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JUDGE

CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON  
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
P. O. BOX 1376  
LAKEVIEW, OREGON 97630

Protest of

June 27, 1967

Dr. Arthur Flemming, President  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon



Dear Dr. Flemming,

Just a short note to strongly protest as a taxpayer and U. of O. alumnus the conduct of your Associate Professor John Howard's recent conduct in publicly advocating the violation of law.

Apparently his theory is that if you do not agree with a law then you have a right to ignore it and to promote its violation. (He advocated encouraging everyone to smoke marijuana - see story in Registered Guard on Saturday or Sunday covering park block demonstration on Friday).

I checked with the reporters and this was actually the stand he took.

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As a judge and particularly as a juvenile judge how can I teach juveniles any respect for the law when a professor of one of our great universities takes this stand? Apparently he does not feel he is bound by the law of the majority.

A few years ago when I wrote you concerning some of the activities of V. of O. instructors you ably defended their right of expression and action. However, I do not see how you possibly can defend this last action. I still feel that all instructors at the University still have some duty to stay within the law in their public actions and promoting violation of law among children in my opinion is not within the law.

Sincerely,  
Charles H. Foster