

Weinstein files libel suit against assessor

A slander and libel suit has been filed by County Commissioner Archie Weinstein against Ken Bylund, county assessor, in a dispute that started last July.

During the summer Bylund "maliciously, willfully and wrongfully" said that Weinstein was a

partner in a corporation that had gone bankrupt and that he owed back taxes as a result of the deal, according to allegations contained in the suit.

The other charge relates to a September incident when Bylund said Weinstein was acting in col-

lusion with John Gault, head of the county board of equalization in an effort to lower the commissioner's property taxes.

Weinstein is seeking \$100,000 general damages and \$100,000 punitive damages for each alleged injury by Bylund. The suit defines both parties as acting as private citizens in the matter. Allegedly Bylund "was acting outside of the course and scope of his duties," according to the suit.

Bylund said his actions were undertaken responsibly.

A press release issued by Bylund shortly after the suit was filed said he made the statements, but claims the comments were proper.

Bylund points to a recent sale of Weinstein's property as substantiation of his accusations.

According to the release, "Weinstein has recently sold the 13th and Willamette properties, one of which is under appeal. The

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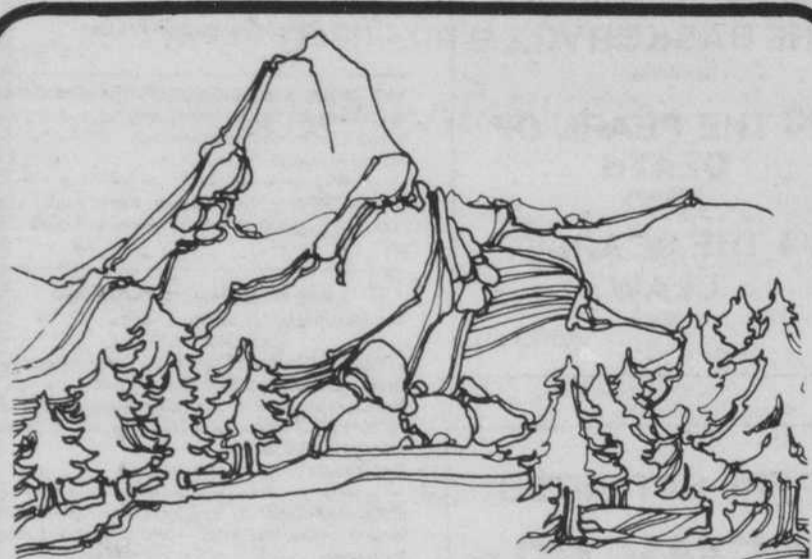
price recorded on the deed was \$315,000. The Board of Equalization had set the assessment at \$229,660. That is a 37 percent difference in value, which is obviously too low."

"It was my duty to collect taxes

on property in Weinstein's possession, which I did" said Bylund. "It was my duty to defend the values of the assessment roll when they were reduced by the Weinstein-Gault Board of Equalization. I have appealed these reduced values with sound appraisal information to support my contentions."

According to Bylund, Weinstein's actions will not hamper his continuing performance of duties.

"As far as I am concerned, a law suit by Weinstein against me will not deter me in working hard toward the goal of fair and equitable taxes without special treatment for a wealthy and powerful commissioner."



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Film depicts apartheid system

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The Black Student Union presented "South Africa — The Rising Tide," a film depicting the lifestyle of the "non-white" population of Southern Africa and their efforts to secure their civil rights, Wednesday night in the EMU.

The film described "pass-book laws," and how they are used to control the behavior of the black

majority. The laws consist of black workers receiving wrist bands with numbers on them. Those numbers become their name. They are referred to by their number, their jobs are decided by their number, and they are buried by their number.

The movie explained opposition to sales of the Krugerrand is due to the slavery involved in mining the gold to produce it. Every twenty minutes a black miner is killed in the mines. As unpleasant

as the mine jobs are, few employment alternatives are available for the majority of the black population.

The film pointed out that non-whites are subject to arbitrary arrests, execution, and secret burials. Blacks are only allowed in the city limits during the working day, and then only to do menial work for the white minority. After the working day, if the blacks have not left the city, they are subject to arrest.

The black majority claims only to want the opportunity to decide their own destiny, and do away with colonialism.

"We seek a South Africa where the wealth is shared by the people equitably," stated one person in the film, "where the door of living and culture is open to all."

The movie was followed by a brief discussion led by Ozodi Sosugi, the African Student Association president, who was on hand to answer any of the viewers' questions.

Equipment swap tonight

The Outdoor Program has many activities planned this term, including a Winter Equipment Swap tonight from 7-9 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Space will be provided for people to bring tents, skis, clothing and various other types of equipment to buy, trade or sell.

According to Bruce Mason, director of the Outdoor Program, "several hundred people are expected to participate.

"It's a real popular thing because equipment is a big hassle," says Mason. "We have an equipment swap every quarter for people to buy and sell equipment. It's much more economical that way."

The Outdoor Program has many other activities planned, including a wilderness photo lab that held its first meeting Jan 17.

"We've just started our photo program," Mason says. "People come to learn to develop film and learn how to make black-and-white prints."

Mason says the photo lab was started as a learning process for people interested in wilderness photography, but is also meant to provide a facility for wilderness photographers who already have the skills.



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