sentencings. "These people have to be sentenced," she said. "I don't see where the court has any option."

Meyer said the courts are careful to coordinate operations with other sectors of the criminal justice system. "On this speeding-up process, we've had close consultation with the district attorney, the defense bar, jail people and corrections people," he said.

But despite the cooperation, there is nonetheless an

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