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THE TIME FOR R.O.T.C. IS NOW

THE POSITIVE SIDE

From time to time the New Founders League has been accused of taking a negative view of Stanford. Unfortunately, there are a number of problems on campus which call for critical comment in order that they can be brought to our reader's attention. However, we want our readers to know that we also see positive events happening at Stanford which give us great encouragement that our New Founders League objectives will be achieved.

Such a positive event was the annual Senior Class Day held during the graduation activities last June. On this day, the "favorite profs," chosen by the seniors, speak to the seniors and their families. The three selected this year were Professor Robert Horn of the Political Science Dept., Dean of Admissions Fred Hargadon and consulting petroleum professor Alvah Horn. The annual Class Day ceremony was attended by 4,500 seniors and members of their families, the largest class day audience in history.

Both the size of the audience and the professors honored indicate to New Founders League that students are looking to the same values that we hold as important. It gives us impetus to continue our work in the remaining areas where these values are still being questioned or overruled.

We have printed on page 3 the speech given by Professor Horn, who calls himself "an unabashed conservative," in order that our readers may share our encouragement.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BYLAW CHANGE RESCINDED

Report by
Michael Antonacci
New Founders League President

It was reported in the last issue of Stanford's Direction that certain changes had been made in the Alumni Association bylaws by the Alumni Association Board at its meeting held on February 9, 1979. These changes included deletion of consideration at the annual meeting of the Alumni Assembly of "REPORTS CONCERNING THE AFFAIRS OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY." The New Founders League questioned this change. It was felt such a deletion would impede the freedom of communication between the alumni and the university administration. This link of communication is one which we view as extremely important. In May, 1979, your President, Michael Antonacci, met with representatives of the Alumni Association Board. During the meeting an understanding was reached. The Alumni Association Board subsequently restored the original language.

The other Alumni Association

bylaw change, about which the New Founders League expressed concern, was the requirement of a ten day deadline for submitting resolutions to the Alumni Assembly. This change remains. The New Founders League objected to this change, but agreed to let it stand for the present. However, should the ten day deadline become a problem to alumni in expressing their views at the annual assembly, the New Founders League will make every effort to bring about the restoration of the past practice of allowing resolutions to be presented from the floor without prior notice. To "encourage genuine freedom of thought and speech" is one of our stated objectives.

The Board of Directors of the New Founders League would appreciate having your opinion regarding these changes because we wish to reflect the views of our supporters.

"Let the winds of freedom blow."

It is critical to the future of the United States that our armed services reserves be strong. A return to the draft is being discussed in Washington, D.C. Whatever decision is made regarding this possibility will undoubtedly be a controversial one. A volunteer army is non-controversial because it is by choice. R.O.T.C. is a matter of choice. The encouragement by the Stanford administration to students who wish to make that choice would show leadership at a time when it is needed. R.O.T.C. is currently being offered on the Stanford campus in a limited capacity through the cooperation of the University of Santa Clara and San Jose State. However, Stanford students are denied full class credits for these classes. For students with heavy loads, this can be a determining factor.

In an interview with KZSU radio station on Thursday, May 24, 1979, President Lyman said:

"The protest against the Vietnam war itself was, to a considerable extent, the consequences of having a civilian army—drafted, conscripted army."

"I wish the voluntary system would work, because I don't think it's really an additional threat to a sensible foreign policy to have a voluntary system."

President Lyman's wish for a workable voluntary system would be greatly enhanced if the university took the necessary steps to reinstate R.O.T.C. to a full and complete status on the campus. Our country should not be deprived of the superior type of leadership which is developed at Stanford. The students should not be deprived of the opportunity to give of their own volition to their country. Nor should they be deprived of the benefits they would receive from participating in this program.

Perhaps after all, President Lyman, the administration and New Founders League supporters are basically not far apart in their views on this matter. We are all looking to Stanford for the excellence and leadership which has been the hallmark of our university. Now would be the time to recognize that our views are really the same, not divergent.

New Founders League appeals to President Lyman and the administration to re-evaluate the R.O.T.C. program and return it to full curriculum status at Stanford.

We have received hundreds of

COMMEMORATING THE FOUNDING GRANT — 94 YEARS

Ninety-four years of tradition and excellence in education began on November 11, 1885 when Jane and

Leland Stanford established the Leland Stanford, Jr. University. In commemoration of this anniversary are the following quotes from the founding grant:

REGARDING THE OBJECT AND PURPOSES:

"Its object, to qualify its students for personal success, and direct usefulness in life;

And its purposes, to promote the public welfare by exercising an influence in behalf of humanity and civilization, teaching the blessings of liberty regulated by law, and inculcating love and reverence for the great principles of government as derived from the inalienable rights of man to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

REGARDING THE DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES:

"To manage and control the institution hereby founded."

