

# Abortion funding issue draws protestors

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As hundreds demonstrated outside the Hilton Hotel in Portland, Joseph Califano reaffirmed his controversial stand against federal spending for abortion.

Speaking at a fund-raising event for state Democratic senatorial candidates, the secretary of Health Education and Welfare, said his decision to ban federal funding for abortions was just an enforcement of federal legislation.

He added that this ban happened to coincide with his personal views.

There were enough demonstrators present to completely surround the large downtown hotel. Most were there to protest Califano's abortion position, but many showed up to support him.

As the crowd paraded around the building, protestors who chanted "Poor women die, rich women buy," were immediately followed by anti-abortionists singing, "All we are saying, is give life a chance."

One sign read, "Joseph Califano, we love you", while another denounced him as a "murderer."

The protestors came from many different organizations, including the National Organization of Women, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Oregon Women's Political Caucus and the New American Movement.

Supporters of Califano seemed to all be from the Oregon Right-to Life Association (ORL).

One protestor said, "The Carter administration position on abortion is deemed unfair by those who want to give the poor women the same control of their lives as rich women."

But a member of ORL countered, "We will gladly support life — not death. If a woman wants to take the life of her baby, we do not want our money helping her do that."

Stevie Remington, executive director of the ACLU, said her organization is challenging the constitutionality of the Hyde amendment, which prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions. She contends it constitutes a denial of equal protection under the law.

"It (abortion) is a constitutional right," she said, "but only the rich can buy it."

Inside, Califano was defending his stand. "It (abortion) has been debated too much at the national level and not enough at the state and local levels," he said.

The ban of federal funding for abortion, he added would move the debate to the state and local levels.

When asked if the ban of federal funds didn't constitute a strong federal influence on the local debate, Califano replied, "There is not a single city or state where the issue is resolved on the basis of what it costs."

"Abortion is not a money issue, and it shouldn't be a money issue."

In Oregon, the state welfare department has recently requested abortions without federal support. The state legislative Emergency Board will meet next week to consider that request.

Califano went on to say the Carter administration is committed to promoting effective alternatives to abortion. Among these, he noted are improved prenatal care, a more strenuous family planning program, sex education for youngsters and "a host of support systems" for teenage mothers.

## Bio students want text review

Two students who are unhappy with the current format and text requirements of the two-year biology sequence at the University plan to recommend some changes for their department.

Biology majors Kim Fechtel and Jill Suttles, suggest the formation of a textbook reviewing committee and an academic advising committee to the University's Core Biology Curriculum Committee.

The recommendations are based on the results of a questionnaire presented to biology majors last spring by Fechtel, Suttles, Dan Kidd and Jim O'Mally, two University biology majors who graduated last spring.

The results of the questionnaires haven't been completely tallied, but they indicate support of a text

review committee and a student-staff academic advising committee, Fechtel said.

Fechtel explained a certain biology book used by the core program last year inspired the idea of a text review committee.

"We had a book which was just horrible," she said. "It had a lot of new vocabulary words, but it didn't have a glossary. The book was poorly indexed and poorly put together."

With the help of a text reviewing committee composed of undergraduate biology majors, Fechtel hopes the core program will be able to avoid such poorly organized texts.

"Hopefully we'll work with the professors on their choice of books," Fechtel said. "We'll review different books before they are chosen."

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## Hotel sale postponed

In a move that might ultimately help alleviate Lane County's critical low income housing shortage, the Eugene City Council and the Lane County Commissioners decided last week to extend the deadline for public use proposals for the Palace Hotel, downtown.

The hotel, which is now being used to house low-income residents in Eugene, will be subsidized for three months by nearly \$4,500 of Lane County money. The proposal deadline is set for Jan. 24 to give the county commissioners time to evaluate the housing facility for public use.

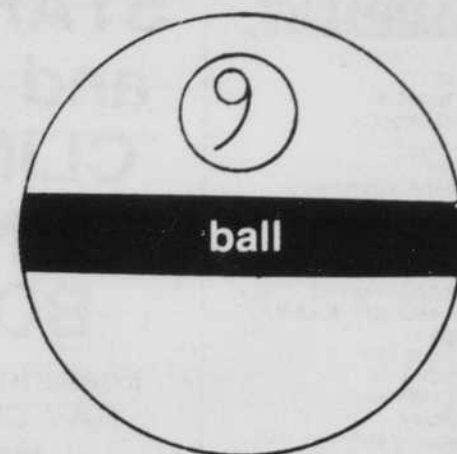
Although it isn't certain the hotel will be used for low-income housing, a "crisis situation" in housing for people on fixed incomes exists, according to Kathe Wright, of the Community Council on Specialized Housing.

The lack of housing for low-income people and the problems it posed were the focus of the county commissioners regular meeting last week.

Bob Whittaker, head of the county Health and Social Services Department, told the commissioners housing for people with low or fixed incomes was almost "non-existent" in Eugene and Lane County.

The use of the Palace Hotel as emergency low-income housing would improve the situation, but finding an agency to fund its operation is difficult, Wright said.

Two of the most publicized proposals — to use the hotel as either a work release center for Eugene Police Department prisoners or as a youth center — may be considered, she said, because of the funding each would receive.



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