

OSPIRG demands rate hike hearings

By JACKMAN WILSON
Of the Emerald

OSPIRG plans to fight to the bitter end over Pacific Northwest Bell's 20 cent charge for directory assistance calls.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) has called on the Public Utilities Commissioner (PUC), Charles Davis, to hold public hearings on the charge no later than April. The PUC denied a similar petition last December. The issue may go to court if the petition is turned down again, says Ed Valentine, OSPIRG acting director.

Valentine stresses that OSPIRG is not asking the phone company to revoke the charge. What is needed is a closer examination of the costs and effects of the new billing system, and some opportunity for the public to express its feelings about the charge.

OSPIRG wants clarification of several aspects of the directory assistance charge.

- An explanation of the exemption from the charge for guest telephones in hotels and motels. OSPIRG contends guests in hotels and motels have access to the same directory information as general ratepayers and that a public utility cannot discriminate.

- A clarification of the phone company's policy on determining eligibility for the handicapped exemption from the directory assistance charge.

- A more detailed statement of the phone company's policies regarding distribution of in-state telephone directories.

OSPIRG's most recent petition to the PUC states that the denial of the original petition failed to address questions concerning the costs and benefits of the new charge.

For instance, the rationale behind the charge is to make the directory assistance system self-supporting and to make users of the system pay for it. OSPIRG says directory assistance was profitable before the charge was implemented and that with the new charging plan, the phone company projects a \$1.7 million annual profit, an increase of almost 600 per cent. This figure, OSPIRG contends, does not include profit on the directories themselves, almost \$6 million in 1974.

OSPIRG has requested a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the system, including information about who calls directory assistance, how often and why.

Valentine says the real issue is whether or not there has been a decline in the total volume of calls since the new charge was introduced. A decline, he says, would result in a hidden savings for the phone company.

"I can see no reason why the commissioner has denied to grant a public hearing," Valentine says. "If there is a reason for his reluctance it might be that there's a real problem with the system."

Forty excused in first day of Hearst jury selection

San Francisco (AP) — Patricia Hearst, flanked by a team of lawyers and supported by the family she once denounced, went on trial Tuesday. Her judge declared his intention to seat a jury within two days.

U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Carter launched jury selection in the trial with mass questioning of some 120 prospective panelists—most of whom affirmed their willingness to presume the jailed heiress innocent of the bank robbery with which she is charged.

Before court adjourned for the day, some had come forward to confess their prejudices, and one woman admitted that her family feared "retaliation" if she served on the jury.

The judge, maintaining a kindly attitude toward the group, quickly excused anyone expressing even the slightest fear that he or she might be unfair in deciding the case. A total of 40 persons was excused, most of them for personal reasons.

Describing the trial as "the most fully covered case in this country that I know of," Carter cautioned the potential jurors that they could expect to be sequestered for at least four to five weeks.

"I expect to conclude the jury selection by tomorrow," Carter declared before adjourning court for the day.

Most of the more than 100 reporters on hand for the trial were not allowed inside for the morning session. But by afternoon, enough potential jurors had been excused to allow some spectators and more reporters to gain seats.

The defendant's father, still stunned by his daughter's status as accused felon, said before the start of the first day's session that Hearst's kidnapers were to blame for her plight. "If she hadn't been kidnaped by a bunch of terrorists . . . she wouldn't be here today," *San Francisco Examiner* Pres. Randolph Hearst told reporters.

Hearst, 21, her head held high, walked solemnly into a courtroom packed with 120 potential jurors. She was pale, but appeared cool and at ease as she chatted with her lawyers, smiled at her family and sat back to hear jurors confess their secret thoughts about her trial.

