

Case ruling alters resident criteria

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Nonresident students receiving support from non-parental sources may be considered eligible for residency status because of a recent ruling by the Oregon State System of Higher Education's Permanent Administrative Review Committee (PARC).

The committee met earlier this year to hear the appeal of a University student, who wishes to remain anonymous, for resident status. The student claimed that he was free from parental support even though he lived with his sister in Eugene. He said that his freedom from his parents made him "emancipated" and eligible for residency status.

An emancipated student is defined as one who is over the age of 21 or, if under the age of 21, is married or lives independent of his parents or legal guardian, and receives no financial support from his parents or guardian.

The student's petition had previously been denied by the Interinstitutional Committee on Residence Classification for several reasons, the chief one being that the student lives with his sister, who furnishes his room and board. The committee concluded that he was not emancipated, even though his parents have not provided him with financial support since March, 1974.

After reviewing the case and hearing arguments presented by Don Chalmers, ASUO consultant, the PARC reversed that ruling and said that the student qualifies as a resident due to the exceptional circumstances of his residence.

The committee concluded that even though the student is living with his sister and is totally dependent upon her for support, he has established that he is emancipated from his parents. This emancipation occurred in September, 1974, when the student first came to Oregon to attend the University, the committee said.

Students who have been denied residency because they are supported by someone other than their parents or legal guardian should call Don Chalmers at 686-3710.

ASUO awaits Boyd response to student bargaining proposal

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What happens when students see themselves ultimately as consumers of education and want the best means possible to protect that education?

They form a union, says Jim Bernau, ASUO president. He, along with ASUO Vice-Presidents Kirby Garrett and Jim Davis, sent Pres. Boyd a "student collective bargaining enabling proposal" Wednesday.

"With the rising costs of higher education, we can no longer afford to regard the administration *in loco parentis*," says Bernau. "As a consumer union, students would have some clout to bargain for quality education."

According to the proposal, the ASUO would be recognized as the exclusive representative of all students in collective bargaining. But the evolution of the ASUO, from a student association to a union, requires recognition from either Boyd, the State Board of Higher Education or the State Legislature.

When contacted, Boyd said he had not seen the ASUO proposal yet and would not be able to comment on it.

A union, as the ASUO officers see it, would bargain on behalf of the students with regard to fees and charges, housing, employment, degree requirements, grievance procedures and other

terms and conditions of the students' education.

Garrett indicated he is unsatisfied with the current channels for student input. He sees a student union as an equal voice in control of student buildings, faculty evaluations, financial aid decisions and administrators' salaries, among other issues.

One major contention in the ASUO proposal is union control of student fees. "In effect, students would be on a deferred tuition payment plan," says Garrett. "We would be in custody of fees. If the University broke contractual agreements, we could withhold fees if students voted to do so, which would amount to a virtual strike."

But does the ASUO speak for the students?

As envisioned by the proposal's co-signers, the ASUO president, who is an elected official, would serve as the students' bargaining agent.

Garrett says a mail-out balloting system will be used to gauge student opinion. It will help to identify ASUO presidential candidates in the upcoming election as pro-union or anti-union, according to Garrett.

"The ASUO is a natural place to organize a union," he says "be-

cause it is the best mechanism for student representation right now."

Bernau points out, too, that the balloting system will bind ASUO presidents to students' choices about which issues could be negotiated.

In a losing cause, Bernau recently called for a reduction in faculty salary hikes before the State Board of Higher Education. By unionizing, students could do battle against the cost-of-living increases in administrators' salaries, too, he says, thereby reducing the proposed tuition increase scheduled for September.

The ASUO proposal would create a Board of Educational Relations. Consisting of five members, two appointed by the University president, two appointed by the ASUO president and one independent, the board would carry out collective bargaining contracts.

While no precedent for student unionization exists elsewhere, Garrett says that University of Massachusetts students at Amherst are going a route similar to that of the ASUO this year. He also points to the Democratic pre-primary convention endorsement of students' collective bargaining rights as a hopeful sign of things to come.

IFC nudges University for women's athletics allocation

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The Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) resisted funding Women's Intercollegiate Athletics (WIA) the full \$100,000 it requested Wednesday in an effort to force the issue that the University, not students, should be funding the program.

The committee funded WIA \$30,000, an amount they said would be consistent with the proportion funded for men's athletics. IFC Chairer Jamie Burns said he has developed strong reservations about funding women's athletics, but that zero funding would be absurd and inconsistent. He says men's athletics are self-supporting and women deserve an equal investment.

Burns says, "President Boyd has a high commitment to women's athletics." The IFC is pushing for University funding of

WIA because of Title IX legislation which prohibits discrimination according to sex.

Becky Sisley, head of WIA, expressed concern that if the University is forced to fund the program, it will be unable to provide badly-needed equipment for the program. "We need to get by this year so we can get some of those capital outlays that aren't needed every year," she said.

Last year WIA was allocated \$99,584, but Sisley says she's "not going to panic."

The committee also deliberated on the budgets of nine other programs. OSPIRG received \$46,866 out of \$52,000 requested. The organization has changed its tax status and must pay \$6,000 in payroll taxes next

year in addition to losing much of its outside funding. OSPIRG ran on \$43,800 last year.

The Survival Center was allocated \$7,962 out of \$8,962 requested. The increase over last year's budget of \$4,448 is due partly to increased activity of the center, lobbying in the upcoming legislative session and a salary increase to pay the director a steady amount for the full 12-month period, rather than reducing the salary during summer months.

ALERT, an organization serving and creating an awareness for the handicapped, was allocated \$3,389 to cover administrative expenses, salaries, Wheelchair and Awareness Weeks. The organization's original request was \$5,225.

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