

Editorial

The By Connie Bulkley

The latest move to bring about student involvement on campus could prove to be more successful than past attempts. A group of Ashland students have been arranging for community get-togethers in the gym between students, parents and community members.

While it is still in the planning stage this latest project shows a lot of promise. The reason why is that for once the student who would like to do something to bring about change has the opportunity. Past attempts at student involvement have failed because they are always dominated by a ruling clique such as the innovations committee or student council.

What the project essentially involves is that those who are interested in finding out what's happening on campus, or would like to start something new can get together. The purpose is to improve relations, communications and understanding.

While right now it basically involves a lot of talk, the project could later be instrumental in bringing about change. It has loose connections with the PTA, which could be helpful in using its influence with state officials and the school board. However, it is all student run, and is for their benefit.

The merits of such a project are unlimited. It is primarily beneficial because those of us who have felt left out of other projects can join in. The major problems with the student council and innovations committee are that they are limited in number and are run by a select group. The student council members are usually the most popular students, and the meetings are held during class times. Those students whom the teachers like and feel are most worthy are selected for the innovations committee. So what happens is that lots of students feel left out since the same people are always selected. They figure it is not even worth it to try and get involved. They aren't even allowed to go to the student council meetings.

Hopefully, students will see this as their chance to really do something. But it won't succeed unless many people put out a little effort. The idea was initiated by Leslie Koreski, Dennis Leybold, Mark Maxwell, and Fey Snively, but they don't want to be the group that runs everything. All of the students are encouraged to participate, and the very success of the project depends on having much of the student body involved.

Counselors Trained

Seminar Examines Conscription

by Kathy Shepard

Do you know your options under the Selective Service Laws? Do you realize that student deferments are very likely to become a thing of the past by the time the majority of you graduate from high school? How many of you know that there is draft counseling available as near to you as Room 24 in Britt Student Union at S.O.C.?

All of these questions, and many more were answered at the Rogue Valley Draft Seminar February 13 in the Medford Mid-High auditorium. The seminar which was sponsored by the Southern Oregon Draft Center, was aimed at training high school students as draft counselors.

The need for high school draft counselors is evident when one considers that the draft lottery is aimed at taking 19-year-olds first. As high schools are very vulnerable to political pressure, administrators are reluctant to admit anyone who might be regarded as a "subversive" element. This means that draft counselors from the college have no access to the high school, and for this reason high school students must be trained as draft counselors.

Included at the Saturday session were mock Draft Board hearings for conscientious objector classification. The "Draft Board" was of a local minister, the Rev. R' Dean Smith, and counselors from the Southern Oregon Draft Center.

Some of the complexities and contradictions of selective service laws were explained by Jim Larson, a counselor from the Draft and Military Information Center at the University of Oregon. He also commented on the inaccuracy of published Selective Service figures and statistics and the inadequacy of the information

now being sent out by the Selective Service Office to high schools.

Among the other people who spoke at the training sessions were Greg Keith, Mike Smith, Craig Greenleaf, and the Rev. R'

Dean Smith. Students who were unable to attend the seminar and who are interested in becoming draft counselors, or who need draft counseling, are invited to call 482-6205 or stop by Britt 204.

Parking Ban Controversy Extended to High School

by Connie Bulkley

People tend to agree with something as long as it does not personally affect them. This was exactly my attitude when I found that there was going to be a ban on parking near the Southern Oregon College campus.

However, I felt quite differently when one morning an inconspicuous "no parking" sign appeared in red lettering on Mountain Avenue. The matter appeared quite disturbing as they were suddenly infringing on my rights to park where I wanted. I hadn't objected to the ban when it was at S.O.C. but it really bothered me by Ashland High.

Now that there are parking bans all over this area, the situation becomes rather ironical. I wonder how many people who originated the request to ban parking realized

that they would no longer be able to park in front of their houses. Originally, with parking on two sides of the street they may have been able to squeeze into a place here and there. Now with the same amount of cars in half the space it takes only a very early bird to be able to park his car.

The bans probably are necessary, since the congestion of traffic is quite dangerous. But if they were really instituted for the purpose of fire hazards, then there are several other areas equally congested. I find it difficult to understand how lower Palm, considering how wide and unused it is, could be considered potentially dangerous. It seems that the early bans may have established a dangerous precedent if one examines the extent to which they have been carried out.

Brownie Bits

by Linda Brown

Ecology Club

On February 25 the Ecology Club held its first meeting. The club was organized after several discussions on pollution during English classes. The club's advisors are Mr. Brook and Mr. Vondracek. During the meeting there were many suggestions concerning the pollution problem. Several suggestions were as follows: having guest speakers, going to city council meetings, and sending letters to government officials.

Officers will probably be elected at the next meeting.

Key Club

The Key Club recently elected new officers for the coming year. Voted into office were the following members: Larry Taylor, president; Ray Bartley, vice-president; Dave Thorpe, secretary; and Rosario Delatorre, treasurer.

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The SSS standings are Seniors 7, Juniors 4, and Sophomores 0.



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