Dr. Woodward Discusses Regulations On TV Panel

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Advocating less restriction of students in matters such as the regulation of dorm curfew hours, campus drinking rules, and campus speakers, Dr. Val Woodward consistently opposed the positions of Dean Jack Holl-land of the University of Texas and Gary Tinley, a student at Texas A&M, during the taping of a KPRC-TV show Tuesday night.

Five panelists, including Dr. Woodward and representatives from Texas, A&M, and the University of Houston, debated the question of University regulation of speech, sex, and politics, for the "The Crisis on College Campuses" show.

2 Shows Taped

Two thirty-minute programs were taped to be shown sometime in May as part of KPRC's "Imagin In Focus" series sponsored by the Texas Bill of Rights Foundation.

Moderator John Niebel, a professor of law at University of Houston, began one of the programs by citing administration disregard of Edwin Walker as a speaker at SMU and Gus Hall at "a Houston University" and asked, "Is the campus a place for controversial speakers?"

Permit Communists

Dr. Woodward and University of Houston co- ed Keith Finlayson endorsed no-limit speaker programs and argued against the idea that communists should not be permitted to speak in order to guard against their attempts "to overthrow our form of government."

"Why not let communists speak at centers of learning?" he asked. "If Gus Hall is wrong, at un sents will discover this through hearing him."

Dr. Woodward termed the problem "childish" and pointed out that invitation of a speaker and endorsement of him are not the same.

Dean Holland agreed that "controversy is good," but defended Texas' communist speaker ban by pointing out that the party is illegal in this state.

On-Campus Ban

Holland also defended the ban at Texas on-campus speeches by political candidates. "A state institution cannot be an open forum for a political candidate. Any university must remain non-partisan."

During the final minutes of the program, Will Rice President Tom Schuler, one of forty-seven Houston-area students in the audience, asked whether a university following such a policy is "admitting it doesn't have any faith in students." Dr. Woodward agreed, but, Dr. Holland persisted, in defending what he had termed a "realistic excuse," that the morality of the rule was determined by society.

'Silly Rule'

Dr. Woodward's final comment on the issue was "It's a silly rule."

The other program was almost exclusively concerned with the question, "Should college students have more personal freedom?! The moderator asked specifically whether student demands such as those at Stanford for more liberal dorm hours and less restriction are defensible.

Almost immediately Miss Finlayson, a senior biology major, responded. She blasted the so-called "mendane rules" and "maternalism" of over-restrictive dorms. The rationale, "learning to get along with people," is not a valid function for a university she said.

Pattern Needed

Dean Holland, however, spoke of the need for "some reasonable pattern of conduct." Fresh- men girls, he believes, should be required to live on campus. He also spoke of the private requests he has received that curfews not be abolished. The girls want, he argued, something with which to resist social pressures to stay out late.

Gary Tinley of A&M added that "there are times when mother's mundane rules come in handy."

On the drinking problem, Hol- land defended university anti- liquor regulation on the basis of the state "over twenty-one" law.

Generation 'War'

Dr. Woodward explained his concept of the university-stu- dents relationship. He spoke of the "war" that results as the older generation perpetually at- tempts to impose its views on the younger group. A contra- diction exists, he said, when adults expect maturity but "deny their approval when the young try to act like adults."

"If students are treated as adults, they will act as children." In answer to a question, Wood- ward refused to differentiate students according to their age.

Students Rush

After the shows had been taped, the audience of students from University of Houston, Houston Baptist College, Texas Southern University, St. Thomas University, and Rice rushed on stage to offer their congratula- tions and condemnation to the panelists.

Dr. Woodward, for example, was immediately forced to de- fend his views on motherhood and anti-communism before a well-dressed U of H student wearing a very unique gold-plated dollar sign in his lapel.