

RA unhappy with housing appeal process

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Craig Magwire, the dorm resident assistant (R.A.) who was fired during dead week last term doesn't like the appeal process he must use to get his job back.

"I make the appeal to the people who fired me," said Magwire.

"They're the ones who decided to fire me in the first place. I have no way of knowing what they say about me as they review my appeal and I have no chance to rebut what they say."

The former R.A. would rather have a public review independent of the Housing Department. A letter to that effect has been sent to

the Housing Department by Magwire's attorney.

H. Philip Barnhart, Director of Housing, said he has not received Magwire's appeal. He declined to comment on the possibility of Magwire receiving a public review outside the Housing Department.

Magwire is not happy about the treatment he has received at the hands of the Housing Department since his firing. He has had to move twice and been refused a meal transfer that would allow him to eat where he's taken his meals all year.

After he was moved out of his room in Ganoë, where he was R.A., Magwire was provided with a room in Carson Hall. Ironically, the room was just down the hall

from the office of Dick Romm, assistant director of housing, the person who fired Magwire. Before school started, Magwire was moved again to Young Hall. Magwire says that during the confusing shuffle from room to room, the housing office stored his belongings for awhile in Romm's office.

Magwire said that he feels the denial of a meal transfer was a deliberate move by Romm to keep him from coming in contact with the people he used to work with. Magwire wished to continue eating in Hamilton complex although he is now residing in Earl complex.

Marjory Ramey of the housing office described a permanent meal transfer as an easy process for someone living in one complex wishing to eat in another. However, the transfer does have to be approved by a complex director

and Magwire had to get approval from Romm.

"I told Craig the place we had designated for him to eat was Carson and I felt I don't want to make an exception for him," said Romm.

Magwire received his letter of termination on Wednesday of dead week. It stated he would have to be out of his room the next Sunday, the day before finals. This date was extended to Monday, March 15, because Magwire had three finals on Monday.

Residents of Ganoë and neighboring dorms came to the support of Magwire. A petition with 200 signatures protesting his firing was given to the housing office. Students demonstrated on Magwire's behalf on Friday, March 12, at Carson Hall and on the steps of Johnson Hall.

Student lobby prepares agenda

The Associated Oregon Student Lobby (AOSL) will meet Saturday in Room 337, EMU, to discuss a student vacancy on the State Board of Higher Education, student control of incidental fees, a new collective bargaining clause and two additional topics dealing specifically with the Oregon College of Education.

Members of AOSL, which includes representatives from each state institution of higher education, will also discuss the lobby's budget for the coming year.

Dealing with the state board policy, AOSL Pres. Kirby Garrett says, "It's important to get a student on the board who is in tune with educational consumerism." The position will open at the end of the fiscal year, but University students don't qualify for the opening. Another University student, Valerie McIntyre, is currently serving on the state board. Students from the same institution may not serve simultaneously.

Garrett will present a rationale for control of incidental fees which contends that student control over student union budgets, such as the EMU, will reduce incidental fees by lessening the unions' operating costs.

Also covered will be a "last best offer" clause to be used during an impasse in collective bargaining. Under the proposal, an arbitrator would choose between labor's best offer and administration's best offer in reaching an agreement. Bill Mumford, president of Oregon State University and originator of the clause, claims it will encourage both parties to be more realistic in the bargaining process.

Interested students are invited to attend, and their input is encouraged, says Garrett.

IFC wants criteria to decide funding levels

The establishment of specific criteria for setting funding levels in ASUO-funded programs was discussed at Thursday's meeting of the Program Executive Council.

Jamie Burns, IFC chairer, said that establishment of specific guidelines would "assure consistency in the evaluation of program needs by providing a framework for analysis." Burns suggested that the criteria be broad enough so as not to impair program individuality, but specific enough to facilitate evaluation.

The council proposed seven possible criteria for setting salaries for program directors, assistant directors, and consultants.

The number of hours spent in program-related work, amount of responsibility, in-program evaluation, cross-program evaluation, fulfillment of goals, feedback from those served, and size of staff were listed as possible criteria for evaluation by the IFC.

Criteria for allocating funds for office supplies, telephones, postage, and travel were also discussed.

The council suggested that funding for office supplies be allocated according to program size and past spending. Burns suggested that a system using four funding bases be established in respect to program size.

In addition, the council decided that the ASUO should try to secure a bulk-mailing permit to lower postage costs and that travel expenses should be allocated on a per-trip basis.

The IFC is meeting Sunday to make a final decision on the council's proposals according to Burns.



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