Decline In Quality of State Colleges Cited

by Don Lannon
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Has a serious deterioration in quality taken place at the California State Colleges because of a shortage of qualified instructors? According to the "Fifth Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature on Personnel Matters in the California State Colleges," released by the Chancellor's office last month, such a deterioration has indeed occurred.

The report cites "superhuman efforts" on the part of department heads, faculty, and administrators to recruit qualified faculty members. But "the increasing inability of the state colleges to attract and retain faculty of appropriate quality" is demonstrated by data on doctorate holders appointed. The Report says that since September 1967, there has been a steady decrease in the proportion of faculty holding doctorate degrees.

The Report continues, "While it is true that possession of a doctorate is not always a test of the quality of an individual faculty member, it is a commonly accepted index of normal qualifications and a measure to which accrediting agencies pay a good deal of attention. The increasing difficulty which the state colleges are experiencing in acquiring a reasonable proportion of new faculty who hold the doctorate is, therefore, most disturbing as a tentative index of their inability to recruit at any adequate quality level."

The Report cites another warning of the lack of competitive effectiveness in the recruitment of well-qualified faculty. The tentative data from 10 of the 18 state colleges who reported statistics of rejection of offers made to prospective faculty showed that 1206 prospective faculty rejected the offers for these reasons: "an appointment salary unacceptable, teaching load too great, and research opportunities too limited."

Bennecke, Dr. DeRemer Appointed Positions in Activities and Housing

Dr. Russell DeRemer and Richard Bennecke have been appointed to fill positions in the Activities and Housing Office.

Dr. DeRemer, assistant professor of physics, will become Associate Dean of Activities and Housing on July 1. He will continue to teach a course in physics.

Bennecke, CSCSB's first Associated Student president, will become Activities Advisor. He will begin working at the college starting Monday, Feb. 19.

Both men will start working with student activities on an informal basis immediately, to plan their programs for the next academic year.

"We are pleased that these two outstanding men are joining the Student Services program," Dean Monroe said.

President John M. Fial announced the appointments. Dr. DeRemer will start his new job on a part-time basis during the spring term.

Bennecke, a 1967 graduate of CSCSB, was elected the College's first student president in 1966. He also served as student body president at Pacific High. Last term he was elected president of the College's first alumni organization.

Dr. DeRemer will replace G. William Hume. Bennecke will replace John Humphries. The resignations of Hume and Humphries will be effective in June.
'Student Power' in Curriculum

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committees?" Rohde interjected. "What matters would they be concerned with?" There are some areas in which one of the two groups should have sole control, for example expenditure of funds, but both groups have some compelling interest in curriculum. "Curriculum is not the exclusive province of the faculty," he said. "What, Jerry, is the perceived need for a change in curriculum?" Dr. Cisar asked.

"Do you want my views or those of other students?" Rohde countered.

"OK, then, would the students on the curriculum committee speak for themselves or others?" Dr. Cisar answered. Rohde said he hoped that the students would speak for "the best idea proposed by the students."

Professor Cisar said that the students need goals in mind. "To get a member on the curriculum committee is not an end in itself. A voice for the students need goals in mind."

Ralph Lightstone said that the courses are concerned with specifics and never get into a full-scale description of the inter-relationships of the disciplines. "Perhaps the Senior Seminar could be used as an introductory course," instead of a concluding one. He said, "This would help bring things together."

Professor Cisar said that students like a liberal arts curriculum and "are not arguing for adding to the number, and I had every intention of adhering to the number, and I had every intention of adhering to the custom. My hope was, as an historian, to begin to illuminate at least the history plays... But this approach to Shakespeare's life and work, and their relation to the age, has produced discoveries that have astonished me, shed light upon problems thus far intractable..."

Historian Speaks on Bard

"It is usual to preface a book on Shakespeare with an apology for adding to the number, and I am overwhelmed by what historical investigation, by proper historical method, has brought to light... It has enabled me to solve, for the first time, and definitively the problem of the Sonnets, which has teasted so many generations and led so many people into a morass of conjecture..."

With this modest preface A. L. Rowse commences a biography of Shakespeare which sets the scholarly world on fire. It is typical of the man to talk big and do big. All who've met him acknowledge that Professor Rowse is as brilliantly combative in speech as he is on paper. Students and faculty will have the opportunity to judge for themselves on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. when Professor Rowse commences a biography of Shakespeare which sets the scholarly world on fire.

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Opinions Vary on Lowering Voting Age

by Tim Murphy

The opinion sample of the college community on lowering the voting age was reported in last week's issue. We discovered that CSUSB expressed normal reactions to the proposition that the voting age be lowered to 18 years. Approximately 56 percent of those interviewed supported enfranchisement of the younger generation, and the remaining one-third were opposed to the measure. We pointed out that, by and large, those who favored lowering the voting age were under 21, and those who opposed the measure were over 21.

What reasons were expressed by those in each category?

Typical of those who favored lowering the voting age was, "I can be drafted into the army and give my life for my country." Others interviewed said that since they must bear "full burdens of citizenship" such as taxes, and since they can be held responsible for their actions under the criminal code, they should be permitted to vote.

Both segments favored lowering the voting age and believe that since they must pay the price of being citizens of a democracy, they should reap its rewards, that is, be able to vote.

The people who are in opposition to lowering the voting age were of the opinion that it takes "wisdom" born of "experience" to be a good voter. "Sure the kids under 21 are smart," said one of the opposition, "but they need the experience to know what things are all about." Unfortunately for those who favor the lowering of the voting age, the question of whether or not to do so will not be decided by the 18 to 21 establishment. If the vote is extended to those people 18 years old and over, it will be a state by state basis, and probably not by federal action. This is because the Constitution (Article I, Sec. II, Paragraph I) gives the states the right to determine who shall vote. The states are not likely to relinquish this action.

