

Operation Denial

Singler Cracks Down On Drugs

by Larry Taylor

"The basis of Operation Denial is to deny the use of the traffic of drugs on our public highways, streets, thoroughfares, public buildings, parks, or any other tax-supported areas or right-of-ways that are paid for by the public."

This is Medford Mayor William Singler's explanation of his city's new anti-drug program, Operation Denial. In an interview, the *Rogue News* obtained details of the program.

In other words, if you ... saw a 'hit-and-run' case, would you or would you not call the police and let them know who hit this person and ran? So, too, with drugs, which is, of course, a flagrant violation of the law. If they see any of it going on, I think it's up to the citizen ... to advise the proper officials ... That information we screen very carefully, and that which the police can use we give to the police."

Singler Defends Phone Line

The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of a citizen on trial to face his accuser. When asked if his phone line, with its anonymous informants, would violate this right, Singler replied: "Of course, for years government at all levels has been dealing with anonymous information. The police department, for instance, all the time receives anonymous phone calls. This isn't any different than any type of information that they receive."

Rehabilitation is usually considered a vital part of any drug control program. The *Rogue News* asked Singler if any

rehabilitation program was included in Operation Denial. "This is not intended to be rehabilitational, educational, or any of that," he responded. "The program is intended to plug a void area which has not been covered up to this time by any people dealing in drugs. We have educational centers, therapy centers, and all types of people and groups that are concerned about the problem. But there really hasn't been any emphasis on law enforcement."

Singler summarized his program's goals: "We who are working in Operation Denial are only trying to do one thing, and that is to get citizen support for the curtailment ... of the distribution of drugs. We are out specifically for the pusher ... (We) are not concerned with the addict, or the person that has ... (already) been sucked under by the drug ... (That) is up to the people that are in rehabilitation ... (We want to cut down on the traffic of drugs, and those people who distribute the drugs. The only way ... (to) do this is through the proper law enforcement agencies ..."



Drug Problems Treated By Open Door Ex-Users

by Rick Stanek and Larry Taylor

Open Door, an organization which many students have heard of but few really know about, was set up to work exclusively with "drug and drug-related problems." Their address is 227 N. Oakdale in Medford, and their phone number is 779-5926.

The purpose of Open Door is to "give kids a place to go" when they are confronted with a drug problem, explained Bruce Martinsen, counselor at Open Door. Martinsen further stated, "we run a 24-hour switchboard; we run a 24-hour open house." Ten counselors volunteer their time to Open Door. All of them are ex-users, and are experienced in all kinds of drugs. At least two counselors are at the house at all times.

Free Food Available
Free food and housing services are also provided. Donations keep Open Door running. 14 different agencies support Open Door; among them are the Employment Service, Family and Child Guidance Center, the Welfare

Office, Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program and Planned Parenthood.

Also available are ten doctors on call and several lines to lawyers to deal with any problems of a medical or legal nature. The Juvenile Department also works with Open Door, but they do not turn anyone into the Juvenile Department or the police.

"Police don't enter the house as long as we're straight, so we don't want people to bring dope in," Martinsen explained. "We work hand-in-hand with all the other agencies," continued Martinsen. He was referring to the HELP line (779-4353), the youth center, and Lost Creek Newspaper.

Plans Ashland Visit
Martinsen said that, "We'll be speaking at various schools" around the valley. When asked if they plan to speak at Ashland High, he said, "We'll be speaking in Ashland for sure."

Spade Club Created

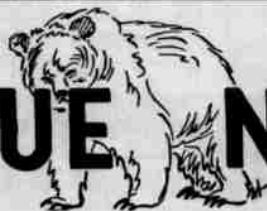
Students now have a chance to instruct others on a one-to-one basis and receive academic credit for it, through the Spades Club. Spades Club will have its first meeting Monday, October 11, at 3:30.

Mr. Wayne Hansen, who is in charge of the special education curriculum in the district, will make a presentation at the meeting. Officers will also be elected. Then, according to Inter-Club Council President Lesli Peterson, "students will have a chance to work with handicapped and retarded children."

Volunteers must complete a three-hour training course in order to work with the retarded and handicapped children on an individual basis.

For those who cannot find the time for such a club, but are interested in actively participating in Spades Club, there will be opportunities. There will be extra-curricular activities in order to "adapt the special education and handicapped students so that they may function in society."

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Band, Choir

Musicians To Attend All State Conference

All-State Band and Concert Choir selections have been made. Five choir and four band students have been chosen from Ashland. It began today in Portland and ends Saturday.

The band students selected include: Dean Fortmiller, trumpet; Phil Hartley, baritone horn; Dan Stearns, clarinet; and Arden Strycker, flute. The boys left today for Lewis and Clark College, where the final concert will be held for music educators and the general public.

Peter Dodge, tenor; Dan Jarrell, tenor; Gary Sargenti, bass; Kathy Taylor, soprano; Phil Thompson, bass were chosen for the choir. The band

and choir members will rehearse for two days in Beaverton. The choir will then go to Lewis and Clark College for the final concert with the band.

The band conductor this year will be Frank Benciscutto from the University of Oregon, along with Maurice Skones from Pacific Lutheran College, who will be conducting the choir. "It's a life-time experience for most of them to perform under a professional conductor," stated Mr. Ruth. "It's an elating experience for the student to sing in a choir of 300-400 students."

To be selected for All-State, a student must receive top grades,

be a top musician and have a recommendation from his teachers. Then the contestants record the required exercises, scales and songs. The tapes are sent to the organizing chairman, where the best are selected from all over the state.

When asked, Mr. Maddox stated, "performing in an All-State group is a once-in-a-life-time experience. They're placed next to students with equal or better talent, and it demands their best performance."

Clubs To Hold Smorgasbord Today

Club Display Day is being held today, October 7. Students will have a chance to view the displays 20 minutes before, during and 20 minutes after lunch.

This event is an Inter-Club Council function. Its purpose is to familiarize students with various school clubs, to give them some idea of what each club does, and to encourage club membership.

Many clubs will hand out literature at their displays explaining their purpose and activities. Some groups may take advantage of the opportunity to make money.

Participating organizations include the American Field Service, Chess Club, Drama Club, Flag Girls, Future Business Leaders of America, Future

Medical Careers Club, Honor Society, Key Club, Letterman's Club, Spades Club, and Spanish Club.

There will be several interesting exhibits. Two of note are the Chess Club and the Drama Club. The Chess Club has invited league Secretary Harry Gidden to demonstrate his ability to play two or more chess games simultaneously.

The Drama Club will entertain students with the "B-17 Theatre," which will consist of short skits and musical presentations.

The general feeling among the club presidents is that Club Display Day is an excellent idea and will be very helpful in acquainting students with the high school's clubs.



All-State Concert Choir members pose briefly before leaving for Portland where they will begin rehearsals for the concert to be held October 9. Members are (L to R) Peter Dodge, Dan Jarrell, Gary Sargenti, and Phil Thompson (Not Pictured is Kathy Taylor).