"To prohibit sectarian instruction, but to have taught in the University the immortality of the soul,

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OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW FOUNDERS LEAGUE

1. Promote excellence in education and research as Stanford's prime objective.
2. Maintain responsible citizenship and moral integrity as essential educational prerogatives.
3. Restore those rights which the Founding Grant bestowed upon the Board of Trustees which have been relinquished in recent years.
4. Strive for a philosophically balanced faculty dedicated to academic excellence.
5. Encourage genuine freedom of thought and speech.
6. Urge admission of qualified students only.
7. Restore the ROTC programs.
8. Reestablish Memorial Church as a sanctuary which instills a faith worth living by as specified by Mrs. Stanford.
9. Establish a nominating and elective process which gives alumni adequate information for selecting trustees with proven capabilities.
10. Encourage constructive involvement of alumni in achieving these objectives.

STANFORD ISSUES PRESS RELEASE ON MASCOT

The following is a reprint of a press release issued by the Stanford University News Service in October, 1979. The news release speaks for itself in bringing the latest update on the Stanford mascot.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STANFORD—There's still no consensus on a new mascot for Stanford. In one of the highest turnouts for a student election in the 1970's, 1,239 students expressed a preference for "Trees," 1,229 favored the mythical "Gryphons," and 664 endorsed the color "Cardinal" Wednesday, October 17.

The Stanford band strongly backed the tree, which has been its mascot for several years, while a coalition of athletes and student leaders favored the gryphon.

Commenting on the outcome, University President Richard W. Lyman said: "It appears to be a dead heat, a non-result. We don't have anything remotely resembling consensus. It isn't going to change anything."

The Indian mascot, which was officially dropped in 1972 "is not returning to Stanford. Period," Lyman said Thursday, Oct. 18, during an interview with campus radio station KZSU. Speaking informally afterwards, he told reporters: "I'm as frustrated as anybody could possibly be by the whole thing."

"The purpose of a mascot is to have a rallying point. Consensus is the

name of the game. How can you have a rallying point that antagonizes 40 percent of the people you're appealing to, let alone 60 percent? It's not a time of great consensus."

The University has officially asked that Timm Williams, who personified the Indian Mascot from 1951 to 1972, to remain off the playing field level of Stanford Stadium. Several alumni and merchants have sought his return as a symbol. Student leaders have repeatedly opposed the Indian mascot, as has Lyman. Lyman said some supporters of the Indians have argued that friends of the trees don't like to see a human tree dancing with the band at halftime, and therefore it too should be banned.

"That's just absurd," he declared. "In the case of the Indian, we're talking about a personification that injures, offends, and angers a small but significant part of our population. American Indians here have very powerful reasons for objecting to seeing their religious motifs used in a half-time celebration. Nobody's trying to kill fun at football games (but) we're not going to participate in a procedure that is deeply offensive on rational grounds to native American students."

What's his personal preference for mascot? "Wild horses would not draw that from me," Lyman said with a smile.

END PRESS RELEASE.

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expressions of this view from Stanford alumni and friends. It might be helpful for President Lyman to hear from those of you who feel strongly about this important issue. New Founders League can not share its communications without the writer's permission, so it is suggested

that you directly express your feelings to President Lyman and the Board of Trustees. Write a letter today, even if you have written previously, to emphasize your desire for a strong R.O.T.C. program which will incorporate the best of Stanford with the protection of our freedom.

FRIENDS OF THE STANFORD INDIAN

Returning the Indian as the symbol of inspiration for Stanford University is not one of the ten objectives of the New Founders League. However, many of our members and friends feel very strongly about this matter; therefore in December, 1976, a separate group was established, which is chaired by Jack Lindow. It is called "Friends of

the Stanford Indian." If you wish information, car stickers, feathers or other material pertaining to this issue, please address your inquiries to:

FRIENDS OF
THE STANFORD INDIAN
P. O. Box 663
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

As interested and concerned alumni of Stanford, New Founders League would like your opinion on some of the important issues relating to Stanford University. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire below and mail it to New Founders League, P. O. Box 107, San Jose, Ca. 95103. It is not necessary to identify yourself. Please complete the questionnaire today! Thank you.

1. Do you think that R.O.T.C. should be given class credit and returned to full curriculum status at Stanford?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you agree with the choice of Andrew Young as the June, 1979 Commencement speaker?

Yes _____ No _____ If not, why not? _____

3. In making decisions regarding the investment of Stanford funds, which of the following should be the most important consideration by the Board of Trustees?

International politics (Apartheid, etc.) _____

Stability of investment-highest yield of monetary return _____

4. Should Stanford be involved in an exchange program which trains Red Chinese scientists in advanced technology?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Listed on the front page are the objectives of the New Founders League. Please list by number the objectives in the order of their importance to you. (List down, left to right)

6. What do you view as the most positive aspect of Stanford University at the present time?

7. What do you view as the least positive aspect of Stanford University at the present time?

8. Irrespective of the choice as Stanford mascot, who do you think should make the final decision?

Board of Trustees _____ President Lyman _____

Students enrolled _____ Stanford Alumni (Paid association members) _____

Stanford Alumni (Any graduate who wishes to vote) _____

Combination (Indicate percent of combination) _____

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