

Over proposed tuition hike

Demonstrators, Lieuallen meet

After months of demonstrating over tuition hikes, the Committee to Fight for the Right to an Education (CFRE) finally got their meeting with the chancellor of the state system of higher education Friday afternoon.

The exchange was anything but fruitful, however, as short tempers and raised voices were more the rule than the exception.

The group had an appointment with Vice-Chancellor Freeman Holmer, but as students picketed in front of Johnson Hall and chanted "No way, we won't pay," Holmer and Chancellor Roy Lieuallen decided to meet the group outside "where we could enjoy the sunshine."

But the administrators and students were hotter over the issues than the weather, as the confrontation lasted over an hour.

The CFRE was protesting the tuition hike before the State Board of Higher Education March 23, specifically arguing that the board should postpone the meeting because it will take place during spring break. Bert Knorr, head of CFRE, demanded that Lieuallen get the meeting changed "to a time when more students can come."

Lieuallen said that the meeting would not be changed, but that the board may decide at the meeting whether to carry the tuition issue over to its April meeting.

When Knorr asked for a commitment to that effect, Lieuallen told him, "I can't give you that commitment. I'll try to use my influence with the board to effect that change, but I can't promise you anything."

Lieuallen stated that a meeting during spring break would be most convenient for students because "you won't have to skip classes." Knorr suggested that the chancellor make sure the board moves tuition to its April meeting, and then declare a moratorium on classes for the day of the meeting. He also felt that the board should provide transportation for students who wanted to appear at the Portland meeting.

Debate fluctuated from changing the date of the meeting to the reasons behind the tuition hike. "We're demonstrating for no cutbacks, no tuition hikes and no tax raises," Knorr said. When Lieuallen asked him if that was realistic, Knorr replied, "I don't care. That's up to you and your class to figure out."

Some students argued that the state system of higher education should call an emergency session of the Legislature. Lieuallen replied, "I can't call a special session and I can't get my so-called 'class' to call a special session." He explained the procedures for setting tuition, and invited the students to come to the next Legislature when the higher education budget is determined.

When students argued that didn't help them for next year, Lieuallen outlined the alternatives available. "I'm opposed to tuition increases, but I'm also opposed to program cutbacks. And I'm more opposed to program cutbacks. Those are your options."

Students suggested that the salaries of administrators be cut to make up the shortage, but Lieuallen argued that would hardly have an effect as there are too few administrators. "If you reduce faculty salaries throughout the system, you could accomplish your goals. But I don't think you want to do that."

City rests case against inaugural demonstrator

The city rested its case Friday against Jean Woodruff, a University student arrested along with nine others Jan. 17 at a demonstration in the EMU during University Pres. William Boyd's inauguration ceremony. The case is expected to go to the four-woman, two-man jury today.

Meanwhile, seven of the other nine defendants won separate trials on their charges of disorderly conduct. They had been set for one trial. Two juveniles arrested at the demonstration will be handled separately by juvenile authorities.

City Attorney Dave Logan rested his case against Woodruff, who was charged with disorderly conduct and interfering with a police officer, after calling just three witnesses: Campus Security Capt. Oakley Glenn, detective Jack Cater and student conduct coordinator Steve Barnes.

All three testified that Woodruff and Jemalia Stroman attempted to restrain Cater from arresting Sarah Maltzman in a crowd of demonstrators outside of the EMU Ballroom where Boyd was speaking. Cater and Barnes stated Woodruff contacted Cater repeatedly.

Defense witnesses Sarah Maltzman and Jemalia Stroman contradicted that saying that Woodruff did not touch Cater, but only held on to Maltzman's arms. Sociology professor Hal Szmanski stated he did not see Woodruff touch Cater.

Student conduct coordinator Steve Barnes testified he was in the vicinity of the demonstration "to observe possible violations of the student conduct code." He said he saw Cater "grabbing" Maltzman and that he heard shouts of "let her go" from the crowd. He described Woodruff as "very animated" and said he saw her and Stroman "attempt to pull Maltzman away from Cater."

That statement was contradicted by Maltzman who took the stand to testify in defense of Woodruff. She said she was "standing by myself — somewhat back from the crowd," when Cater came to arrest her.

RA firing sparks protest

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"Being an RA (resident assistant) concerns a lot more than relating to students," Dick Romm, assistant director of housing said to a crowd of about 35 angry students outside the Housing Department office on Friday.

The students were protesting the firing of Craig Magwire, Gano Hall RA.

Shouting slogans like "Rehire Craig Magwire" and "Craig Stays or Nobody Pays," the demonstrators marched from Bean Complex, circled Carson Hall, went around and through the EMU and back to Carson.

In front of Carson, Don Intile of Gano spoke to the student demonstrators about Magwire's firing. He reminded the students that Magwire was fired "in the middle of finals week" with little advance notice.

Then the marchers proceeded into Carson Hall and gathered outside the Housing department office, shouting, "Hell No He Won't Go." Romm appeared, but failed to placate the crowd.

"Craig is appealing his firing so I don't think it would be appropriate

for me to comment on it," said Romm.

In response to a question from one of the students, he said Magwire would have to move from his room after finals.

The protesters then left Carson and went to Johnson Hall where they marched through a handful of anti-tuition hike pickets before congregating on the steps of Johnson to chant support for Magwire.

While the chanting was going on, Intile and Bonnie Macaskill met with Gerald Bogen, vice-president for student affairs.

"The grievance has not yet come to me," said Bogen, "and until it does come to me, I can't deal with it. It's up to the Housing department at this point."

The student moved on to Carson where they continued to chant their protests below Romm's office window.

Magwire, an RA for the past one and one half years, received his letter of termination last Wednesday and was informed he would have to move out of his room by Sunday, March 14. Because of finals he was given an extension until today. Magwire said his firing concerned "administrative gripes."

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