

Lausmann discredits attack on supporters

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The question of the validity of a group of Democrats supporting Jerry Lausmann may be nothing more than an attempt to discredit the challenger's 4th District Congressional campaign, Lausmann's secretary said Tuesday.

The race for the 4th District congressional seat goes far beyond party lines, spokesman Jay Goldstein said, and any support by Democrats for the challenger has been purely spontaneous.

Goldstein said Lausmann has

'Weaver knows this is a tight race'

been gaining support from people around the district who cannot agree with Weaver. The "Democrats for Lausmann" group is a reflection of that support, he said.

Although the validity of the "Democrats for Lausmann" committee was called into question earlier this week by the head of the Weaver campaign, Goldstein said that question may have been raised to "turn the tide" of Lausmann's support.

"I think the Weaver campaign

knows this is a tough race," he said. "So they know they have to do something to turn the tide. So far, everything they have done has been to discredit the Lausmann campaign."

Joe Rutledge, head of the campaign to re-elect Weaver, questioned the validity of the group Monday, saying he questioned

the group's intention because its leaders, David Mason and Bob Gorman, became paid members of Lausmann's staff after they were denied positions with the Weaver organization.

Both Mason and Gorman are paid \$300 monthly to run Lausmann's Eugene office. The "Democrats for Lausmann" group

was started at the end of September as part of a voluntary program to gather support for the Republican, Mason said.

Mason and Gorman, Goldstein said, are "honorable people" who are only lending their support to Lausmann because they think he is the better candidate. They aren't being paid enough to "sell out" so cheaply, he said.

"If they could be bought so cheaply, then I'd think they were pretty cheap people."



Jerry Lausmann

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Board tables vote on office changes

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Three proposals for switching office space for a quartet of student organizations were tabled in the EMU board's third meeting on the subject.

The majority of the members of the Iranian Student Union (ISU) walked out during the meeting, charging the board with making a "politically motivated decision directed against the two most politically active groups on campus."

The room changes would affect the ISU, as well as the Arab Student Union, MEChA, the International Education Center (IEC), and the Office of Student Advocacy (OSA).

A request from the OSA for larger office space started the room change proposals, according to Dusty Rhodes, board chair.

OSA members have complained that customers' personal problems could be heard in the reception area. The partition separating the areas is not floor to ceiling.

A vote was taken last Thursday at a "meeting of representatives and interested board members," in which the board voted for the proposal that gives the smallest loss of square feet to the Arab and Iranian Student Unions.

Rhodes specified Thursday that the motion would have to be presented officially. The motion involved moving the office of the unrepresented IEC.

Confusion about the unofficial meeting raised controversy, as several Iranian students believed the Thursday vote eliminated the first and second proposals.

They voiced their disapproval when several board members changed their votes. Some board members called the Thursday vote "inappropriate," and were upset when they found that a vote had been taken.

Rhodes agreed that the vote was "probably inappropriate," but added that no promises were made and he maintains the IEC would still have to be consulted at Tuesday's meeting.

The Iranian students called the moving of their office "discrimination," and later asked that the proposals be tabled, calling them "incomplete."

"We are making every effort to find an appropriate room for everyone," said Rhodes.

Further study of the proposals and rooms involved will be conducted by board members.

Corrections and amplifications

Friday's story on former ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman contained a typographical error. His quote should have read:

"Some say I'm just a hypocrite, and that I'll do anything for a buck. But I believe there is a legitimate difference between individual and institutional investment."

Feldman also says he was misunderstood in regard to his personal investment policy. He says he would not buy stocks in South African companies with his own money, although he will buy these stocks for his clients.

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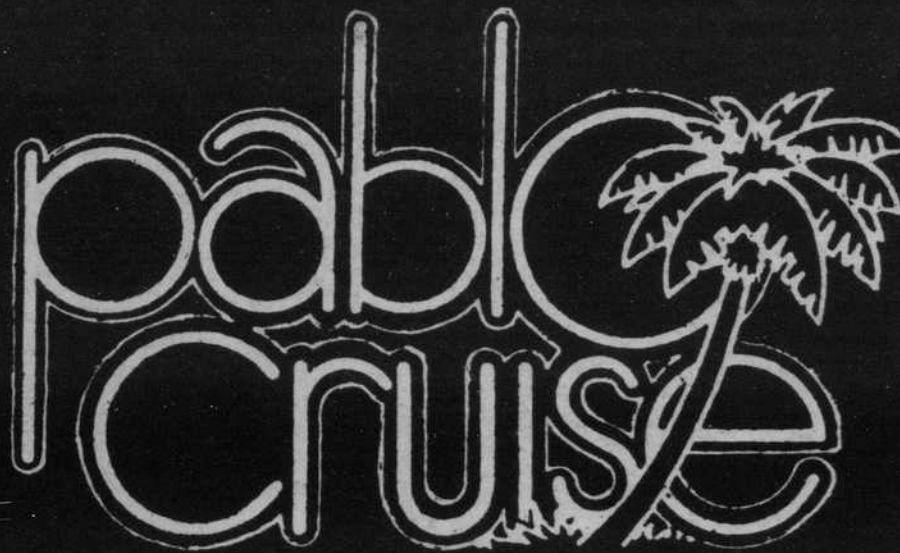
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