

LCC senate impeaches Red Fox; students receive court summons

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With only one member of the Lane Community College student senate absent, the council voted 9 to 3 to force student body president David Red Fox to resign.

Red Fox, the missing member, said he didn't know about the meeting. "They seem to do everything behind my back," he said.

Robin Burns, LCC student publicity director stated, "Red Fox was notified about the meeting."

Asked how he felt about the senate's action, Red Fox said, "This action was probably taken without a quorum." What constitutes a quorum is one of the points that senate members and Red Fox are disputing.

The senate members maintain that there are at present thirteen voting members with another twelve members who were recently elected but haven't been sworn in yet. "They will be sworn in today," explained Burns. Red

Fox feels that a quorum would be "at least 25 members present."

Dave Simmons, senator at large, explained that the senate has been acting according to the bylaws of LCC constitution. "A quorum is based on elected and sworn in senate members," he said.

Red Fox feels that the senate's action "violates my right to representation." His lawyer, Ray Edward Fachtel said, "We don't recognize any act taken by this group of people as valid." He said he is "recommending that he continue to act in his presidential capacity."

Barry Hood, LCC student vice-president said he felt Red Fox's attempt to remain in office is "illegal and entirely against our (LCC) documents." He added "as of right now, I am the president."

Tuesday, Red Fox filed a law suit in Lane County Circuit Court against 10 of the student government in an attempt to halt

the senate action against him. The 10 defendants will be served with summons requiring them to appear before court in a just cause hearing where they will have to explain their reasons for their actions.

Simmons felt "very surprised" that Red Fox took the case to civil court rather than "appealing the academic counsel or judiciary branch of our government (LCC) for clarification of our act." Simmons doesn't believe that a judge will consider the case. "He will probably state it is a school problem rather than a civil suit."

Hood stated, "I think it's a threat." He continued, "I think Red Fox is trying to scare us. The action today concludes this chapter of alienation and unrest at LCC and allows us to return to the real problems of the student body."



Cynthia Solem

Photo by Steve Twedt

Peace committee plans Indochina Project as a reminder of political prisoners

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The Eugene Peace Action Committee (EPAC), an "anti-war, anti-imperialist group" met Tuesday night to plan the strategies of two upcoming events.

The events, an Indochina Mobile Education Project scheduled Nov. 7 through 9 on campus and a demonstration slated for Nov. 17 will be staged to inform the community of the overall picture in Indochina and

to support of freeing "the 200,000 political prisoners held by the Thieu regime and to end all aid to the Saigon police state," according to EPAC literature.

Created to "bring information about Vietnamese daily life to American communities and college campuses," the Indochina Mobile Education Project utilizes films, speakers and exhibits about Vietnam.

A film "Saigon—A Question of Torture," will be shown by the project tonight at 7:30 in 337 Commonwealth. Two speakers,

Jacqui Chagnon and Roger Rumpf, who are "anxious to meet with individuals and groups in Eugene," will follow the film. Those interested in scheduling Chagnon or Rumpf to speak before an organization or class should call EPAC at 345-8057.

A large multi-media exhibit will be displayed by the project today and tomorrow in the Erb Memorial Union.

"The exhibit consists of photographs, poetry, prose, original art, and maps depicting the culture, land, and spirit of the Indochinese people," explained Chagnon. "It also shows the impact of the war on these three areas."

Not an exhibit of "maimed bodies and burned babies," it is designed to show how the war has affected the Vietnamese society, she said.

"The emphasis is on showing the Vietnamese people as people," said Chagnon, "not as statistics or body counts."

Nov. 17 is the date scheduled by EPAC for its demonstration. A press conference will be held at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 13 in the Eugene Hotel to discuss demonstration plans and objectives.

Marchers are instructed to gather Nov. 17 at the corner of 13th and University at 1 p.m. and march to the downtown mall (or Harris Hall, if the weather is bad) for a rally featuring speeches, music, poetry, and guerrilla theater.

Speakers at the rally will include a member of the Union of Vietnamese in the United States and former prisoner-of-war Robert Chenowith, held in North Vietnam from 1968 to 1973. Phoebe Friedman, an anti-war activist recently returned from North Vietnam, is also due to address the rally.

Information on these events and the objectives of the Eugene Peace Action Committee are available from EPAC, 345-8057.

The group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald.

