

Klonoski quiet during investigation

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University Prof. Jim Klonoski's position as head of the state Democratic party is now in the hands of the Oregon Ethics Commission and the Elections Division of the secretary of state's office.

Both agencies are currently investigating Klonoski's possible violation of Oregon lobby law, as well as reviewing whether the University professor can be classified as a lobbyist while in his capacity as Democratic chairer.

Meanwhile, 11 Democratic legislators, fearing adverse affects from the investigation, have called for Klonoski to relinquish the post he has held since 1974. Rep. Jeff Gilmour, D-Jefferson, leads the effort to get Klonoski to step down.

The investigations center on a letter Klonoski sent to state Sen. Blain Whipple, D-Portland, in which Klonoski promised a \$221 campaign contribution from the Democratic "dollar check-off" fund on the condition that Whipple support the dollar check-off in the Legislature.

The stipulation was later rescinded, and Whipple eventually received the money.

But Whipple would not accept the money and instead turned the matter over to the Ethics Commission until the contribution's legality could be verified. The money was sent during the Legislature's five-day special session last month.

What the Ethics Commission must now determine is whether the contribution is in violation of state laws prohibiting a legislative official from accepting a

campaign contribution from a lobbyist while the Legislature is in session.

Klonoski refused comment on the matter Monday.

"I cannot comment on an investigation that is currently in progress," the 53-year-old political science professor said. "The best part of wisdom is to follow the counsel of my counsel and keep my mouth shut."

The Ethics Commission voted last Thursday to return the \$221 to Whipple and authorized an investigator to determine whether a violation of law occurred.

The investigator will report his findings to the commission by Oct. 26 and at that time it will be determined whether public hearings into the matter are warranted.

The Elections Division of the secretary of state's office has also started an in-

quiry into the matter. Assistant Secretary of State Greg McMurde is awaiting Klonoski's reply to inquiries that have been made by his office.

Once Klonoski's reply is received, the Elections Division will determine if the matter should be turned over to the attorney general based on the chance that there be "reason to believe that a law has been violated."

Of chief concern to the Elections Division is whether Klonoski's offer to Whipple constitutes a use of "undue influence" upon an elected official. Klonoski maintains that the letter was sent with the approval of the party's campaign committee.

Committee member John Stewart disagrees, stating that the committee "did not authorize Klonoski to make the offer."

OSA gives hints for establishing residency

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It may not be necessary for out-of-state students to pay three times the going rate for education at the University — if they know where to look for help.

"The majority of students coming in here have been able to establish residency," says Office of Student Advocacy Director Don Chalmers. "And we've had about 200 people coming in each year."

Students seeking in-state tuition may also get help from a new OSA pamphlet. The first edition of "Tuition, Residency and You" is available in the OSA office in Room 16 of the EMU. It explains many of the problems and some of the opportunities available to students trying to cut down on those tuition payments.

"This pamphlet is an incorporation of research done for us," adds Chalmers. "Until this year, we've only had our Tuition Residency Game."

Strange as that sounds, Chalmers isn't playing games when he speaks of a questionnaire in the pamphlet that gauges a student's eligibility for in-state tuition.

The questionnaire asks students a variety of questions regarding residency, financial support, employment and others, and gives the student an opportunity to figure his chances of obtaining residency status.

"Tuition-residency problems boil down to a question of emancipation," the pamphlet summarizes. "Additionally, the state administrative rules define an emancipated student as one 'who has a home independent of his parents and receives no financial support from his parents or guardian.' The

state also puts the burden of proof on the student.

Despite these seemingly clear-cut regulations, students have tried their best to circumvent the rules. In one case, a student's parents moved to North Carolina from California and her uncle, a resident of Oregon, was appointed her guardian, although her parents continued to provide financial support. A Department of Education classification officer ruled that since the uncle gave no financial support, the student could not be considered as Oregon resident for tuition purposes. An Oregon court later agreed.

Other factors are less important in the state's eye. For example, registration to vote in Oregon holds no weight, because one can vote here without intending to reside in the state permanently.