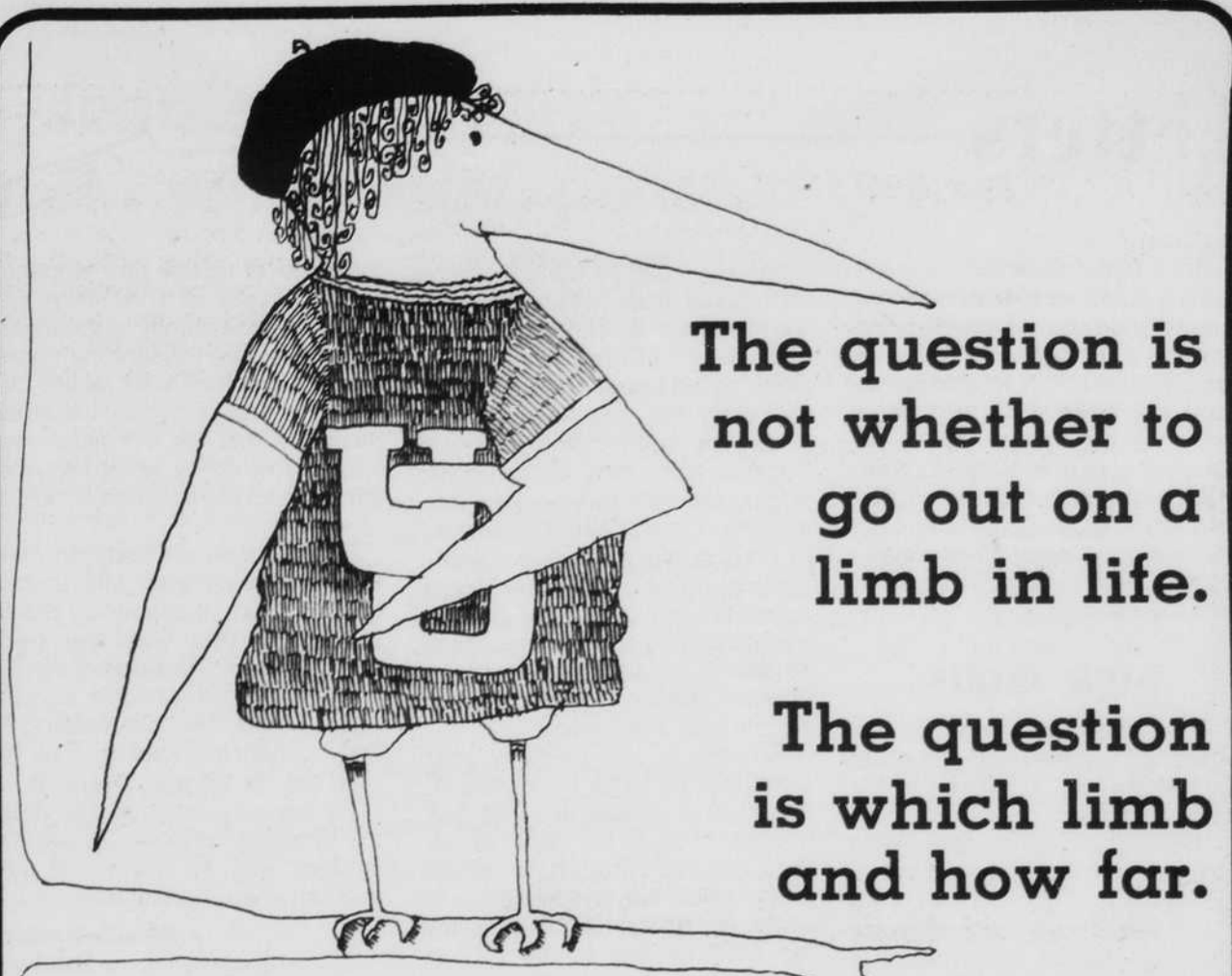
The prospective jurors, predominantly white and middle-aged with a scattering of blacks and Orientals, were obviously curious to see Hearst, and many kept their eyes fixed on her throughout the proceeding.

It appeared likely that numerous jurors would be excused for having preconceived opinions in the celebrated case.

One prospect told the judge he had a checking account in the bank Hearst is accused of robbing and thought this might color his views.

Hearst, a college coed and bride-to-be when she was kidnaped by the Symbionese Liberation Army of Feb. 4, 1974, is charged with armed robbery of the Hibernia Bank in the residential Sunset district of San Francisco.

Oregon Daily Emerald



The question is not whether to go out on a limb in life.

The question is which limb and how far.

Find your perch at Career Faire '76

Wednesday, January 28
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
167 Erb Memorial Union

Explore career options with over 50 fields represented by resource personnel in an informal day-long question and answer forum.

Sponsored by:
UO Alumni Association
UO Senior Class
In cooperation with:

The Faire is open to everyone — including freshmen students, graduates, non-matriculants, and classified staff interested in changing careers.

Career Planning & Placement
College of Business
Orientation Office

Personnel from the Counseling Center will answer questions related to aptitude tests and interest inventories. General career information will be available from Career Planning & Placement and Career Information Systems.