For those who say that since the 18 to 21 group must fight for its country, this group should vote, the establishment will have several cogent arguments. The establishment will respond that since women do not fight, perhaps only the men in the 18 to 21 group should be permitted to vote.

Register Next Week For Mumps Vaccine

Anyone interested in obtaining mumps vaccine should sign his name in the Student Health Center (A 117) during the week of Feb. 19 to 25 to determine exactly how much vaccine will be needed.

It is wise for all males and females who have not had mumps or who are not sure that they have had mumps to receive immunization.

The immunization consists of one shot and usually does not cause local or systemic discomfort. The exact length of immunity is not known, but tests indicate hopefully life-time. Faculty and staff will be charged $2.50 (to cover the cost of the vaccine).

Dates for administering the vaccine will be determined later and appropriate notification given.

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EDITORIALS

Who Called the Meeting?

As a result of the article appearing in the special Feb. 6 edition of the Pawprint, a great deal of interest was expressed by faculty, staff and students regarding the meeting of the Publications Board held the following day, Wednesday, Feb. 7.

After some serious procedural questions regarding the calling of the meeting, the Board decided that there was "no issue" on the alleged complaints about the article, "The Student Is a Nigger." Although the Board members had personal reservations about the wording in the article, they felt that it was perfectly within the realm of the student newspaper's right to print what it feels is newsworthy or of interest to the student population that it serves. As one board member said, "We do not intend to decide on what is good taste." This was followed by another member's quote, directly from the Publications Code stating, "The newspaper has the unquestioned right to report on and discuss whatever is not forbidden by law."

The student chairman of the Publications Board concluded that although there might be reservations among the Board members about the article, the Publications Board had no intention of disciplining the editors.

The Pawprint Editorial Staff congratulates the Board on their decision, as it underscores the fundamental right of a free press.

It is rather unfortunate, however, that the "issue," if there was one, actually got the point of being dragged before the Publications Board causing inconvenience to the members, and embarrassment to parts of the college community. --WK

BROTHER GEORGE GETS CARRIED AWAY

(Ed. Note: Dodd Hessey's article replies to Sharon Price's letter in last week's Pawprint.)

Dear Sister Sharon,

Speaking for the large number of God-fearing, right-thinking Americans on this campus, I want to thank you for your inspiring letter!

Sharon, you and I realize that our country is under attack internally as well as externally. The communists have brainwashed many of our own age group. These young people have become doubters and questioners and they are undermining the moral fabric of our great country. We must forgive and guide them in their hour of need, Sharon. They must be instructed in the right way. Our great newspapers of this great land are helping us are our great television stations. But this is not enough. We must band together, Sharon, and help them.

As Brother George Wallace has said (in so many words), "The dissenters should be made to fight for the American way. The damned 'hippies' (Brother George gets carried away sometimes, Sharon, but he is still a good man) must become responsible or go to jail." This will be difficult to bring about, Sharon, but it is our Christian duty to make sure that our freshly-slaughtered loved-ones have not died in vain.

We will suffer ridicule, Sharon, but that is a necessary and unavoidable burden. No matter what is said, no matter what "truths" are offered by the misguided intellectuals of our great AMERICA, we must continue to stamp out the vineyards of communism and free-speech. We must do this in the name of the Flag, the United States of America, and the holy ghosts who have died for freedom!

Peace be with you sister,

Brother Dodd

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HOW DO YOU PROD A FROG?

The famed Calaveras County prodigy to heights and distances unknown to the campus. A prize will be presented to the sponsoring group and the coed. Two races will be held: one at high noon and one at 1:00 with a championship run-off following.

Sign-ups begin Monday in the Activities office. "Please specify the time you wish to race," commented Mary Lou Browning, Publications Committee Chairman, "and the entrance fee is $1.00 -- or $1.50 if you wish to keep the frog."

Speculation on campus, however, says that the frogs will probably leap to the nearest reflection pool. Administration sources deny that this added feature is part of the college master plan, however.

Science will be there to call the finish and will report the day's events in the next issue.

How do you say "good luck" to a frog?

Or worse yet, how do you "prod a frog?"

REVOLUTION, ANYONE?

The Political Science Act Committee Group has been formed on campus. It is open to political science majors only and will "be concerned with the in-depth study of politics and political science as a whole. In the future the group plans to sponsor speakers, hold discussions and debates that are relevant to political thinking. Defining meeting times have not as yet been established, however, further information concerning the group may be obtained from either Stan Hodge or from the group's sponsor, Dr. Mari Cisar.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

SUNDAY at 7 p.m. *Student Lounge*

Deterioration Seen In CSC

The commitment of the state colleges is one of "dedication to providing educational opportunity to the maximum extent possible. The state colleges, then, question any action which would prevent a qualified student from entering. It is entirely possible, the Report asserts, that "the quality of instruction and the new position offered a better salary, the state college general workload was too great, and the new position offered a lighter teaching load."

Thus, with the possibility of budget reductions, coupled with a backlog of eligible students, "faculty and administrators are faced with the unfortunate choice between (1) vacant positions and future reduced support, or (2) accommodation of students with marginally qualified teachers. And the colleges tend to choose the latter option."

"The effect of this decision on educational quality and faculty morale can be devastating."

NEXT WEEK: a further examination of the problem in the CSC