Similarly, payment of Oregon income taxes does not guarantee residency, because out-of-state students receive benefits from their tax dollars, another court has ruled.

On the other hand, proof of intent to buy a home or property in Oregon may be helpful in establishing residency, according to the pamphlet.

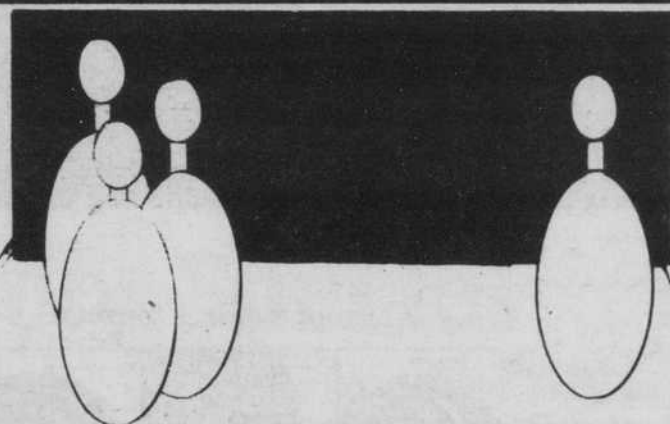
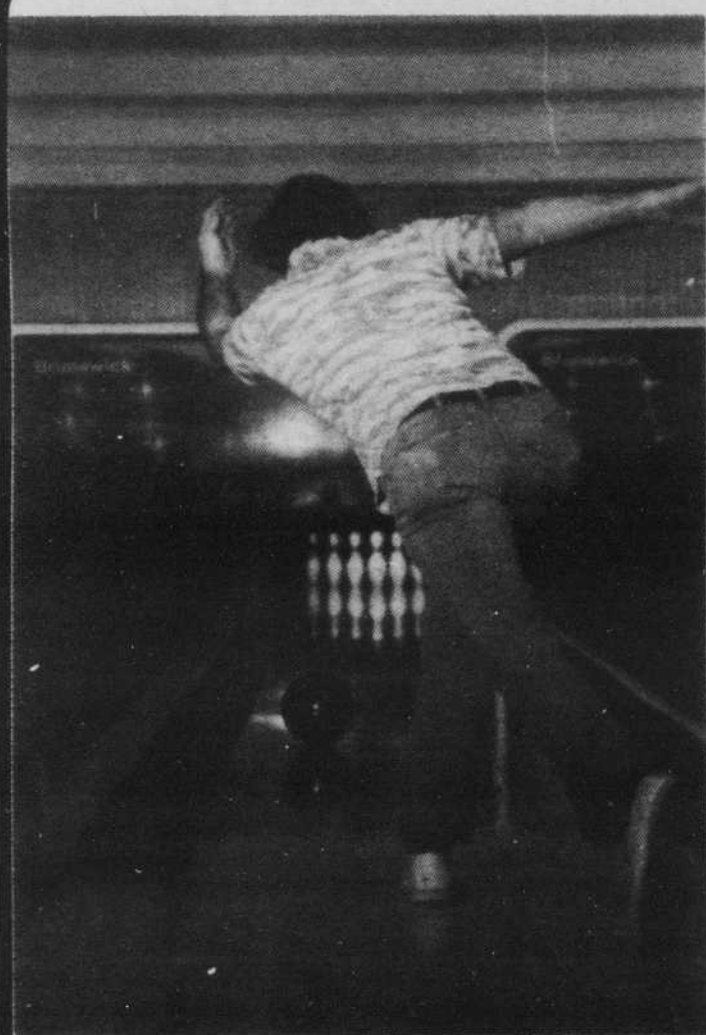
Every student's situation is different, but anyone seeking to establish residency should consult the OSA, says Chalmers.

"Of the cases we have appealed, over 80 percent (of the students) have succeeded in changing their residency," he says.

"Of course, some of the students get in here and discover that there's no way for them to get residency, but I would say a majority of the 200 students per year have been successful."

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