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Lettuce issue heads for board

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Today's State Board of Higher Education meeting will see the present lettuce boycott issue raised at the state level for the first time.

Representatives from the United Farmworker's Solidarity Committee, Third World Student's Coalition, MEChA and the ASUO government will be present at the meeting, either to present statements on the issue or observe the board's response.

Tony Gregg, one of the organizers of the UFWSC presentation, is pessimistic about a favorable action by the board.

"We just plan on presenting the proposal the students passed (during the ASUO primary elections) in support of the farmworkers. When it's rejected, it will prove the board is oppressing farmworkers," Gregg claimed.

Supporters of the UFW from the University will be joined at the meeting by students from the Oregon College of Education, Oregon State, and Portland State Universities.

ASUO President Bob Liberty will also make a statement to the board, as will University President Robert Clark.

In his prepared statement, Liberty said he supports the "expressed sentiments of the students" as voiced in the recent referendum. He attacked the argument for not buying non-UFW lettuce by saying, "It is inconceivable to me how someone may feel their personal freedom is under attack because he or she would not have the opportunity to buy lettuce at a particular place, picked by particular people."

He calls the present policy of the board "anything but neutral." The board had expressed desires earlier to remain neutral on the issue.

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Dean Holbo tells faculty

Education quality threatened

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The College of Liberal Arts is in trouble — the faculty ranks are becoming too thin, the classes too large and the students too numerous. The college faculty is unable to prepare courses and teach at the level of its ability, Acting Dean Paul Holbo told faculty members Monday.

"In recent months we have been so short-handed that the quality of our instruction and scholarship is threatened," Holbo said. "The situation next year will be equally difficult. It is not yet clear that we actually shall meet our needs for 1974-1975."

There will be little margin for courses that aren't essential and class sizes are increasing again in some departments, Holbo said. "Everything possible must be done to avoid requiring professors to take on extra lower-division classes in addition to those they already teach."

Holbo blamed the college's financial problems on the "persistent inadequacy of our supporting services, facilities and materials, which have been worsened by the severe surge of inflation."

Holbo said he was disappointed in the student editors and leaders with whom he has talked, who

haven't organized themselves to oppose the financial crisis at the University. "After all," he said, "the quality of the education available is the single most important matter for the vast



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majority of students at Oregon." The acting dean urged students to offer testimony about the education they are receiving and local business and civic groups to pay more attention to the University.

"The University brings millions of out-of-state dollars into the

community," Holbo said. "Without these funds, our area would suffer economically, educational and cultural programs which the University provides could not be maintained."

Only one incumbent local legislator and one candidate for election to the state legislature have spoken publicly of the college's financial plight, Holbo said.

Holbo admitted that the college is partly at fault for the situation but most of the problem comes from the college being ignored by community people and students. "Unfortunately, few educational institutions of our standing have so little by way of independent resources and are so helpless in a moment of neglect," he said.

In conclusion, Holbo mentioned several hopeful signs — responsive public and commercial television, friendly newspaper editorial opinion and the recent visit of several members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

"I am now confident that our needs are understood at the Board level," Holbo said. "I have as a result not lost my faith that the University of Oregon can retain its standing and perhaps still pursue effectively our struggle for greater distinction, even in these difficult times."



Photo by Linda Howe

Artistic 'trash can' on wheels

It's just a hobby said owner Dickens Bascom. Photo subjects such as this make photographers wish color could be used. This very decorated car — both inside and out — has been attracting stares around the campus the past few days. And Bascom, from Marin County, California, says the hobby, which began five years ago, will never be completed.

FORE to study IFC

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A group of businessmen primarily from Portland, will be visiting the University Thursday to study the incidental fee allocation system.

They are members of an organization known as the Foundation for Oregon Research and Education, (FORE).

FORE is described by its executive director, Wilson Hulley, as, "a statewide group of

businessmen interested in education." He also stated that the group was interested in "more efficiency in the use of the public education dollar." He substantiated this statement by pointing out an April 1973 report prepared by FORE.

The report detailed ways in which the Oregon State Board of Higher Education could restructure itself and, in FORE's view, save time and money in its operations.

So far, the current investigation into the incidental fee structure at Oregon colleges has taken FORE members to Portland State University and Oregon State University.

Student spokesmen for both PSU and OSU stated that members of FORE sat through incidental fee hearings and talked to both administrators and students about the fee situation.

Seven or eight members of FORE's subcommittee on the incidental fee system will be visiting the University in an effort to correlate the information gained from the visits to the other schools.

Those members coming to the University are: Vicki Busby, project director; Melissa Morris, Executive Assistant to FORE; Tom Morrow, committee

chairman and Jim Holtz, Tom Nelson, Clancy Standridge and Carol Klein, committee members. Frank Shell, a Portland architect may also make the trip.

Their itinerary, formulated by University Relations Director Bill Korns, includes visits to several administrators including University President Robert Clark. They are also scheduled to visit with the ASUO president and members of the Incidental Fee Committee.

In a PSU Vanguard story, Chancellor Roy Lieuallen of the state system of higher education earlier stated, he believes that FORE's recent interest in incidental fees "grew out of legislative action," which resulted in the passage of Senate Bill 47, signed into law July 1973. That law places the ultimate supervision and control of enrollment and incidental fees under the state board's jurisdiction.

Legally, incidental fees and enrollment fees are controlled by the State of Oregon, under the auspices of the State Board of Higher Education which collects these mandatory fees. Lieuallen, in the Vanguard story, said he believed that since the state is helping students collect the money, the state should have control over it.

Voter's guide today

The Oregon Daily Emerald has published a voters' guide in this issue. The guide features stories about the primary election candidates in state and local races.

It also contains information on the nine ballot measures. The races covered are: governor, labor commissioner, U.S. senator, fourth district congressman, state representatives from districts 39, 40 and 41, state senators from districts 20 and 21 and county commissioner.

The Emerald interviewed the candidates over the past few weeks.

The guide is supposed to be a supplement to all the other literature about this year's elections. It deals with issues, not platitudes or promises.

The guide attempts to present a closer look at some of the people who are asking for student votes. It gives their backgrounds in community service, and explains their views on local problems.