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <p>ACCOUNTING
Robin Chakravarti, Lane County Transportation</p> <p>ADVERTISING
Jerry Schmidt</p> <p>ARCHITECTURE
Dan Childress, Briscoe and Berry
Don Lutes, Lutes, Masarie, Sanatle
Dick Danielson
Jim Bernhard, W.E. Group PC
Dan Herbert
Tom Moreland, Moreland/Unruh/Smith Architects & Planners
Don Smith, Moreland/Unruh/Smith Architects & Planners
Gene Brockmeyer</p> <p>ARTS</p> <p>CIVIL SERVICE, FEDERAL AND STATE
Rod Strand, Federal Civil Service
Joe Hall, State Civil Service
John Moore, State Civil Service</p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Broadcasting
Diane McCarthy, KVAL
Ernie Ross, KUGN
Jay West, KZEL</p> <p>Journalism
Ken Doctor, <i>Willamette Valley Observer</i>
Don Floyd, <i>Eugene Register-Guard</i>
Susan Bowers, UO News Bureau
Ted Schulte, UO Journalism School
Don Bishoff, <i>Eugene Register-Guard</i></p> <p>CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>COUNSELING AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Mrs. Ellie Smith, Bratton Elementary School
Dr. Charlene Curry, Lane County Community Mental Health Center
Tom Moan, Children's Services
Mike McCracken, director, Community Services, Lane County
Evelyn Rowe, Counseling Center
Kess Hottle, Lane County
Art Berwick, Lane County
Cy Yancey, Eugene Welfare Department, Director</p> <p>DIETETICS
Eleanor Latterell</p> <p>EDUCATION
Tom Payzant, Superintendent, School District 4J
Lynn George, Vice Principal, Spencer Butte Jr. High
Gil James, Action High School
Nick Maskal, Principal, Lincoln Elementary
C. Wayne Flynn
Calvin Fisk, UO Graduate School</p> <p>ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
Dave Gemma</p> <p>FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Kim Short
Dick Williams, U.S. National Bank, Main Branch</p> | <p>Bob Ferguson, Cascade Federal Savings and Loan
Kip Anderson, U.S. National Bank
John Runyan, 1st National Bank</p> <p>FOREST PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
Lynn Vancil, Land Use Planner, USFS, Willamette National Forest
Dennis Dykstra, Forest Engineering, OSU
Wayne Nay, Weyerhaeuser Co.
Richard Hulse, TECCO</p> <p>GERONTOLOGY
Sandy Karsten, Willamalane Park and Recreation District
Jack Ewing, Oregon Center for Gerontology</p> <p>GRAPHICS
Sally Sharrard
Greg Sundberg
Jim Bodoth</p> <p>HEALTH SERVICES</p> <p>Dental
Dr. Robert Glass</p> <p>Hospital Administration
Richard C. Williams, associate administrator, Sacred Heart Hospital</p> <p>Medical
Marliss Strange</p> <p>Ophthalmology</p> <p>Optometry
Larry Henningsgaard</p> <p>HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
Penny Carpenter
N.W. Tex Hager</p> <p>INSURANCE
Bill Workman, Travelers Insurance</p> <p>INTERIOR DECORATING</p> <p>INVESTMENTS
King Martin, Foster Marshall
Dan Christensen, Harris Yoman</p> <p>LAW
John Franklin, Johnson, Johnson and Harrang
Phil Barnhart, Barnhart, Fagan and Hoffman
Ray Bradley, Barber and Bradley
Bruce Anderson, Coons, Cole and Anderson
K. Patrick Neill
Dean Owens</p> <p>LAW ENFORCEMENT
John O'Connor, Eugene Police
Lt. Carl Anderson, State Police
Sgt. Farrell Veteto, Lane County Sheriff's Office
Peter Pritchard, Springfield Police</p> <p>MANAGEMENT
John Weston, manager, Sears
Mike Schwartz, M. Jacobs Furniture
A. Don Crawley, manager, Rosenblatts
Wayne Henninger, Spagetti Warehouse</p> | <p>MILITARY
Cpt. Phil Richey, Army
Pat Smith, Navy
Capt. Mike Antonelli, Marines
Mike Fetrow, Coast Guard</p> <p>PARKS AND RECREATION
Ernie Drapela, City of Eugene, Administration
Mel Jackson, City of Eugene, Outdoors
Dan George, City of Eugene, Community Centers
Ruth Moulton, Lincoln School Community School Coordinator
Mike Helquist, City of Eugene, Senior Citizens</p> <p>PHARMACY</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHY
Oscar Palmquist, University photographer
Bob Sogge, Sogge Studio</p> <p>PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Larry Standifer, UO Athletic Department, head trainer
Irene Katsura, Eugene Hospital and Clinic</p> <p>PLANNING
Susan Franklin, School District 4J
John Bennett, Lane County
Randi Reinhard, City of Eugene
Jane Rarita, Lane Mental Health Center
Dave Rynerson, Lane Transit District</p> <p>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Charles Henry, City Manager, Eugene
Doug Halley, Director, Lane Council of Governments
Keith Parks, Director, EWEB
Glen Mason, Lane County Pioneer Museum</p> <p>PUBLIC RELATIONS
Mary Hudzikiewicz</p> <p>REAL ESTATE
Jean Tate
Larry Campbell</p> <p>RELIGION
Dave Albert
Pat DeJong
Kay O'Neill</p> <p>SALES AND MARKETING
Ernie Backlund, William Volker & Co.
John Myers, U.S. Plywood
Lee Carey, Upjohn Co.
Roger Rohloff, Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.</p> <p>SCIENCES
Ned Baker, Borden Chemicals</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION
Dean Barton, West Coast Truck Lines
John Sedell, United Airlines
R.M. Wardle, Union Pacific
Bill Moreland, Pacific Intermountain Express
James Benson, Western Wood Products</p> <p>TRAVEL
Greg Bronson, Bronson Travel</p> |
|---|--|---|