

ASUO to file lawsuit against Redden's ruling

It looks like Atty. Gen. James Redden's recent ruling on South Africa is going to be challenged in court.

ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman announced Tuesday that Redden's recent ruling that the State Board of Higher Education has no authority to divest itself of stock in corporations involved in southern Africa will be challenged in court in the form of a suit for declaratory judgment.

He said the People for Southern African Freedom will join the ASUO in the challenge.

Redden has said he would cooperate in get-

ting the suit in court as soon as possible. Redden's ruling is binding for state agencies, but can be challenged in court by private citizens.

Feldman also announced that a protest demonstration will be held Friday, May 19, in the Justice Department offices in Salem. The protest, scheduled for 3 p.m., will have chartered buses going to Salem.

During his statement, Feldman presented a criticism of Redden's legal findings which said Redden's judgment was off-target in all his four major points.

Volunteers: You get what's put in

Women's panel discusses donations of time, effort

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The "ripoff" in volunteerism is largely a matter of attitude, and as a volunteer "you can get back as much as you put in," according to women in a panel sponsored by the University YWCA Tuesday.

This week's noon Women/Speak series featured a five-member panel discussing "Volunteerism: Responsibility or Ripoff?" with a small group of listeners in the EMU.

Volunteerism adds "diversity to life," said Liz Heath a candidate for the Eugene City Council's Ward 5 seat, as well as director of the Voluntary Action Center, a clearinghouse and training center for volunteers.

Other panel members included Janet Calvert, president of the Eugene-Springfield League of Women Voters; Myra Miller, associate professor of the Wallace School of Community Service and Public Affairs (CSPA) and Community Education; Sheryll Burgess, volunteer coordinator at the Christian Family Institute and a senior in CSPA, and Wendy Warman, YWCA advisory board member and senior in CSPA.

"Volunteering is a tremendously exciting way to participate in the community, for both men and women," Heath said. She added that women comprise the majority of the volunteer labor force, with national male participation from only 15 to 20 percent.

In Eugene, which Heath called a "unique community," male volunteerism runs slightly more than 25 percent.

With the recent rise in unemployment, more men have entered the volunteer work force, which demands a range of skills from carpentry to counseling, Calvert added.

"There's room for a wide spectrum of people," she said.

As more women rise to executive positions, one panel member said, they will enter the ranks of "paid volunteers." But Miller said the "collision has already occurred" between peoples' needs and the profit motive, adding that it is necessary to appreciate volunteerism as the "basic fabric of country."

"Almost anything can be interesting once you get into it," she said noting that her projects study the Lane County jail, land-use planning, energy issues for ERA.

Calvert said she thought some of the basic research she does

could be done by professionals, but most is done by women who want to gain information about their community, but are not concerned about money.

This spirit of "intelligent commitment" doesn't have a price, Miller said. "If we have to get paid for everything, Lord help us. Volunteerism may be a way to turn around our emphasis on the dollar in this profit-oriented society."

Miller cited groups such as the Sierra Club and the Black Panthers, which started breakfast and lunch programs at inner-city schools as examples of the American heritage of volunteer action.

Volunteerism has traditionally been seen as an extension of the woman's nurturing role, Calvert said, but now "we can't afford to pay people" for all the social services once performed by the church and family. Now volunteerism is "more sophisticated" with "mutual responsibilities" between the volunteer and paid staff counselors, she said.

Communication with supervisors and rapport with clients are essential for the volunteer, said Burgess, because the volunteer performs the same tasks as the staff after training and orientation.

It is the volunteer's responsibility to make sure the placement is what he or she wants in order to make the experience a memorable one, Burgess added.

Volunteers are "no different from the rest of society" said Miller, adding that there is "no such thing as pure altruism" as a motivation for volunteer work.

Most of the volunteers are upper middle-class, Calvert said, but with increased child-care services, reduced dues and scholarships, volunteerism is no longer limited to the leisured class, she said.

Voters reject 'gay measure'

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A city ordinance prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals was repealed overwhelmingly Tuesday, following a pattern of similar referendums in St. Paul, Minn., and Miami.

With 121 of 170 precincts counted, 29,402 votes were in favor of repeal and 6,153 supported retaining the 7-month-old ordinance.

A similar election is scheduled later this month in Eugene.

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