

Emerald board bars staff from being ASUO appointees

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Students working for the Oregon Daily Emerald may no longer serve in ASUO appointive positions on the Emerald board of directors, according to an amendment the board passed Wednesday.

Emerald editor Torrie McAllister said it was a conflict of interest to have Emerald employees representing the student population at the University.

The Emerald board consists of:

—Three faculty members, appointed by the University president within one month of the end of the current members terms.

—Three students at large, appointed each year by the new ASUO president within one month of his or her election.

—Three members of the Emerald staff, consisting of the editor and elected advertising and news side representatives.

The amendment also stated that if appointments were not made before the required deadline by the ASUO and University presidents, the board would have the power to make its own choice. "But it should be clear that the board does not wish to make its own selections," McAllister said.

The board also decided that the elected Emerald representatives should be on the Emerald payroll throughout their term. The final determination in such cases will be made by the board chair.

In response to this last decision, Emerald news side representative Neal Rosen resigned because he was no longer a paid employee of the Emerald.

IFC gives money to groups

The Constitution Committee was allocated \$350 by the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) at Tuesday's meeting. The money was given the committee for salaries and administrative costs.

According to IFC chairer Randy Shilts if ASUO President Greg Leo and Vice-president

Debbie Barnett are recalled, the "Constitution Committee is going to be the interim government. They will have supervisory power over the constitution as the student judicial body."

Also at Tuesday's meeting \$200 was allocated to the Third World Student Coalition for a Third World Week to be held in January. The Coalition is presently trying to obtain Angela Davis as a guest speaker and had originally requested \$4,155 for the week. However, stated Shilts, "we just don't have enough money."

Also at the meeting the Women's Transitional Living Center was allocated \$60 for administrative costs.

Millrace preservation group feels optimistic

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Many encouraging words were heard at a meeting Tuesday night concerning the preservation of Eugene's Millrace as a scenic attraction. The Committee for Millrace Development met in the EMU to assess progress and assign people to the job of getting easements from property owners along the Millrace.

If all the easements are procured the Millrace will be in public hands and thus be saved from being filled in or otherwise obstructed. According to Ken Morin, a Eugene architect, the purpose of getting the Millrace into public hands is to protect the public right of way for canoeing and small boats. Morin is chairman of the Downtown Millrace Committee, which is concerned mainly with protecting the lower Millrace.

Walter Wentz, University student and chairman of the group which met Tuesday night, stated that the city is committed to building a larger outflow pipe to the Millrace if all the adjoining property owners sign the easements. A larger pipe would increase the flow of water through the race and eliminate its stagnant, polluted appearance.

Easements have already been, or are expected to be signed shortly by the University, fraternities and sororities which adjoin the waterway, and two large student apartment building owners. Both Morin and Wentz felt that what remained to be done was largely a question of footwork. Both men were very optimistic and expected little opposition from property owners who have not yet signed easements.

Technically, the documents call for an 18-foot right of way on each side of the center of the race. Generally, this would merely include the channel itself, and the retaining walls.

Previous attempts to do what the two groups are now trying to accomplish have all ended in failure. An effort started in 1942 by University students ended in frustration when easements, which had been collected from all concerned property owners, simply disappeared. "They were just Watergated right out of existence," said Morin.

Morin also cautioned against the kind of emotionalism which characterized the 1942 effort. As a result, he said the attempt to protect the Millrace ended in court, with the subsequent disappearance of the easements. "We have to go at this thing one step at a time," he warned.

In summing up his feelings about the present progress of the two groups, Wentz stated, "I feel more confident now than I have in five years since our committee got started."



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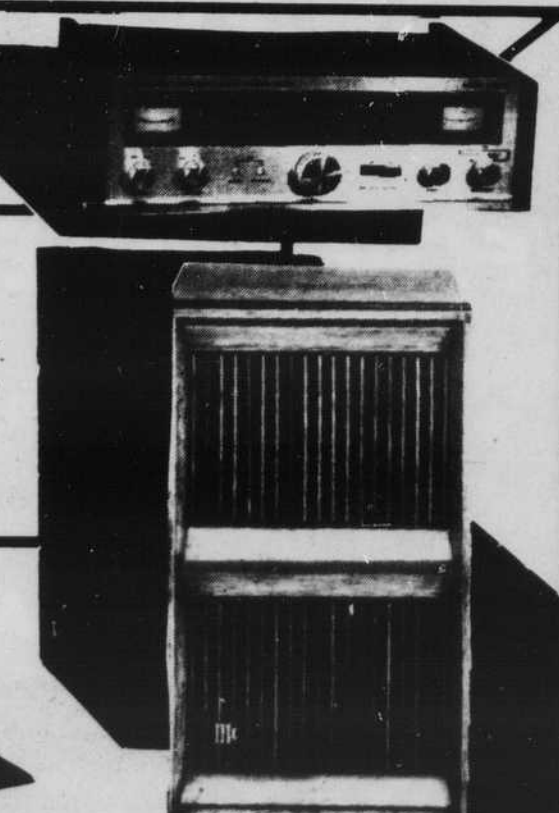
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