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'We own it...'

ASUO fights hard battle for Mac Court

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Prepared to take legal action "if necessary," the ASUO executive announced plans Sunday to issue a proposal for a Mac Court governing board comprised of students, faculty, and Athletic Department personnel to determine policy concerning use of the facility.

The proposed board would be empowered to formulate policy on the reserved seating issue as well as the scheduling of speakers and concerts.

According to the executive, the proposal is being made in light of research which places historical ownership and control of Mac Court in the hands of the students.

"Despite the fact that research shows Mac Court was built by student funds, we are now being dictated to with regard to our participation in the control of its use," said Kirby Garrett, ASUO vice-president. "We paid for it and now are being denied the right to use it as we wish. A lot of lip-service is given to our part in controlling it, but when it gets right down to it, we have no control."

According to Garrett, the sole purpose of the new plan is to guarantee students participation in Mac Court control, including the issue of reserved seating.

"Up to now the AD has been dictating how the seating is to be done. We want to change this a little and

establish a representative governing board that will set the policy. Since our predecessors paid for it, we should have some control."

"We're not saying that we should have total control over Mac Court," he explained. "We're just asking for something as simple as students being able to go see games when they want to."

Although the executive hopes for a "unanimous decision" between the University and the ASUO, they will not hesitate to take court action "if necessary."

"We have grounds for a damages and reparations suit if we want to," said Garrett. "The ASUO is being denied the right to determine proper usage of its own building. The time has come for the students to regain control."

According to the vice-president, court action would be "a last resort. Right now we only want to establish the right to schedule Mac Court as we please. We hope to work this out between us — to come to a unanimous decision — but if we are cut off too abruptly we will not hesitate to take legal action."

In hopes of an out-of-court settlement, the proposal will be sent to University Pres. Boyd later this week for his consideration.

Garrett claimed support for the ASUO position is provided by research into the history of McArthur Court, compiled for the student government by Don Chalmers, a

recent University graduate. According to the report, the building, built in 1925, was funded through bonding and voluntary taxation by the student government — then ASUO, Inc. With these measures and additional monies obtained through fund-raising drives, the students were able to pay off the facility by 1930. The report indicates that contracts with architects and construction workers list the ASUO, Inc. as the sole owner, with all documents signed by the ASUO president and the graduate student manager in charge of Mac Court.

According to Chalmers' research, in 1936 the State Board of Higher Education realized the building was a paying proposition, phased out the students, and took control. The dissolution of student control of the facility continued until 1950 when the EMU was built and the student government offices were moved from Mac Court to that location. Since that time the ASUO has had no control over Mac Court.

"That's what we're getting at," said Garrett. "Within six years, the students had Mac Court built and paid off and they ran it. Now they're trying to dictate how we use it."

The executive will meet with the Incidental Fee Committee at 5 p.m. today to present the proposal and request funds to continue research into the Mac Court matter and additional student-funded facilities.

AFSCME roasts OSEA campaign practices

By PATTY FARRELL
Of the Emerald

The Oregon State Employees Association (OSEA) is under attack for its campaign practices.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has charged the OSEA with using University management personnel to solicit votes for Wednesday's election. The election will determine which of the two bargaining agents, if any, will represent University classified employees in contract negotiations.

As part of the VOTE OSEA CAMPAIGN, the union sent a letter to approximately 100 University employees, urging them to see that all employees in their buildings get out to vote. AFSCME contends that 14 of the 100 employees appear on the University excluded list of voters as supervisory employees, and that the use of supervisory employees to favor one union over another is illegal.

The Collective Bargaining Law states that "it is illegal for a public employer or its representatives to dominate, interfere with, or assist in the formation, existence, or administration of any employee organization." In a letter addressed to Morton Shapiro, executive secretary of OSEA, Jeff Schrader of AFSCME claimed that "this solicitation of votes by supervisory personnel in the VOTE OSEA CAMPAIGN is management interference in employee bargaining agent selection."

In a telephone interview Sunday with the *Emerald*, Shapiro said that he has not yet received a copy of the letter dated Oct. 10 and that "this is the first I've heard of

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Grad deadline nears

The list of degree candidates for fall term graduation is now being compiled by the Office of the Registrar. The last day upon which an application may be filed for degree to be granted fall term is Friday, October 17. This date will be enforced because of the many operations of checking, clearing and printing which must follow.



Staff photo

Buckminster Fuller shows an EMU Ballroom audience an example of his map theory. By using varying geometric shapes, Fuller uses maps to highlight population densities and show the relationship of water to land on the earth's surface. See story Page 3.