

# Abortion for the poor question stalled

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Oregon welfare recipients were kept in suspense for yet another day on the question of whether or not abortion will be one of the services included in their Medicaid benefits.

In yet another stall tactic Thursday at the capital in Salem, the state Legislative Emergency Board rejected 8-7 a motion by Sen. Keith Burbridge, D-Salem, to continue state funding of welfare abortions, and approved a motion postponing the final decision until tomorrow.

The decision to halt funds came in spite of poignant but restrained testimony by Linda Kaeser, an administrator for the State

Adult and Family Services division. Kaeser's agency had recommended continuing complete funding of abortions for women welfare recipients.

Kaeser had maintained that \$1.6 million was necessary to keep the welfare abortion program in existence. Much of her testimony was aimed at dispelling what she considers myths about the program. If the welfare abortion proponents can persuade the swing vote on the 15-member committee, Sen. Jack Ripper, D-North Bend, that abuses such as affluent women utilizing the welfare abortion program can be checked, the motion may still have a chance at passage.

"Data indicates minimal utilization of state-funded abortions by women from

middle and upper-class backgrounds," said Kaeser. She also stressed that "the incidence of abortions among our clients is substantially the same as that among the general public."

Apparently in answer to other accusations, she said that there is "no general use of abortion as contraceptive procedure" among welfare program participants.

In a final plea, Kaeser said, "Our program, which we are asking you to continue, appears to be used as intended by the legislature as a method of approving the abortion procedure for women throughout Oregon, who but for their poverty are representative of the public at large."

The pro-abortion forces have been stressing the added burden to the taxpayers that

phasing out the abortion program would create. When questioned after the board's vote about this economic approach to the issue, Kaeser said, "There are reasons for taking the fiscal approach. The emergency board deals with funding; the full legislature decides issues." She added, "This is such an emotional issue."

Board members have been bothered by charges that physicians, hospitals and clinics around the state have been charging substantially higher prices to those patients on welfare than non-welfare patients. Kaeser revealed in her Thursday testimony that one such clinic, Portland's Lovejoy Clinic, has been charged guilty of such practices, and that the agency is involved in trying to recover \$120,000 in overcharges.

## EMU renovation won't raise food prices

If the EMU Fishbowl is renovated, repayment will not come from higher food prices, says EMU Director Adell McMillan.

On Wednesday, Dusty Rhodes, EMU board chairer, said the \$100,000 necessary to remodel the '50s style soda bar would be repaid to the state from food service revenues. McMillan says Rhodes' information was not en-

tirely correct.

The EMU Board and the University Administration have put the request for funds on the Capital Construction Request list, which goes to the State Board of Higher Education. If the state board approves the request, it then goes to the Legislature. The funds are slated for the 1979-81 biennium year.

Eventually, however, the money will come out of student's pockets. Each term students pay tuition and incidental, health center and building fees.

All but the building fee go to individual institutions. The building fees, though, are pooled and used to pay off "bonded indebtedness" from the past building expendi-

tures, says McMillan. The Fishbowl renovation would come from this building fee.

The other EMU renovations Rhodes mentioned Wednesday don't require enough funds to make a capital construction request. Renovations "up to \$50,000" come from EMU building repair reserves, McMillan

says.

The coatroom would cost about \$12,000 to remodel and the bike area would run about \$25,000 to enclose and remodel, says Rhodes. The spaces would either be paid for with EMU funds with leasers incurring part of the costs, or leasers would do their own remodeling.

## South University demos asked for input on platform

South University area Democrats may soon be asked for input concerning the Democratic party platform for the May primary contests.

Craig Geary, a University political science major and a newly-

elected precinct committee person for the Democratic party, will be collecting ideas from precinct no. 239 Democrats to present at the party platform convention Feb. 4.

Geary estimates there are 200

to 300 registered Democrats in his precinct. Within the next week-and-a-half, he will be talking to as many voters as possible and spending 15 to 20 minutes with each voter.

Geary describes himself as an "ombudsperson" between the precinct and the political process. Besides gathering ideas for party platforms and policies, Geary says his job is to get people to vote.

"My responsibility as a citizen is to be involved," Geary says. "Having been schooled in political science, I see a lot of things I don't like. The only way to change those things is through the political process."

Geary contacted James Klonoski, a University professor of political science and the state chairer of the Democratic party, about his desire to become more involved in party politics. Klonoski then sent him to the appropriate

people and three weeks later he received a letter stating he had been elected a precinct committee person.

Political parties are in need of people who want to become involved, according to Geary.

"There are very few people that want to be involved," he says. "Very few people have the time."

Geary says he chose the Democratic party because it is "the party of progress and change."

## Demonstrators (Continued from Page 1)

pected to incite violence." Davar was also charged with initiating a false report after he allegedly gave officers a false name.

Arrested for trespassing were: Richard Bruce Weinraub, 28, of 291 E. 17th Ave.; Sheryl Stroll, 22, of 158 E. 14th Ave.; Cameron Lynn Kelley, 24, of 1841 E. 15th Ave.; John Martain Lanier, 26, of 1063 E. 21st Ave.; Falamak Bardaei, 23, 475 Lindale Dr., Springfield; Ferey Partovy, 22, of 2065 University St.; Farhad Lankarani, 24, of 2170 Patterson St.; and David Steven Miller, 25, of W. 10th Avenue and Madison Street.

Also arrested on trespassing

charges were: Abdol Hossein, 24, of 2210 Olive St.; John Joseph Kaiser II, 21, of 111 N. Garfield St.; Michelle Marie Bobzien, 21, of 1231 Moss St.; Renee Suzanne Romanoff, 23, of 717 Highway 99N.; Ismet Guchan, 26, of 2170 Patterson St.; Teresa Louise Dach, 26, of 1573 Jefferson St.; Mansoor Ehsan, 20, of 2140 W. 16th Ave.; Ilene Loise Gusfield, 21, of 119 Elkay Dr.; Monica C. Lazano, 21, of 941 Almaden St.; Patrick James Zurcher, 29, of 2255 Patterson St.; and Myra Evelyn Delay, 23, of 469 E. 15th Ave.

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## Coca-Cola's oil slicks ducks

You'd think all the winter rain this year would have the Millrace ducks quacking happily, but ironically enough, it seems rain was responsible for a minor oil spill on the ducks' home waters Thursday.

It was the second oil spill in a week on the Millrace, and this time it was traced to the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. on Franklin Boulevard.

Bob Wood, Coca-Cola production manager, said the spill resulted from rain washing oil from the company's back lot into a drain that leads to the

Millrace.

"It looks much worse than it is," said Mary Dinterman of the Department of Environmental Quality, adding that the ducks were in no danger.

Wood said Thursday evening that plans were to construct a "boom" across the stream to contain the small oil slick gathering near the footbridge directly across the street from the University's science buildings. He said equipment borrowed from Southern Pacific railroad would be used in the clean-up.

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