

UFAB demands charges be dropped

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Members of a new University group have demanded that all charges against those arrested Saturday during the demonstration at University Pres. William Boyd's inauguration be dropped.

At a Monday press conference, the group, which calls itself the United Front Against Boyd (UFAB), also demanded that non-United Farmworkers-picked lettuce be removed from campus; that there be no more tuition hikes or cutbacks in staff or faculty, and that the University administration stop what the group describes as "their attacks on special programs and the day care center."

A group spokesperson, Rebecca Vance, described UFAB as an "umbrella organization" representing the 16 campus and community groups which sponsored the Saturday demonstration.

Reading from a prepared statement, Vance also said the 10 demonstrators were

"viciously attacked, shackled and taken to the city jail while Boyd continued with his speech on 'The University as an open society, guaranteeing freedom of expression to all who would exercise it.' The arrest themselves is (sic) a clear contradiction between his verbal statement and his practice."

Statements were also made at the conference by representatives of the Eugene Coalition, the Eugene Friends of the Farmworkers and the Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee.

The Eugene Coalition's statement, in addition to the demands presented by the UFAB, demanded that Boyd publicly apologize for the arrests of the ten demonstrators.

Kurt Willcox, speaking for the farmworker group, stated no trouble would have been caused at the inauguration and no arrests would have been made had not the police been called to campus.

"The arrests were made because of a University administration that insists on trampling on people's rights," Willcox said.

Willcox also charged that no effort was

made by the police to warn people of their impending arrests and that the police used unnecessary force in apprehending the demonstrators.

Jack Cater, a Eugene police detective assigned to the University, came under special attack by those at the conference, with Willcox stating he saw Cater selectively order the arrests of the demonstrators.

"The closest ones at hand happened to get it," Cater said of the arrests.

In addition, Cater said, "There wasn't anyone being singled out. If there had been, we wouldn't have taken juveniles." Two juveniles were among the 10 arrested Saturday. They have since been released from Skipworth Juvenile Home, where they had been detained.

The other eight people arrested were arraigned Monday in the Eugene Municipal court of Judge Frank Bocci.

Bocci denied the requests of all eight for a reduction in the \$55 bail each had to post before being released Saturday.

He appointed attorneys for six of the

eight, however Sarah Maltzman and Vance obtained attorneys only for the purposes of consultation before making their pleas. Alan Riddle and William Doolittle were denied access to court-appointed attorneys because they hold full-time jobs.

Another hearing will be held for the eight at 1 p.m. Friday in order for the defendants to make their pleas. All with the exception of Jean Woodruff are charged with disorderly conduct. She is charged with interfering with a police officer.

In another development, the Native American Student Union, in a statement to the *Emerald*, denied any connection with, or support for the demonstrators.

"To demonstrate is easy but it is another thing to pay our dues. We challenge these demonstrators to come with us and do the hard work planning, investigative research and follow through; the kind of hard patient work that will be necessary to reform a University," the statement said. It was written by Dave Harding, the director of NASU, and Dennis DeGross, the director of the Native American Program.

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ASUO aims Mac Court effort at faculty

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ASUO proponents of a student-controlled McArthur Court say they will try to bring the issue to a vote by the University General Faculty before resorting to any legal action.

The ASUO proposal, which would create a student-dominated Mac Court board to

govern use of the facility, was tabled by the faculty Wednesday.

According to ASUO Consultant Don Chalmers, the issue "hopefully" will be brought before the March faculty meeting in an effort to take it off the table with a simple majority vote.

In the meantime, Chalmers said, he and other backers of the measure will contact faculty members who voted to table it.

"I think we had a large variety of faculty who voted in favor of tabling the motion," Chalmers said. "Some were against the proposition itself, but others were boondoggled into believing that there would be legal complications with it."

"Still others, I believe, had doubts about it because of the way (University Pres. William) Boyd presented the case against it," Chalmers said.

The board proposed to the faculty would consist of two faculty members appointed by the University president, three student members appointed by the ASUO president and the University vice-president for administration and finance, who would be ex-officio and non-voting.

The board proposal stemmed from research conducted by Chalmers and recently resigned Incidental Fee Committee member Dave Donley, who claims Mac Court's original construction cost was paid for with student-floated bonds.

During the faculty meeting, Boyd and Law Prof. Dave Frohnmayer urged faculty members to reject the measure because of its complexity and wording. According to Frohnmayer, the language of the proposal was a "serious pitfall," and "puts the University and its president on a collision course with the law."

According to ASUO Pres. Jim Bernau, the faculty vote to table the measure was "a reaction to some very fine speaking."

If the motion remains on the table following the meeting, Bernau said his group will approach the State Board of Higher Education, "and ask for our money back."

"Since the students paid for the building, we deserve to be reimbursed in some way," he said.

FDA prohibits red dye use

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Food and Drug Administration said Monday it is banning Red No. 2, the nation's most widely used dye in foods, drugs and cosmetics, because of new concern that it may be a weak cancer-causing agent.

The ban, to take effect within the next few days, will not require the recall of products already on the market which include the coloring.

Commissioner Alexander Schmidt said there was "no evidence of a public health hazard from any currently available food or other product made with Red No. 2."

Because of unresolved safety questions, the FDA had provisionally listed the color since 1960 and postponed more than a dozen times since then a decision on whether to permanently approve it.



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One-on-one munch

These three spectators at a recent Oregon wrestling match seemed to have things well in hand(ful) with a front-row seat on the floor and a box for each. A fourth diehard Duck fan is hidden, but was well within grabbing distance of his trusty popcorn.