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Non-renewal angers many

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by Sharon Deck

Most untenured professors understand and accept the reasons that their contracts are not renewed, Vice-Chancellor Hugh McEniry says.

But sometimes the students do not.

The cause celebre of the tenure controversy at UNCC is Dr. Leonard Jordan, a sociology professor much respected by his students.

Although Dr. Jordan declined to comment on his dismissal, some of his students see him as a victim of political persecution, presumably because of his espousal of Marxist social theory.

The Student Legislature is investigating the cases of all professors whose contracts have not been renewed, and a group of students is circulating a petition calling for Dr. Jordan's prompt reinstatement.

Two years ago, Dr. Jordan disagreed with the rest of the sociology department about what the department should be, according to Dallas Owens, one of the petitioning students.

"He is being made the scapegoat because of his ideology," Owens said.

In each of the past two years, Dr. Jordan had been advised that his contract would not be renewed. He did not protest, Owens says, because he had not yet earned his doctorate and recognized this as a valid reason.

Jordan earned his doctorate in social theory from Louisiana State University this fall. He assumed that this would change the minds of the reviewing committee.

When he was again notified that his contract would not be renewed, he attempted to re-apply for his own position and waived tenure.

The department of sociology unanimously approved his reappointment and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences tentatively approved his reappointment without tenure.

Owens said that the administration refused to accept these recommendations and advised Jordan not to appeal the decision.

Owens feels that there are no valid reasons for Jordan's dismissal. "We believe Dr. Jordan's moral conduct, teaching ability and professional competence are well in excess of University requirements," the petition states.

In addition, Owens pointed out, Dr. Jordan is the only social theory specialist in the department and may be hard to replace.

Dr. McEniry has said that he does not feel that being the lone specialist in a field is sufficient reason to be given tenure. A diligent search can uncover other such specialists, he said.

Students' helping consumers

BILLINGS, Montana (CPS) — A student directed group, MONTPIRG (Montana Public Interest Group), is attempting to organize state college students into a force capable of representing and giving voice to Montana consumers.

Following the successful examples of similar organizations in Oregon and Minnesota, Montana students have formed local organizational groups on the public and private college campuses in Montana.

Representatives of the various campus groups held a statewide organizational meeting in Helena in November. The student delegates discussed financing the organization, communications among the local boards and formulation of a general timetable for the further development of the organization.

The delegates voted to apply immediately for status as a non-profit corporation and then chose one student from each campus to serve on a temporary board of directors for MONTPIRG.

MONTPIRG will attempt to increase public university student fees by \$3 a year, thereby creating a financial base from which the organization can hire a staff of lawyers, scientists, doctors or other professional people who would represent consumers in the courts.

These professional people would be under control of a state board of directors composed of students elected from each campus. Participating schools would elect one representative for each 2,000 students. MONTPIRG board of directors would be responsible for deciding which issues would receive priority and would direct their funds accordingly, resorting to lawsuits if necessary to protect consumers in the areas of environment, business-consumer relations, health care for workers, discrimination cases, or other public issues.

The area campus groups will spend the next months discussing their plans with community leaders, interested clubs and persons in their communities.

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Giving voice, fair play Court's job

by John Merrill

Insuring fair play and equal voice for all members of the University Community is the goal of the newly established University Court, according to Dr. E.L. Rogers, Chief Justice of the Court.

The University Court and the University Senate are the two most important aspects of the newly enacted UNCC Constitution.

The court hopes to provide a process by which individuals and groups of the University Community can be insured complete review of any grievances. The primary goal of the court is to enforce the UNCC Constitution, as well as to receive and review complaints. It will also handle appeals of individuals and groups are not satisfied with the results at lower levels.

Dr. Rogers commented that until the establishment of this University Court, there was no other alternative for getting a complaint brought to the attention of the higher echelon of the university.

Dr. Rogers emphatically added that the court is not to be abused and used for petty complaints, but should be used when there is a legitimate complaint.

Guidelines for anyone wishing to use the court are available at the Student Union. If anyone desires to use the court, he or the group must present a petition, which should be in accordance with guidelines set down in the University Constitution.

The petition must be filed with Dr. Rogers. He will direct anyone needing assistance to the appropriate sources. A hearing will be set, providing all persons involved in the case sufficient time to prepare. Following the hearing, the opinions of at least three of the judges will be mailed to the persons involved.

Opinions and other publications of the court will be placed in the reserve room of the Dalton Library Tower.

Anyone wishing to submit petitions can receive assistance concerning university regulations and advice from Mrs. Lea Goble, a librarian at the reserve book section of the library.

In addition to Chief Justice Rogers, the court is comprised of the following associate justices: Dr. Mary Thomas Burke, College of Human Development and Learning; Dr. Newell Bush, department of Business Administration; and Miss Marlene Whitley student representative.

Alternate justices are Dr. James Crosthwaite, department of Chemistry; Dr. James Matthews, department of Biology; Dr. Alfred Stuart, department of Geography; and James Cuthbertson, student representative.



Lambda Chi/ A National Fraternity

Steve Patterson, High Alpha of Lambda Chi Alpha at UNCC, receives his fraternity's national charter from Mr. Bareford, Grand High Alpha of Lambda Chi. The 40-member UNCC chapter, Beta Upsilon, received its charter faster than any colony in the nation.

The Lambda Chi's chartering banquet was a lavish affair held on January 15, 1972, at the Holiday Inn, and many campus officials attended. The night of food, fellowship, and music topped Lambda Chi's year and brought to five the number of UNCC fraternities with national affiliation.

SPACESHIP EARTH

. . . I mete and dole unequal laws unto a savage race, that hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me. I cannot rest from travel . . . I am a part of all that I have met; yet all experience is an arch wherethro' gleams that untraveled world whose margin fades forever and forever when I move. . .

This gray spirit yearns in desire to follow knowledge like a sinking star, beyond the utmost bound of human thought . . . The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks; the long day wanes; the slow moon climbs: the deep moans round with many voices. Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world. . .

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