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## Higher Education for 2.0 or Better?

Statements made by Dr. Roy E. Lieuallen, new chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, at Ione Monday night indicate some of the problems faced by the nine state institutions of higher learning in Oregon, as well as by the chancellor and the state board of higher education.

He pointed out that the 29,000 students who enrolled in the institutions last fall included 2,000 more than had been expected. Total budget for the nine schools of the state system, in excess of \$60,000,000, did not provide for the additional 2,000, and thus came the squeeze.

In view of the ever-increasing enrollments and additional demands on the system, tuition is to be raised \$10 a term for residents and \$20 for out-of-state students.

Dr. Lieuallen also made the statement, "Quality of instruction bears an inescapable relationship to the teaching load of the faculty."

Thus, it would seem that unless the state system can somehow keep up with its growing pains, students in Oregon institutions of higher education can reasonably expect poorer instruction as the number of students increase.

Perhaps this was the reason that the University of Oregon faculty recently recommended that admittance to the University be limited to those who come with a 2.0 average (B) or better. Like the Old Woman in the Shoe, they have so many students they don't know what to do with them, and perhaps expect that the limitation would reduce the number of entering students as well as maintain a higher academic standing.

Somewhat, though, this doesn't seem quite right. Dr. Lieuallen also pointed out that half the state system budget comes from taxes. Is it fair and democratic to deny a son or daughter of a taxpaying citizen the right to enter the school of his choice merely because his high school average falls a few tenths of a percentage point below the required 2-point?

If a taxpayer with a child below the honor roll level were denied this right, theoretically then, his child would be deprived of the hope of bettering his future, of contributing to a better society and of making a better livelihood for himself.

At the same time, because of the fact that he does pay taxes, this citizen is perhaps also helping the gifted child of a neighbor to improve his position in life because he has the opportunity to enter the institution of his choice.

If it were true that the 2.0 and above students always make the greatest contribution to society, their country and themselves, there might be more justification for this position. But often students of average intelligence who have sincerity of purpose and goals in life that they are determined to reach seem to make a better contribution than some gifted students who need only to coast to get through school.

It is understood, of course, that not all the state's higher institutions would be so exacting on academic requirements. There would be a place at the technical school for the less than 2.0 child, but suppose he is not interested in this type of field?

But the problem looms as a tough one to solve. With the universities and colleges bursting at the seams because of the continuous record enrollments, the state system is, on the other hand, faced with the ever-present hue and cry to keep taxes down. At the same time, every parent likes to feel that his child has the right to go to college if dad and mother want to send him and if the youngster is willing to go.

It seems too bad that there isn't a better measure of sincerity of purpose that could be used on entering students—to discover whether the young person really has a worthwhile goal towards which he is striving or whether he is merely along for "the ride." This would be better than arbitrarily cutting out anyone below a 2.0. But who is qualified to measure a motive?

It would seem clear, that the state system has only three ways to go: 1. More money for more facilities for more students, or 2. Poorer quality of instruction, or 3. Reduction of the student population.

This looms as a problem worthy of a Solomon. Perhaps part of the answer lies in a proposed system of community colleges that seems to be gaining favor.

But meanwhile, it is to be hoped that too stringent academic limitations are not placed on entering students. The average youth may have a tough time of meeting the rigorous demands of the course of study and the stiff competition from fellow students, but he should not be denied the opportunity of higher education in one of our universities if he has the fortitude to meet the challenge. From this average group with determination, after all, may come some of our better citizens.

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I have been reading with interest the recent letters that have been appearing on the editorial page of your paper. I have especially read with interest the letter appearing in the last edition written by O. W. Cutsforth.

As far as the figures that he requests are concerned, I believe that Mr. Cutsforth could get these figures from the proper sources in the county if he so desired. Whether he believes it or not, the population of 4,800 people today in the county are raising more children than ten years ago. These figures are available from census records of the county. In 1950 the school census figures for the county for children between the ages of 4 and 19 was 1,200. In 1960 the same type of census disclosed that for the same stable population figure the increase of children from the ages of 4 to 19 was 400, or a total of 1,600 young people. (County School Census—Office of the Superintendent.) The figures for births in the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner are as follows for 1961: Heppner 46, Lexington 9, Ione 9. This does not take into account the number of births in Hermiston, Pendleton, or The Dalles for Morrow county people.

