

Student bargaining bill enters House

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SALEM — The student-initiated collective bargaining bill was introduced in the House Friday. Rep. Ted Kulongoski, D-Eugene, submitted the bill, which will affect four-year state schools, after having received special permission from the House Rules Committee to introduce the bill after the deadline.

The bill has two parts. The first part creates a six-person governing board which will set the bargaining position of the faculty before the collective bargaining. That committee will be composed of two students.

The second part allows the students to participate in the bargaining sessions but not vote on the final government any way it sees fit.

This bill will only be meaningful if collective bargaining is extended to faculty members. The right to collective bargaining was not given to most other state employees in 1973, and faculty members have been working for academic collective bargaining.

The bill, drafted by Kulongoski, is based on a policy statement written by the ASUO lobby and adopted by the statewide Associated Oregon Student Lobby. (AOSL).

Kulongoski, who stops short of giving the bill his unconditional endorsement, says it concerns an issue that should be discussed in the Legislature.

AOSL lobbyist Mike Cowgill, an OSU student who has worked for introduction of the bill, says, "Right now it is difficult to foresee what kind of recognition the bill will receive. The AOSL feels it is important we register our concern in the form of this legislation."

The bill takes a long step toward including students in the actual governance of state colleges and universities. If adopted, it will mark a significant departure from the usual advisory status of students.

Rosenburg's son campaigns to re-open case

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Campaigning to "change the history books" and clear his parents name, Michael Meeropole appeared vigorous and optimistic as he spoke with reporters Saturday in Eugene.

The eldest son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Meeropole cited "tremendous inconsistencies in the testimony of witnesses, fraud on the part of the prosecution and forgery of documentary evidence" as key areas of investigation. He will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 167 of the EMU.

Convicted of conspiring to sell atomic bomb secrets to the Soviet Union, the Rosenbergs were executed in 1953. Their 32-year-old son called the trial "a part of American Cold War policy."

Using the 1975 amendment to the Freedom of Information Act as a springboard for their efforts to re-open the case, a national committee was formed last year. To date, files have been requested from 17

federal agencies including the FBI, CIA and AEC. "Some agencies are giving the impression of complying while others refuse," said Meeropole. "They say they are afraid of invading the privacy of certain individuals." One witness is dead.

On unpaid leave from Western New England College for a year, Meeropole and his 28-year-old brother Robert are touring the country to educate and gain financial support for the committee. He said it would take at least two years and \$100,000 to re-open the case.

Meeropole remains optimistic because he believes juries are more critical now. "I'm sure if we can get the Greenglasses back on the stand," he said, "the jury will see through their testimony." The Greenglasses are Meeropoles uncle and aunt. They were also key witnesses for the prosecution.

"I can't deny that I'm seeking retribution," he admitted. "Frame-up artists — even when they lose — get off with nothing. I would like to see them go to jail just for the educational impact."

The Meeropoles recently completed a book called "We Are Your Sons" to be released May 15.

YMCA launches Vietnam aid effort

The Central Lane Family YMCA launched a special money-raising effort to aid the increasing number of refugees in Vietnam. Funds raised in the drive will be sent through to the YMCA and then directly to Vietnam, where it will be used in refugee camps and resettlement villages.

"The airlift of orphans and the crash of the 'Operation Babylift' plane attracted attention and brought countless offers to adopt Vietnamese children," says Carl DuBois, local YMCA executive. "But there are still thousands more children and parents in Vietnam who desperately need help."

In the past, financial aid to Vietnam has been used to provide re-

creation, primary school and literacy classes, youth leadership development and citizenship training programs. The YMCA began working with refugees in Vietnam in 1967, and is currently active in 17 countries.

The previous several years, the Central Lane Y chose to earmark their contributions for Nigeria. But, says DuBois, that will change this year.

"It is difficult to stand by and do nothing personally as the news media pour out a steady flow of pictures of the chaotic conditions and the heartrending need of the average person in Vietnam. Many people have voiced frustration at not knowing now to help, so we

initiated this project."

The Y does not send food, but does help distribute food to refugees. They also organize the community and help train teachers, farmers and health workers.

"We have 40 staff people in Vietnam," says DuBois, "and we get word that they have more work than they can possibly handle. But money, not volunteers, will do the most to ease the situation. The workers are qualified, trained people and they just need money to keep their programs going."

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