

'Scholar' claims tax revolution is underway

By ERIK ENGDAHL
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According to the Internal Revenue Service there are very few tax resisters in the United States. According to Dean Kennedy, a Eugene man who calls himself a "constitutional scholar," that's just one of many lies the public is being fed by the government through a news industry "so tightly controlled you don't know what's going on."

Kennedy, responding to a story about tax resister James Campbell in Wednesday's Emerald, took exception to an IRS claim that the tax resistance movement in the U.S. is "minute". Kennedy says there are six million resisters.

He also had harsh comments for the national press and the Supreme Court.

"The national media — UPI, AP, the national news magazines, the New York Times and the Washington Post — have seen fit not to publish anything about this gigantic tax revolt that's going on in this country," says Kennedy. "They are working hand in glove with the government to keep this thing hushed up."

Kennedy says he gets his information about the "tax revolt" from "privately circulated sources of information." He describes the information given in the public press as "managed news."

Kennedy believes taxation will be the end of the United States. He says the federal income tax system is unconstitutional.

It is a device to "communize this country," he says.

"If this fear and blindness continues," Kennedy warns, the country will be pulled into a "bloodbath."

Internal Revenue Service public information officer Dale Potts said of Kennedy's estimate of the number of resisters: "I find that to be highly inflated."

In response to Kennedy's statement that the press is cooperating with a government scheme to cover up injustices of the tax system, Potts pointed out "the media he is talking about are the ones that revealed Watergate."

Potts stressed the importance of understanding the background of the Constitution when interpreting it. "You need

a legal background to understand how the constitution was framed. You have to understand where the people were at when the laws were framed."

Kennedy says that's a "bunch of baloney. All you have to do is use your own common sense. It's written in plain and simple language."

"I'll debate the University of Oregon Law School en masse on constitutional principles," says Kennedy, who attended the University for eight years, finishing in 1964 with a masters in music.

Kennedy recommends a book by Martin Larsen, "The Tax Rebellion USA," published by Devin-adair, for background on the movement he says he's been studying for years.

Student attendance urged at IFC hearings

By BRENDA TABOR
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Over \$1.3 million in student incidental fees will be allocated during the next two weeks. The annual budget hearings are students' only opportunity to voice opinions on the fee distribution.

After Monday, April 25, com-

ments and criticisms on programs or the funding they receive will be futile — and probably go unheeded. The budget process is scheduled for completion by that date.

Final hearings for ASUO programs and the EMU are set for today through Saturday, April 23. Daily schedules of the hearings will appear in the Briefs section of

the Emerald.

The hearings cover controversial programs such as Gay People's Alliance and the Interfraternity Council. The Incidental Fee Committee will also decide if students should continue funding 80 per cent of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics. Currently, student monies fund three per cent of the men's program.

"Every year after budget hearings people are dissatisfied with some program," says Gary Feldman, IFC chair. "That's interesting because the overwhelming majority of the meetings are only attended by the program directors and IFC."

Feldman says 99 per cent of the people who criticized the allocation didn't attend the meetings.

He says there's no excuse for students not attending the hearings.

Lack of student attendance at the hearings also narrows the committee's perspective. "If the only people who come to hearings are program directors, then we don't get any negative input," he says. "All input can do is give us a better gauge for evaluation."

Feldman says the committee has tried to harness as much student input as they can, informally polling students and dispelling misconceptions.

He anticipates quick hearings with clear-cut votes — "but that's not to discourage student input." The IFC held informal hearings winter term to become familiar with the programs and prepare for the final hearings.

German sees socialist world in future

By TOM WOLFE
Of the Emerald

"The basic foundation of our philosophy is that we need peace to build up socialism," the first secretary of the German Democratic Republic (GDR), Volker Laetzsch, told a political science class of some 50 persons Wednesday.

"It may seem funny to you," Laetzsch said, "but we think one day the whole world will be socialist."

Laetzsch spoke to students of Prof. Arthur Hanhardt's "Crisis in International Politics" class and others interested in East German foreign policy.

"Our country has a bad history," Laetzsch said. "We have been responsible for two world wars and the killing of six million Jews in concentration camps. We must recognize that and take much of the responsibility for it."

"Since that time we have grown to be tenth in industrial output," Laetzsch says, "though our country is only about the size of Ohio."

He said since 1972 there has been a diplomatic wave of recog-

nition and GDR now recognizes and has diplomatic relations with 122 countries.

When asked if that tendency would lead to tearing down the Berlin Wall, Laetzsch answered with an adamant "No — What you call a wall is really a border as of 1961. How a state organizes its borders is a sovereign right," he said.

As for loosening restrictions for tourists or West Germans entering the GDR, Laetzsch again said the country was well within its rights as a sovereign state to develop its own policies on the matter.

He added there is relatively free passage from East Germany to Czechoslovakia, Poland and other socialist states.

Laetzsch added "during the 1950s and 1960s there was a scheme to eradicate our country in the name of the 'unification' of Germany" and "the USSR helped

us survive during those times."

"West Germany, as you call it, still claims we are their citizens. This is an impossible situation. There are borders between countries that must be respected."

In answering other questions, Laetzsch said the GDR sends no weapons or military aid to African countries and the communist parties of Italy and France are not directly supported by East Germany. "What we basically think is their policy of communism is up to them," he said.



Volker Laetzsch

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9 to 10:30 a.m. "Hypnosis and Behavior Change for Women" workshop, Room 108, EMU.

9:30 to 11:15 a.m. "Working Women in Traditional and Non-traditional Businesses" panel, Dad's Room, EMU.

10 to 11:30 a.m. "Indian Education in Elementary and Secondary Schools," a lecture by Marilyn Woodbridge, Room 112, EMU.

10:30 a.m. to noon. "Assertiveness Training for Women" workshop, Room 108, EMU.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Body Work for Women"

workshop, Forum, EMU.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Career Counseling and Placement" workshop, Room 111, EMU.

Noon to 12:30 p.m. "Why Did Gloria Die" film, Room 108, EMU.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Sexism and Day Care," lecture by Linda Heuser, Room 214, EMU.

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1 to 2:30 p.m. "The Politics of Prostitution," lecture by "Randy," an ex-prostitute, Dad's Room, EMU.

1 to 2:30 p.m. Resume writing workshop, Room 108, EMU.

2:30 to 4 p.m. "Women and Agism" panel, Forum, EMU.

2:30 to 4 p.m. "Sensitive and Natural Processes in Birth" workshop, Room 214, EMU.

3 to 4 p.m. "East/West: A Feminine Mystical Experi-

ence," lecture by Betty La Duke, Dad's Room, EMU.

3 to 4 p.m. "Spiritual Awakening of Women," Room 111, EMU.

3 to 4 p.m. Interviewing skills workshop, Room 112, EMU.

3:30 to 4 p.m. "Women's Survival in the Music Industry," lecture by Malvina Reynolds, Room 101, EMU.

3:30 to 5 p.m. "Developing Coping Skills for Women's Life Transitions" workshop, Room 108, EMU.

4 to 5:30 p.m. "Polarity Therapy" workshop, Century Room A, EMU.

4 to 5:30 p.m. "Midwifery and Homebirth" panel, Room 113, EMU.

6 to 8 p.m. Poetry reading, Room 167, EMU.

7 to 9 p.m. "The Women's Role in the Spiritual Movement" debate, Forum, EMU.

All Day. Career computer, Room 167, EMU.

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