According to county records, it costs approximately \$8,000.00 to educate a student from the first through the 12th grade. If we have close to 80 graduating this year then you can see that this represents quite an expense. Mr. Cutsforth claims in his letter that we are raising and educating our young people for industry elsewhere. Two thoughts come to my mind immediately. What about all the people in Morrow county now who are giving our

county good leadership who were not raised or educated in this county? To follow the logic of Mr. Cutsforth's argument it would appear that they should not be concerned with life in our county. Secondly what does Mr. Cutsforth propose that we do with the young people who are nurturing in this county? If I remember correctly it was Mr. Cutsforth who opposed any development of industry in this county that would provide economic life for some of our more creative young people that we have nurtured.

Mr. Cutsforth's attitude is extremely provincial and dangerous. It is the type of attitude that drives young people from our county, rather than provide for them the type of life in which they can grow into useful men and women.

Faithfully yours,  
J. Rod MacKenzie  
Ione, Oregon

To The Editor:

Wes and Helen I wish to take this means of thanking you for the time and space you have given to writing up articles for me, especially what has been in the paper concerning the pie and chili supper. This is the PTA's annual affair. The money we work for each year is put into scholarships for the benefit of our young graduates. Whether a dinner or some other activity, it takes time and hard work, but knowing the pleasure some graduate will get from receiving a scholarship, it is worth it. Any of us with small children will be working towards this goal for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. E. E. Gonty

Dear Mr. Sherman: There is enclosed a check in the amount of \$4.50 for renewal of my subscription to the Gazette-Times. My present subscription expires on the 1st of February, 1962. We enjoy your paper very

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IT WOULD BE HARD to say whether folks of Ione and Morrow county were more delighted to have Dr. Roy Lieuallen back for a visit or whether he was more delighted to come. Dedication of the new lone high school was a natural occasion for the chancellor's return since he graduated in the old school there in 1933, and he seemed to know virtually everyone, either as a friend, relative, neighbor, or classmate.

It was something of an unusual honor to have him, too, since this was his first speech after being named chancellor of the State System of Higher Education. His appearance here also was shortly after he and Mrs. Lieuallen were honored at a reception by Governor and Mrs. Mark Hatfield, which event was chronicled pictorially on the front page of the society section of The Oregonian Tuesday.

When Delwin Nelson, in introducing Lew, told of some incidents of their working days together in the hayfields some 25 years ago, he failed to ruffle the dignity of the new chancellor, who acknowledged the remarks with smiling thanks because Delwin didn't reveal more disparaging incidents.

At least one speaker on the platform—Mayor Charlie O'Connor, I believe—referred to Dr. Lieuallen as "Elwayne," which accounts for the "E" of his middle initial. Apparently he was known as "Elwayne" in his younger days, but dropped it somewhere down the line after college to become Dr. Roy E. Lieuallen.

"THERE'S NO Business Like Snow Business," says Ken Peck, who has opened a ski shop at Lexington. He calls his new business "World's smallest ski shop," but we hope he does a booming business.

Interest seems to be gaining by leaps and bounds in winter sports around here, and the new facility on Arbuckle Mountain opened recently by the ski club, bids to become a popular spot in snowtime.

Dr. C. M. Wagner called attention to it at the Monday Chamber of Commerce meeting and pointed out its recreational possibilities for the area.

SPEAKING of snow and cold, if we think we have it bad here, says Randy Lott, think of the folks back in Mississippi. His sister writes from there of her attempts to thaw the water pipes upstairs by using hot water bottles. (At last report, she wasn't having very good luck.) The sister and family are sleeping with not only an electrical blanket over them, but also with one under them. On one real warm day recently, the thermometer climbed to freezing.

