

President postpones response to student bargaining proposal

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The ASUO will have to wait at least two more weeks for Pres. William Boyd's reaction to their proposal to form a student union complete with bargaining rights.

Boyd did send them a response, which ASUO Vice-Pres. Kirby Garrett dubbed a "non-response," telling them he was swamped with work at this time and could not answer their proposal until May 5 or 6.

But ASUO Pres. Jim Bernau, Vice-Pres. Garrett and Vice-Pres. Jim Davis said at a Monday press conference that they are not sitting back and waiting. They claim they've been out drumming up student support for a union which would bargain with the University administration over tuition, fees, health services, financial aid, housing, grievance procedures and other concerns which they feel will "guarantee students

the right to a quality education."

Garrett said he is "impatient" in waiting for Boyd's reaction because he does not want negotiations to be postponed until summer.

"It's a typical strategic maneuver of the administration to wait until the summer, when the students aren't here and the campus media is substantially reduced," said Garrett. "We don't get fair treatment in the summer. And it's difficult to represent students who aren't even here."

If negotiations with Boyd fail, the ASUO still plans to take their collective bargaining proposal to the State Board of Higher Education. And if they're turned down there, they hope to introduce student unionization through a legislative bill.

"We don't want to go to the legislature without employing all possibilities short legislative action," said Garrett. "But if we have

to take it there, we will."

Bernau, Garrett and Davis all noted that the success of the mail-out balloting process devised for this year's ASUO elections would be essential to the implementation of their proposal. They said that should it get to the point where they would be drawing up a contract, a mail-out system would indicate what conditions students would like to see included in the contract. They believe that students are already behind them in their drive for student unionization.

The student executives stressed that any proposal which would be drawn up would provide for a "consumers' union" rather than a strict labor union.

"We as consumers have economic strength," said Davis. A student union would give students a chance to speak collectively. And it would give the administration the chance to listen."

Troupe mixes politics, comedy

By **BOB WEBB**
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Fed up with lame answers to your everlasting question, "Why are food prices so high?" Nervous about nuclear power? The San Francisco Mime Troupe, the West Coast's oldest and best-known political theater, plans to provoke both laughter and serious thought in a comic performance tonight at 8 at the Community Center for the Performing Arts, formerly the WOW Hall.

The troupe offers two new original plays, each packing several months of research into half an hour of fast-paced comedy. "Frijoles," a farcical mini-musical, links high food prices in the U.S. and famine in the Third World to Kissinger diplomacy, the world economic crisis, and the shifting balance of trade via scenarios in locales as diverse as the World Food Conference and a "Jack-in-the-Box" hamburger stand.

"Power Play," a time-travel ad-

venture, explores present-day politics and consequences for the future as a result of the government-industry policy of proliferating nuclear power plants. Five actors play nine parts as a visitor from the future and an outraged conservationist take on a succession of greedy capitalists, mad scientists, and corrupt politicians.

The mime troupe's plays pose crucial questions and offer blunt answers; a format that cost the company government and foundation subsidies most theaters de-

pend on, but won it the enthusiastic support of an ever-growing audience in the Bay Area and across the country. The troupe performs free in Bay Area parks every summer, passing the hat after shows, and tours during the winter charging modest admission.

Both "Frijoles" and "Power Play" were written and directed by the troupe, and feature original songs and music.

Tickets for tonight's performance cost \$2.50 and are available at the Book and Tea, New Frontier Market and WOW Hall.

Nuke plant shuts down

RAINIER (AP) — Safety controls automatically shut down the generator and reactor at the Trojan nuclear power plant Saturday after automatic controls fed too much water into steam generators.

Boric acid was injected into the reactor to accelerate the shutdown. It had to be cleaned out and the water replaced before the reactor could be started again.

Portland General Electric Co. expected the plant would be producing electricity at 75 per cent capacity after being started up again Monday.

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Hearings modify bike licensing plan

Revised regulations governing the use and parking of bicycles on campus will be presented for approval to the Campus Planning Committee today, according to Don McCarty, Campus Transportation Committee member.

The revisions are the result of public hearings on the proposed regulations held last Tuesday and Wednesday.

McCarty said he plans to sum up all objections presented at the hearings, and explain what the transportation committee did about them, at the planning committee's 12:30 p.m. meeting in the EMU (room to be posted).

He said the biggest concerns at the hearings were about licensing and impounding bikes.

The section on licenses was revised, he explained. The proposed section reads that bikes "used, propelled, stored, parked or operated on the University grounds shall have attached to them a valid license issued by the city of Eugene." The previous proposal was ambiguous as to whether city licenses were adequate or if separate campus licenses would be needed.

Most of the testimony heard was against impounding, McCarty said. "They wanted ticketing or something other than impounding," he explained.

Changes were made so that a bike found in violation of the regulations will be issued a \$2 citation. The only way a bike could be impounded would be if it was a safety hazard or if it did not have a license that identified it for citing.

"Campus Security sees it (the impounding) as being used very infrequently," McCarty said.

He also explained that citations probably would not be given as soon as the regulations are adopted, but that warnings would be given for awhile.

The regulations are scheduled to go into effect next fall providing they meet the approval of the planning committee, Pres. William Boyd, and the State Board of Higher Education.

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