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GENERAL LAW COURSE CONDUCTED BY U OF O

Law is particularly relevant in today's "revolutionary time" and undergraduates should have an opportunity to study its nature and role in society.

This is the idea behind a general education course which will be generally available to undergraduates and graduate students next term for the first time at the University of Oregon -- "Law, Its Processes and Functions" (L.430).

The course is part of a national trend toward including a modest exposure to law in a liberal arts education. A growing minority of the nation's colleges and universities now offer a broadly based and liberally oriented course on law.

Robert S. Summers, associate professor of law who will teach the Law School course, has helped spearhead national efforts to develop undergraduate courses about the legal system. He co-directed a seminar held for teachers of such courses two summers ago in Boulder, Colo.

"We are in the midst of megalopolis explosions, civil rights explosions, public service explosions, and campus explosions, in all of which the legal system is involved in complex and countless ways," says Summers.

He points out that citizens cannot discharge the ultimate responsibility they have for the law in a democracy if they have only the vaguest notion of law, or positive misconceptions of it.

"The law is surely too important to be left to lawyers." A general education course on law can provide insights into problems of social ordering, train the mind, and inspire "sensitivity to encroachments upon the ideals with which law reckons," according to Summers.

The University of Oregon course will present law not as a body of rules but as "one of man's chief means of political and social control."

If there is sufficient demand, the introductory course will be regularly offered as a general education course under the auspices of the University of Oregon School of Law.

BULLY CREEK BID GOES TO NYSSAN

A Malheur county contractor Clarence Leseberg construction co., of Nyssa submitted a Bully Creek road project, it low bid of \$166,574.

was announced late last week by officials of the Oregon state highway commission at Salem.

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INSPECTING A THUNDEREGG GAVEL, presented to Dr. Robert B. Heilman (center) are Clyde T. Swisher, NHS English department chairman and Gary Ross, Nyssa high school

student body president. Inscription on the gavel reads, "ROBERT B. HEILMAN, NCTE LECTURER. NYSSA, OREGON. APRIL 22, 1968."

Addressing an estimated 250 patrons on the evening of April 22 in the Nyssa school cafeteria, Dr. Robert B. Heilman discussed the "Modern Theater and Moral Epidemics," Lecturer Heilman is chairman of

the English department at the University of Washington.

Dr. Heilman incorporated into his speech Frisch's "Firebugs," Durrenmatt's "The Visit" and Ionesco's "Rhinoceros."

He compared the sociological problems which exist today with the context of the three plays. He said, "Modern dramatists have based many such themes on the elements within society which might lead to destruction."

"This could be brought about either by an individual permeating society or an infection by society conquering the individual."

He talked of the "disturbing breakdown" in society and how people have neglected their obligations and responsibilities. "A troubled society infects individuals and spreads like a disease," he stated.

Dr. Heilman said this was his first high school lecture and he will speak next at Arizona State university. He is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Clyde T. Swisher, director of English at Nyssa high school,

IN APPRECIATION

The family of H. F. 'Jack' Terhune takes this opportunity to thank neighbors and friends for their loving help at the time of his heart attack. We also thank Dr. K. A. Danford and the staff at Malheur Memorial hospital for their deep concern at the time of his death. May God bless you all!

Pupils Tour Plants

Students in Mrs. Madge Thomson's fourth grade class took a field trip on April 24 when they visited the Payette Creamery, Boise Cascade Plywood Plant near Payette, and the Ore-Ida plant in Ontario.

The group left by bus at 10 a.m. and returned about 3:30 p.m. They report enjoying the trip and learned much about the firms visited.

Mothers who accompanied the students are Mrs. George Leseberg, Mrs. Howard Myrick, Mrs. James Osborne, Mrs. Duane Holcomb and Mrs. Walter Ford. Clayton Jensen was driver of the bus.

It's Your Law!

BROKEN WINDOW

As Sally was waiting for a bus, the large plate glass window in the XYZ Company's building suddenly popped and broke outward. The window shattered on the sidewalk and particles of glass landed on Sally's head and shoulders. She cried out, "I've got something in my eye."

In the days that followed, Sally's eye seemed to get worse. She was unable to watch TV without her eye becoming reddened and discharging.

As a result Sally sued the XYZ Company, claiming it was negligent in installing the plate glass window and thereby causing her injury.

"It was an unavoidable accident," said the company. "It wasn't our fault. The wind blew the window out. It was an act of God."

Can the company be held liable in this case?

Yes, say the courts. The wind on the day in question was characterized by the weather bureau as a "moderate breeze." No evidence justified the conclusion that the wind was of such force as to be unforeseeable.

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