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OSL endorses move to divest

The Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) has adopted a proposal calling for the State Board of Higher Education to divest itself of stock in apartheid southern African countries.

University students made the same proposal in a referendum last May. But a committee to the State Board said the result on a single campus was insufficient to warrant a change in board policy.

Now, however, the University is backed by the OSL Board of Directors, which consists of the student body presidents of the seven colleges and universities around the state.

ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman, who made the proposal to the assembly, says he is hopeful the State Board will decide in favor of the plan at its July 29 meeting. "My confidence is growing every day," he said.

Feldman said that when he first introduced the plan, he encountered stiff resistance from other OSL board members. "They didn't think that the OSL should become involved in the issue.

"But we really struggled," said Feldman, "and they finally adopted it five to one."

Feldman thinks the OSL should broaden the scope of its work. "It's about time we got involved in this type of issue."

The OSL was formed to present a unified force for college students throughout the state. In addition to its work with the State Board, OSL also lobbies with the state Legislature and interim committees.

The orientation meeting in Klamath Falls was held to establish a "good working relationship" between OSL board members, explained Feldman. They are also in the "search process" for a new staff, and have adopted the University hiring model of affirmative action, which requires groups to make effort to recruit women, minorities and the handicapped.

The OSL Board of Directors meets once a month.

Museum closure possible this fall

By TOM WOLFE
Of the Emerald

The University Museum of Natural History is in for some changes. A plan released Wednesday would reassign museum staff, redistribute some collections and probably close the museum for public touring by the fall.

John Baldwin, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the reorganization will more closely integrate operations between the museum and University departments which use its collections for research and graduate work.

"In two or three years we hope to have a new facility; hopefully one with an expert in public education who could run the museum's public display in a truly first-rate manner," the dean said.

Baldwin said he didn't think closing the museum to public touring would cause severe problems. "It was closed for 18 months one time and the roof didn't fall in. It might have inconvenienced some grade school classes who wanted to take tours.

"The fundamental purpose of the museum has always been to support research and we are trying to strengthen that role through the restructuring," Baldwin added.

A site suggested is the new county facility planned for Alton Baker Park. "I hope we could organize it so that University people are involved in the running of that museum," Baldwin said. "That way the University and the county could share in the cost of the facility."

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Photo by Hiroshi Tokagi

The Flea Market: a bazaar experience

Earl, minus wife Twigg, waits for customers to explore his merchandise, which often ranges from Elephant tusk lamps to vintage radios.

Earl and his partner can be found among comic books and bayonets at the Picadilly Flea Market nearly every Sunday.

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Tenants refuse random Amazon discussion

By TOM WOLFE
Of the Emerald

A meeting between the University Housing department and "randomly selected" Amazon tenants ended moments after it began Tuesday night when invited participants successively resigned on grounds that the meeting was improper.

The meeting had been called by Donald Lee, associate director of housing, "to establish new avenues of communication and trust between the residents of Amazon and the University."

"I'm not very happy at all with being invited to such a meeting," said Renato Dantas. "I completely resign your unprincipled

offer to serve on this committee." His words were followed with handclapping from a dozen uninvited spectators also attending the meeting. Statements from the other invited participants, Elizabeth Candlish and John Lawrence, were similar and equally short.

"I came only to resign," said Candlish. "We have our own representation and I would feel uncomfortable meeting with you in place of them."

Earlier in the day Walt Sheasby, present coordinator of representation of Amazon Community Tenants, and two co-signers released a statement opposing the ethics of calling the meeting. They said the University administration was emerging as a

"champion of secrecy and coercion in its negotiations with Graduate Teaching Fellows and Amazon tenants."

Further, the release said the attempt by the University Housing Department "to hand pick which Amazon residents it would meet with and to refuse any meetings with the only existing tenant organization (ACT) has again raised the issue of the University's evasion of democratic principles in the bargaining process."

Negotiations with the Housing department and ACT broke down after only one meeting in late June when the University negotiators didn't show up for scheduled negotiations and a later letter from University Pres. William Boyd questioned ACT's

legitimacy as a negotiating body.

After Tuesday's unsuccessful attempt to meet with Amazon tenants other than elected officials of ACT, Lee said he doubted if a new meeting would be set up.

Lee said participants for Tuesday night's meeting were chosen randomly to represent "new faces and attitudes both from Amazon and the University."

Lee was recently appointed associate director of housing for all its operations, after an independent report commissioned by the University administration suggested reorganizing negotiators on both sides of the issue to facilitate smoother negotiating.

ACT stood against that move, saying it is the only existing body to represent tenant views.