WE DON'T QUITE know who should apologize to whom, but for the past six weeks we have been confusing Doug Dubuque of Homer High's Mustangs with Dick Springer. Maybe some of our readers have had trouble ferreting out our sports writeups.

It came about when Dubuque and Springer changed jerseys just after stencils were cut for the first basketball programs at the high school. Thus, not knowing either of the basketball players, we went by the program. Unfortunately, the programs have been wrong ever since. Only last week, after we had put Du-

much and think you are doing an excellent bit of work. Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,  
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## Mrs. Melby Leaves Position with Paper

Mrs. Arnold (Avon) Melby, who has been writing news for the Gazette-Times on a part-time basis for about the past year, is leaving the staff as of this week. She will devote her working time to her duties as correspondent for daily papers, among them the East Oregonian.

Mrs. Melby was first employed on the Gazette-Times by the previous publishers, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wildman, to fill the need for someone to handle news because Mr. Wildman devoted much of his time to the mechanical end of the business. Under the present management, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman handle much of the news themselves, and to some extent duplicate the work being done by Mrs. Melby.

Those who have previously called Mrs. Melby with the understanding that their news would be placed in the Gazette-Times are advised to call the office directly in the future (6-9228).

Mrs. Howard (Jo) Pettyjohn will continue as society editor but will spend more time in the Gazette-Times office. She plans to continue to do telephoning on society from her home on Tuesdays. She will also assist with making some advertising contacts, handle school news and locals.

Arnold Raymond is shop foreman on the staff and Joe Hartle is printer, both working full time. Mrs. Joe (Bernice) Hartle assists with press work and bindery, and Bill Sherman is apprentice in off school hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gimbel, Hermiston, parents of Fred Gimbel, attended the Order of Rainbow for Girls installation ceremonies on Sunday. They brought DeMolay boys to take part in the Rainbow installation.

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## Karen Lundell Takes Part in U of O Recital

Karen Rae Lundell of Ione, was a student performer in a special student composition recital presented by the University of Oregon School of Music, January 16. Student compositions for wind ensembles, voice, piano, and strings were featured. Miss Lundell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Lundell of Ione. She is a member of the sophomore class, majoring in physics.

## SCHOOL MENUS

**Week of January 22-26**  
MONDAY—Mor ham burger casserole, cabbage salad, gingerbread, applesauce, bread and butter, milk.

TUESDAY—Chili beans, tossed salad, cheese sticks, hot rolls, fruit, butter, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Baked ham, string beans, vegetable Jello salad, fruit, bread and butter, milk.

THURSDAY—Potato soup, meat sandwiches, lettuce wedges, cake, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY—Creamed Tuna with peas on biscuits, Jello fruit salad, butter, milk, celery sticks.

Mrs. Tom Hughes took James McNamee to Portland Saturday where McNamee entered Providence Hospital for observation and possible surgery.

**NINA VYBROUBOVA**, a noted European ballerina, will make one of her first American appearances with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo when the company gives two performances Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Pendleton senior high school. Favorite hits on the program will include "The Comedians," "Swan Lake," "The Nutcracker," and "Gaité Parisienne." A matinee will be given at 2:30 and an evening performance at 8 p. m.

## Reports Featured At Farm Bureau Meet

A potluck dinner meeting of Morrow County Farm Bureau will be held at the Ione American legion hall at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday.

President Norman Nelson said a report on the state meeting in Portland in late November will be given by delegate Irvin Rauch. Another on the six northwestern states regional meeting of board of directors at Boise, Idaho, last week will be reported by delegate Gene Cutsforth, and the national convention in Denver last month by Halld Beach, first vice president of the state Oregon Farm Bureau.

Other business will be taken up at the meeting and all members are urged to be present.

## Doctor to Attend Medical Symposium

Dr. Clifford M. Wagner of Heppner will attend a medical symposium on blood vessel diseases presented by six nationally-famous medical authorities in Portland, January 24.

The symposium is sponsored by the Oregon Academy of General Practice as part of its post graduate education program for doctors, and is presented under a grant from Lederle Laboratories. More than 300 Pacific Northwest physicians are expected to attend.

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