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Respond to Reynold's letter

Pickers challenge EMU ban

By ALAN McARTHUR
Of the Emerald

Citing protection under the First Amendment, the coalition of groups in support of the United Farmworkers (UFW) gave notice Wednesday that they will not abide by the ban on all picketing inside the EMU as ordered by EMU Director Dick Reynolds in a letter to the coalition on Monday.

In a letter to President Robert Clark and EMU Director Dick Reynolds, Michael Goldstein of the Eugene Coalition said that "only 'significantly disruptive' activities are considered

violations," according to the Student Conduct Code. Picketing, he asserted, is not under that category.

But Dick Reynolds, after stating that a total ban was not the object of his letter on Monday, said the definition of "picketing" was the prime point in question. "If you take picketing to mean a serpentine line weaving through the cafeteria, then, yes, that is disruptive and won't be allowed. But I did not intend a total ban," he said Wednesday night.

Reynolds said Goldstein asked him if several people standing in the EMU lobby holding picket signs would constitute a

disruption, and he replied that it would not. If a disruptive event did take place, Reynolds explained, the administration's action would be decided by experience.

Reynolds had said earlier this week the picketers were ordered to stop chanting and picketing in the EMU because "noon-time customers--both faculty and students" had made complaints about the action, adding that the EMU "can't afford to lose the clientele."

Goldstein's letter took issue with this point, however, because "there is no authority anywhere in the code...that the mere presence of demonstrators...constitutes conduct in violation of the code."

The letter from Goldstein to Clark and Reynolds had not been studied thoroughly by either man as of Wednesday night, but Reynolds stated that Goldstein's letter was, in his opinion, "grabbing at some things I never said or meant."

"It is a sorry state," Goldstein said in his letter, "when a University administrator is willing to violate the legal and Constitutional rights of the people in order to perpetuate his dictatorial and oppressive lettuce and grape policy."

IFC voting nears 10% with 848 turnout

If today's voting for IFC candidates continues at Wednesday's rate, 10 percent of the student body will have voted, according to Amy Sawelson, Chair for the Elections Board. So far, 848 students have voted.

If it rains tomorrow, the booths at 13th and Commonwealth, the Bookstore, PLC and inside the EMU will remain; the booth behind the EMU on Onyx Street will be moved inside; the booth on 15th and University will be moved inside the P.E. building and the one at the Hamilton-Agate crosswalk will be moved under the dorm ledge.

A booth will be provided at the infirmary today, according to Sawelson. "The election is running very smoothly and uneventfully," she said.

Students who wish to vote should remember to bring their plastic I.D. and current fee card.

SOC students fight cuts; faculty positions endangered

SALEM (UPI) - Students from Southern Oregon College met with state officials Wednesday in an effort to prevent budget cuts that will cause the dismissal of several SOC faculty members.

Because of declining enrollments at SOC, the school's budget is being reduced and eight staff members are scheduled to lose their jobs in June.

Another 11 staff members will be eliminated at the end of the next school year if the funds are not restored.

SOC students Mike Settel,

John Campbell, and Bob Swanson, had planned to meet with Gov. Tom McCall, but the governor was in Seattle for a meeting with British Columbia officials.

The students, representing the Faculty Retention Committee, brought petitions with the signatures of some 500 SOC students asking for restoration of the funds.

The three-member delegation left the petitions with the governor's office and also met briefly with State Treasurer James Redden.

Senate gives governor energy crisis powers

SALEM (UPI) - The Senate Wednesday passed the bill granting the governor emergency powers to deal with the gasoline shortage and other energy emergencies.

The bill now goes back to the House for concurrence in minor amendments.

The measure gives the governor authority to impose mandatory curtailments in

use of energy resources. It is expected Gov. Tom McCall will use the authority to impose some type of gasoline rationing system in Oregon.

The governor's authority would last for 30 days. It could only be renewed if the Legislature is called back into session and approves an extension of the emergency proclamation.

Handicapped students request, finally receive campus recognition

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Three years ago there were no asphalt ramps, two students in wheelchairs and very little attention paid to handicapped students on campus.

Now, at least 54 handicapped students attend the University, including 17 wheelchair students, and the demand for accessible classrooms and equality is being heard.

"The number of handicapped students had increased tremendously, by several hundred percent," Judy Bogen, assistant dean of students, said. "There's no way to count the exact number and I prefer it that way. Many handicapped people don't consider themselves different."

This increase has been motivated by several administrators, faculty members and the handicapped students themselves who have pushed for legislation and financial backing. Their requests haven't always been answered.

A \$1.9 million proposal to the state legislature for University building remodeling and extra

revision for handicapped student access was refused. The legislature doesn't see that it has the money to spend for this kind of building repair, Harold Babcock, director of the physical plant, said.

"Those who are in control of the money, and I'm one of them, have to make the decisions that will benefit the University," Babcock said. "Should we build one elevator for \$50 or \$60,000 or a lot of little things for the same amount of money?"

Babcock believes the University is doing all it can to make daily transportation and learning easier for the handicapped students. The only drawback is money.

"We should do a lot more...even a few elevators would make a tremendous difference," Babcock said, "but there's no money coming in."

Despite the financial obstacle, handicapped students are hearing about the campus awareness and are enrolling for classes. University grounds are relatively ideal for students in wheelchairs because there are no hills, Babcock said. Also, han-

dicapped students are being recruited in high schools by ALERT, a student organization for watching planning committee decisions and initiating changes that would benefit students with mobility problems.

"We aren't willing to be left in the back room of a nursing home anymore," Chris Casady, an ALERT member, said. "If decisions are made at the drawing board, it only costs .1 to 1 percent more to make a building totally accessible to the population." Casady, a senior in CSPA, is a quadriplegic and confined to a wheelchair.

Mobility problems in the community aren't limited to handicapped persons although they are the ones fighting for added ramps instead of stairs and first floor classes.

"My grandparents have the same transportation difficulties that I do," Casady explained, "and so do women with strollers."

In the past few years, the office of Student Services, the University Physical Plant, contacted faculty members and

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Jim Calvin helps Guy Burkhardt down a curb in this photo but University grounds are relatively ideal for students in wheelchairs because of the lack of hills on campus. Increasing awareness of the problems these students face has come through the efforts of several administrators, faculty members and handicapped students themselves who have pushed for legislative and financial backing.