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Jumpin' for joy

Stu Jackson (32) and 10,000 Duck fans celebrated a 77-72 win over USC, Saturday night, and looked forward to Thursday's contest with Washington. Oregon is now 1-1 in the Pac-8 race, tied with UCLA. See story on page 9.

Photo by John Johns

Bargaining unit as third force

VP wants student union

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Students may be heading to the bargaining table as more than observers.

In the near future, they may have a union of their own, according to Kirby Garrett, Associated Oregon Student Lobby (AOSL) chairer and ASUO vice-president. Garrett made his comments at an AOSL-sponsored collective bargaining workshop in Corvallis last weekend.

Although provisions of House Bill 3043 permit students to sit in on negotiations between faculty and the administration, he said that may not be enough to balance the effect of faculty unions.

"We're simply trying to protect ourselves," he said. "Students should have a certain amount of security; a certain amount of protection of their educational rights. As it is now, it is a monopolistic system. Faculty members could create tuition hikes by bargaining for salary increases and all we'd be able to do is sit and watch."

According to Garrett, a student union would be a real value to students on a wide range of issues. Not only would it provide a more centralized power structure than that provided by current student organizations, but he said it would be more democratic and relevant to students' financial and educational concerns.

"One of the greatest criticisms of student organizations now is their lack of credibility with their constituencies," Garrett said. "With a union, students will be able to relate to knowing their organizations are working for them in all areas of interest in a contractual agreement."

According to Garrett, the student union would concern itself with student political interests and place less than the current emphasis on incidental fees. "Fees are important, but they are not paramount to the broader issues of stu-

dent government, i.e. dealing with university bureaucracy and academic affairs."

A student union contract would be a legal agreement between students, their elected representatives and the administration dealing with all aspects of the educational process. Ideally it would contain provisions concerning student services, academic requirements and university governance.

A student services clause would include specific stipulations for health center access and insurance coverage, financial aid eligibility requirements and regulations concerning university-administered housing.

Academic provisions would concern student evaluations, grading criteria and related grievance procedures, faculty-student ratios and admission requirements.

"University governance clauses would have to deal with existing structures," said Garrett, "but would include student presence in that process. My belief is that students should be offered one-third participation in university governance."

Under the proposed system, students would pay their tuition fees directly to the union, not the university as is presently done. The union would then forward the money, less an agreed-upon percentage, to the University. This, said Garrett, is the most leverage to be gained by students.

"If, for example, the faculty should strike, we would withhold the money until they come back to work," he said. "Until they do, we would offer rebates to the students to compensate them for their lost educational opportunities."

Although membership could be voluntary, Garrett favors a mandatory set-up because "we would need the money to bargain a contract. What we would be doing is spending money to save money."

General Store provides lower student food costs

Starting today, all members of the University community have a chance to save food money by doing their shopping through the new Food-op General Store.

Managed and operated by students, the Food-op is a non-profit corporation designed to translate the purchasing power of the University to price reductions of about 15 per cent, according to Boyd Wilson, coordinator of the store.

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The Food-op was founded nearly two years ago by Wilson, a student in marketing. Since that time many hours of research and planning have gone into the program.

Four months ago the Food-op was purchasing food at wholesale prices for fraternities and other living organizations. Now, after two months of a pilot program in which 150 households participated in the food-op to help get the "bugs" out of the program, the food-op is opening to the entire University population.

Memberships in the General Store will cost \$1 for individuals and \$2 for households, to cover the costs of printing lists of items available at the store.

To make a purchase at the store, members fill out a "shopping list" which is then left at the General Store, located at 1535 E. 15th (just off Agate Street) or at the Food-op office in Suite 5, EMU. Then the order is picked up and paid for two days later at the store. Food stamps are accepted.

Although a small inventory of commonly used items like bread, milk, eggs and coffee

will be kept at the store, most orders will have to be made two days in advance.

Administration and expansion of the Food-op is funded by the ASUO. So far, the ASUO has given \$15,000 to the program. However, Wilson says in the future the Food-op will be self-sustaining by charging a slight mark-up in price to cover operating costs.

Right now the Food-op has a truck and the store building which includes a walk-in freezer, a floor model freezer, scales and a cash register. The store has recently undergone \$3,000 worth of improvements, much of it over the vacation.

The general store has a nine-member board of directors and 18 employees. Trina Suire is store manager, Don Steele is general manager, John Wood is president and Karen Van Lom is vice-president.

When contacted by the *Emerald*, Dr. Ray Hawk, University vice-president of administration and finance praised the Food-op program. He says the program is a credit to the students who work on it and proof that students can handle a venture of this magnitude.

Hawk warns, however, that expansion should proceed carefully and the Food-op should avoid going outside the University community to compete with businesses such as Safeway.

The store is the only one of its kind on the West Coast. Counting all students, faculty and staff the store has a potential clientele of one-fourth of Eugene.

Store hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There will be general meetings at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. today in 167 EMU for those interested in more information.