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Feminist discovers oppression in Turkey

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Three summers ago Cyndy Solem was in Turkey and "the idea of the women's movement began to make sense to me." Today she is co-coordinator for the University Feminists, a position she received last Monday.

In the compact Feminist Office in 301 EMU, an aura of feminism charges the air as books, pamphlets and bulletins sift out the Feminists' purpose from the busy stream of surrounding offices. Solem, sitting on the edge of her chair and leaning forward with nervous enthusiasm, elaborates on past experiences which cultivated her awareness of the women's movement and brought her to this small reservoir on the University campus.

An advocate of left wing politics, Solem's first acquaintance with the women's movement was in 1969. Pinpointing her first impression when a friend introduced her to the movement, Solem recalls remarking, "I don't need anything like this." She said she failed to understand the oppression of women and failed to realize its similarities to the oppression of third world people.

Travels to Britain and Turkey created changes. Solem saw a vitality in a group of British women. She saw a "horrendous role differentiation" in Turkey. In Turkey, Solem says, she discovered what the oppression of women is.

Her long blond hair falling straight to her shoulders, her brown tinted glasses creating a mysterious haze over her eyes, 23-year-old Solem recalls a summer in Turkey, a summer that sparked her realization of offensive male-female roles. "Turkey, as well as many other countries, has a strict role differentiation. The women do all the work. The men smoke and relax and are basically the dominators."

Stranded in an Istanbul bus station once for five hours, Solem said she was the target of a group of men. They enjoyed teasing her, and Solem realized their dominance over her, their oppression of her, and this is "when things really began to make sense, when the women's movement seemed applicable."

Her reminiscences about Britain are brighter. "There is a long tradition of feminism. A lot of creative women, such as novelists, have been British-born and feminists."

In Britain, Solem became acquainted with a group of women film makers, actively devoted to creating a healthy conception of the character of women in films.

Solem's travels and her participation in March Eighth, a women's group in Madison, Wisconsin have culminated in a way of life, a way of thinking, she says.

Her feelings towards the women's movement reflect her personal beliefs. Solem concludes that Gloria Steinem "is definitely in a capitalistic mold." Steinem, Solem explains, is advocating for women to get ahead and for women to consider each other as sisters. Solem sparks, "I'm not going to call all women my sisters. I don't consider Pat Nixon a sister."

Her eyes, penetrating the haze of her glasses, her nervous enthusiasm replaced by strong convictions, Solem continues, "I'm not advocating that women charge ahead, I'm not advocating that they become presidents of IT&T or General Motors. Some women can be just as oppressive as men."

Solem relaxes. Sitting back in her chair, she turns to simpler thoughts. A graduate from the University of Wisconsin and now a University grad student in history, Solem said friends prompted her to apply as co-coordinator for the University Feminists. After screening and "rap" sessions, she was appointed to the position for the 1973-74 school year and will work alongside Catha Fields, Feminist Coordinator.

Anyone wishing for more information is encouraged to contact the Feminists Office in 302 EMU.

OSPIRG starts study on student transportation

By LEE SIEGEL
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A study of the transportation needs of Oregon college students has been initiated at several campuses by the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG). The aim of the study is to determine problems students have in getting to or leaving their campuses.

In Eugene, most of the action has been at Lane Community College (LCC) where a survey of the student body is underway.

Bill Van Dyke, OSPIRG staffer in charge of the overall study, said that if the results of the survey show a need for it, OSPIRG will develop a proposal for a reduced student fare system. Such a system might be subsidized by the imposition of a one dollar per term parking fee at LCC. Parking is presently free.

By charging a parking fee, OSPIRG feels that crowded parking conditions might be relieved because of increased bus usage by students.

At Portland Community College (PCC), OSPIRG has already made a proposal to charge such a fee. The PCC student government has approved the proposal, and it is currently under consideration by the administration.

Under a reduced fare system, students would pay full fare to get to the PCC campus, but return home without charge. Tri-Met, Portland's bus system, will charge a set amount of money for each extra bus that is necessary to handle the increased load of students leaving the campus.

If a need for it is discovered by the OSPIRG survey, a similar proposal will be made at LCC.

There has been little action yet here at the University. Students interested in conducting a study of the transportation needs of students here should contact the OSPIRG office, 686-4073.

Similar studies are underway at Portland State University and Lewis and Clark College.