

Discriminatory text rule questioned

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Academic freedom.
Affirmative action.
Does supporting one mean opposing the other?

Obviously not, but, as University faculty and administrators recently discovered, commitment to both is somewhat difficult when the issue at hand is possible review of course textbooks to determine if they include racist, sexist or other discriminatory information.

According to administrative rules adopted by the State Board of Higher Education last May (in accordance with Chapter 204 of the Oregon Laws), if textbooks or other curriculum materials "are found, upon investigation, to exert a discriminatory impact on the

basis of age, sex, marital status, handicap, national origin, race or religion," the University must attempt to provide supplemental alternative non-discriminatory material.

Although the rules emphasize that "nothing herein either prohibits or requires the use of any particular textbook or curriculum materials," concern over possible textbook censorship accelerated among the faculty last month and anthropology professor Paul Simonds announced he planned to introduce a proposal at the November general faculty meeting stating that no "overseeing body" shall be established at the University "which shall review publications or textbooks for the purpose of exercising any form of prior censorship" over them.

Soon afterwards, on Oct. 25, University Pres. William Boyd

sent a letter to the faculty in which he said that his "administration will not direct nor be complicit in any actions which would have the effect of censoring materials or threatening the academic freedom of faculty or students." He further stated that "there are laws, state and federal, which are improperly cited as authority by those who wish to see materials reviewed. But the laws do not require any such action, and none will be taken," he added.

Some questioned Boyd's assessment of the legal situation in that last statement and interpreted it as "a slap in the face" to affirmative action efforts at the University.

At the Nov. 3 faculty meeting, Boyd explained that in the process of attempting to alleviate faculty anxiety over censorship, his letter created anxiety concerning the administration's commitment to

affirmative action. He said he is committed to both and believed both will be achieved at the University.

Later at the meeting, Simonds introduced a resolution concerning textbook censorship, considerably milder than his original proposal, stating that the University faculty "stands fully in opposition to any attempts to censor textbooks, teaching material and publications which will be used by the faculty in their teaching." Several members of the faculty were concerned about the resolution's implications concerning affirmative action and the group voted to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

Although Simonds said Friday he doesn't plan to pursue the issue further and won't attempt to reintroduce his resolution, he

feels the issue is far from resolved. "We're here to seek the truth," he said, "not what we'd like the truth to be," he explained.

He was concerned, for example, that textbooks which present information about societies in which the status of women is low will be labeled sexist and unacceptable. He also pointed out the instructors sometimes use one text to provide one viewpoint and then give another in lectures. He feared that textbooks used in this fashion might also be labeled discriminatory.

Whether or not there is basis for such concern is questioned by some. "The rules are explicit," said Karen Alvarado of the University Affirmative Action office. Unfortunately, she said, "some people may misinterpret them" and fear censorship.

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Anti-Gallo demonstration ends with arrest

Protestor denounces Emerald ads

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Violently denouncing the Emerald and screaming, "The people will win," University student Eric Wright was dragged handcuffed and upside down to the back of a Eugene Police Department squad car. Charged with trespassing on a premises, Wright was arrested at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday on the lawn of the University Faculty Club across from the EMU.

Wright's arrest followed his alleged unlawful occupation of a small pup tent on the University grounds. Wright was staging a hunger strike in protest of the Emerald's controversial policy of accepting advertisements from Gallo Winery, a company under boycott since 1973 by the United Farm Workers (UFW). An Emerald board of directors meeting considering the issue was scheduled to take place in the EMU an hour after Wright's arrest. No decision was made during the meeting. A second meeting on Monday night has been scheduled to resolve the issue of accepting Gallo advertisements in the Emerald.

Uniformed Eugene police officer Al Williams was dispatched to the scene in response to a call from campus security.

"Are you ready for a show?" Officer Williams asked the assembled crowd of onlookers, before entering the tent to arrest Wright.

Wright was in violation of the campus open space regulations, Williams said.

"When we find somebody in this situation we ask them if they have permission to be there," Williams claimed. "If he refuses to leave we will take down the tent. The only alternative we have is to arrest him for trespassing. This is the only back up the campus open space committee has in enforcing regulations."

"We tried to give him a citation, and give him a chance to surrender of his own recognizance," Williams said. "The ball is in his hands now. He can take the ball and run with it or he can stay."

Wright responded to Williams request to leave by reading portions of the First Amendment.

"We want the Oregon Daily Emerald to stop publishing Gallo advertisements," Wright said while still inside the tent. "We demand the Emerald stop acting as a tool in Gallo's repression of the UFW."

"Cooperate and there will be no problem," Williams told Wright. "Do you want to come out, Eric?"

Wright said he intended to physically resist the officer's attempts to remove him from the tent.

"For god's sake make the Emerald stop running Gallo ads," Wright said at the squad car door. Some of those watching the incident whistled resistance tunes and shouted encouragement in Spanish.

"You are instruments of a fascist system," Wright told Williams and a campus security officer as they handcuffed him. "Freedom is only a dream, we do not have the right to be free."

Bail was set at \$60.



Eugene Police officer Al Williams, foreground, tells student Eric Wright he is illegally occupying University property. Wright was arrested last night and charged with trespassing on a premises after staging a hunger strike on the lawn of the Faculty Club. Wright's protest was in response to the Emerald's acceptance of Gallo wine advertising while the winery is under boycott by the United Farm Workers.

Speaker to relate peace efforts

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On Oct. 16, 1975, Susan Laflamme, a member of the local chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), left San Francisco for Washington D.C. — on

foot. She was part of a group of 60 persons calling themselves the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice.

Their purpose: to protest over \$100 billion a year in military spending, to counter the use of the Bicentennial as a glorification of U.S. corporate-military industrial

complex; and to build links across the United States between local issues and the mass issue of military spending.

Laflamme, who will speak at an informal gathering tonight at 1563 Fairmont St., called the march, "the beginning of a new direction

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