

Proposed radio station future 'in limbo'

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Facility would provide KWAX option

A lack of funding may kill the proposed ASUO radio station before it is even born.

The future of the station, proposed last summer, as an alternative to KWAX, the lone campus radio station, is in limbo because the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) says it doesn't have funds available to pay for a community survey that must be made before applying for a license from the Federal Communications Commission.

There is a possibility that the IFC may receive more supplemental funds next term, however.

One of the station's major functions would be to give broadcasting students real practical experience. "One of the weaknesses with KWAX is that it has nothing to do with a real commercial radio station," says Sandy Fowler-Hawkins, the state's engineering consultant for the ASUO.

"If you're going to make a living with a degree in broadcasting, you'll probably start at a commercial station — probably in sales. Where are you going to learn?"

He points out the station would exist in relation to the University much as the Emerald does, and it would be run by the students. However, the radio stations would have to compete with many commercial radio stations making outrageous profits, Fowler-Hawkins says.

"The station would have a two-fold function," says ASUO pres. Gary Feldman, "to present students with the type of program-

ming they demand and to draw students into all facets of radio operation. The station would be completely run by students with the exception of some production people."

Since there are no commercial FM radio frequency bands available in Eugene, the ASUO would apply for an educational band. By applying for an educational band the ASUO would be eligible to apply for a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which allocates funds to non-profit organizations to assist in station construction.

For every dollar the ASUO contributes for the station, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting would give three, Feldman explains.

"We're talking about a substantial cost, but also a substantial benefit to the students," commented Feldman. "If done right, this station could duplicate what a real commercial radio station is like internally."

"I think it would be a good opportunity for students to work on a station that has some listeners," Fowler-Hawkins adds. If your signal only goes four miles, how many listeners can you have?" Hawkins said there are some difficulties with KWAX — their signal doesn't go very far because they are 50 feet below average terrain.

The EMU has been mentioned as a possible location for the station. One suggestion has been the roof of the walkway between the fishbowl and the new addition. Feldman suggests the skylight.

There are two possible sites for the transmitter: on Blanton heights and in the Coburg hills.

"The Blanton site is preferable because there is easier access and telephone and power lines are already up there," Fowler-Hawkins says. The Coburg site is a secondary site and would only be used if Channel 6 in Portland filed an objection to building it on Blanton. There is a potential for interference between the FM signal and the TV station's audio signal.

HEW awards training grants for family service positions

The department of CSPA has been awarded a Children and Family Service grant from Health, Education and Welfare, to make positions available for non-CSPA field placements in management

and administration.

Students who are accepted will be placed with supervisors, managers or program development specialists in children and family service agencies.

Placements can be for three months on a full-time basis or for six months part-time.

Applications and information are available from Phyllis Geyer, Room 211A, Hendricks Hall.

Stock

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tions, those who testified and the state board for the "historical decision." He said the job for the people of Oregon is now to publicize the decision and advise other state systems on how the results were gained.

Mhlambiso also said the decision can be used as a springboard for other states.

"This decision is bound to affect other universities around the nation," he said. "The students of the State of Washington told me that they would be looking to the Oregon State board to set an example. They felt that if Oregon decided to divest it would be a much easier step for them to divest also."

University Pres. William Boyd agreed. He said that despite the fact that Oregon's state system isn't one of the richest in terms of monetary worth, it will have a great effect, because the state of Oregon is thought of as a leader — especially among young people.

Boyd predicted the divestment would pass after hearing the testimony of the church leaders.

"Their line of testimony did not follow ideological or practical argument," Boyd said. "They fo-

cused on the moral witness of the community. I feel the board people reacted to that."

Dennis Huneke of the Campus Christian Ministry, told the board that although "divestment may be impotent, but it will give one more reason to hope and more reason for South Africans to continue their work for equity and human rights."

One University student, Liz Boze, presented the board with a petition of over 1,000 names of faculty and students that she collected herself, in favor of divestment.

The presentation made in favor of keeping the stock was a letter sent to the board by the Oregon State University (OSU) student body representative. Feldman

said the letter was clearly an effort to undermine the Oregon Student Lobby, of which OSU is a member.

Daniels told the audience, "For those who expressed their sincere concern for the conditions in South Africa, I am voting for divestment. But I am not voting for divestiture on the behalf of those who pointed accusing fingers at the members of the board."

The board may be expected to re-invest its stock without any necessary delay, according to Boyd's interpretation of the motion. However, he warns, the board's business managers must be prudent in transferring the stock to avoid unwise investments.

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