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Judge dismisses anti-war suit

A suit brought by Democratic Congressional candidate Charles Porter and nine other Oregonians to have the Vietnam War declared unconstitutional was dismissed Tuesday by U.S. District Court Judge James Burns in Portland.

The suit sought a halt in spending and drafting for the Vietnam War and declared the war unconstitutional because it hadn't been declared by Congress.

Ruling that the plaintiffs did not have legal "standing" to bring the suit, Burns dismissed it on a government motion after an hour's oral argument. Burns also ruled that the suit involved "political issues" which were not proper items for consideration by the federal court.

Porter, who argued the plaintiff's case, said after the hearing that he thinks there is a good chance an appeal will be made. The suit was filed against Melvin Laird, Secretary of Defense. A Justice Department civil division lawyer, John Kelson, argued the case in Laird's behalf.

"Mere advocacy of public interest is not enough," Kelson said. He argued that the plaintiffs had suffered no "individualized, personalized loss," due to the Vietnam War.

The suit alleged that some Americans have lost relatives in the war, suffered economic loss, and have not received medical and housing benefits that they could have expected had not war expenditures upset the economy of America.

On Campus

EMU favors UFW lettuce

The Aug. 16 issue of the Emerald contained an article with the misleading statement: "At this point, the EMU's policy on buying lettuce is indefinite."

The EMU's policy is actually two-pronged rather than indefinite. H.P. Barnhart, Director of Housing, explained the buying policy in a letter dated Aug. 16 to Gerald Bogen, vice president for student services.

"For the past several weeks," the letter said, "Herbert has told his buyer that quality and price being equal, he should favor lettuce picked by the United Farm Workers." (Herbert is a representative of Emerald Fruit and Produce, the firm from which the University buys their lettuce.)

The second part of the EMU's policy is stated in an Aug. 14 letter from Richard Reynolds, EMU director, to Bill Wyatt, President of the ASUO.

"It is the University's position," the letter said, "that we will continue our current practice of making available to our customers, salads made from greens which are alternatives to iceberg (head) lettuce as well as salads made from conventional head lettuce."

Dormitories expected full for fall

Dormitory reservations for fall term at the University are considerably ahead of this time last year, according to H.P. Barnhart, director of housing.

Barnhart expects the dormitories to be full this year, but he said openings remain for double rooms this fall.

Requests for single rooms, he said, now are being placed on a waiting list, however. Barnhart pointed out that University dormitories have a total of 2,450 rooms, including 463 for single occupancy.

The University housing director attributed the high number of dormitory reservations this year to an effort this past year to upgrade the dormitories, by such means as changing the food service format, offering single rooms, and carpeting some of the halls.

Sorority rush begins Sept. 13

Pre-school sorority rush at the University will take place September 13-18.

Women who participate will be housed in University dormitories.

Marti Chaney of Santa Clara, Calif., president of Panhellenic at the University, explains rush as "a chance to visit the sororities on campus. It also will be an excellent orientation to the campus and campus activities."

Further information may be obtained by writing the Panhellenic office, Emerald Hall, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.

Community

Issel's sheriff candidacy questioned

The legality of Harry "Barney" Issel's candidacy for Lane County sheriff is under study by the state's Attorney General's Office. The Republican candidate's qualifications were questioned Monday in a letter to Donald Penfold, director of Lane County's Dept. of Records and Elections from Stephen Keutzer, a deputy district attorney.

Keutzer cited the county's Home Rule charter requiring the physical presence of a candidate in the county two years immediately preceding his term of office, in his letter. Issel was director of public safety on American Samoa until July 31.

Penfold referred Keutzer's letter to the Secretary of State's office. Jack Thompson, assistant secretary of state, is seeking a ruling from the attorney general.

A strict interpretation of the county's charter, Penfold said, may be in conflict with state law. For example, one state law concerning residency of candidates says that a person may leave the state for "temporary purposes" without losing his place of residence, Penfold said, if he plans to return to that location.

Candidate declares write-in campaign

A defeated primary candidate for representative of Oregon's 41st district (which includes most of the campus area) has declared his intentions of conducting a write-in campaign for that position in the November election.

But Jim Reed, who was defeated by Mary Burrows in the May 23 Republican primary election, may not be eligible to run as a write-in candidate.

According to Oregon Revised Statutes, a candidate for state or district office unsuccessful in the primary is "not eligible as a candidate for the general election."

While Reed wrote Burrows and Democratic candidate Al King of an opinion by Attorney General Lee Johnson making it possible for defeated candidates to run in the general election, Lane County elections director Don Penfold said he was unaware of any such decision.

He said the attorney general had issued a statement saying persons unsuccessful for one office in the primary could run for a different office in the fall.

Reed announced his intent to run in a letter to Secretary of State Clay Myers.

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