

Panelists air both draft arguments pro, con

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Soviet aggression in the Persian Gulf — not a need for oil — is the reason the United States is trying to beef up its military preparedness through draft registration, said pro-draft panelists at a forum on registration and the draft Tuesday.

The Soviets "aren't going to stop in the Persian Gulf," said James Thornton, a member of the Political Science Student Union. "Oil is not the objective of the aggression. Oil is a lever that will be used to spread communism."

If the Soviet Union controls the Persian Gulf, it "controls the

whole world," Thornton said, adding that the Persian Gulf will be the "stepping stone for greater aggression."

But Dave Fidanque, aide to Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore, cited government reports and officials that say peacetime draft registration isn't needed because a beefed-up Selective Service System would enable the SSS to fill defense department requirements for trained troops in time of war.

University veteran Dave Isenberg said politicians in Washington are trying to entice people to war by equating patriotism with draft registration. "That's ludicrous," he said. "I am a patriot but I don't confuse or equate patriotism

with blind chauvinism."

Political science Prof. Joseph Fiszman said when he decided to be a pro-draft panelist, he didn't expect the debate to take place in middle of the anti-registration atmosphere of the campus. Fiszman said he helped organize the first West Coast teach-in against the Vietnam War at the University in 1964, adding he was pelted with rotten eggs and rocks for his vocal opposition to the war.

"We are not dealing with Vietnam," Fiszman said. "We're dealing with the Soviet Union that believes in a communist world. There is no Clergy and Laity Concerned in the Soviet Union. There is no Weaver in the Soviet Supreme Committee."

If the United States doesn't have conventional military backup forces — armed troops and weapons — then the United States may be forced to "push the button" because it's the on-



Photo by Jimmi Harris

These two spectators joined several hundred others at Tuesday's forum on registration and the draft in the EMU Ballroom. Six panelists discussed arguments supporting and condemning a military draft.

ly option, Fiszman said.

The United States should learn two lessons from the Iranian crisis, said Marion Malcolm, a member of CALC.

One, that "human rights violations come back to haunt us," and second, that "military might cannot prevail against the will of a whole nation of people."

Bassett gets cash for D.C. trip

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It's official — ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett is going back to Washington, D.C. to meet with Pres. Carter and 300 other student body presidents on foreign and domestic issues, presumably including the draft.

The Incidental Fee Committee reluctantly granted Bassett \$287 from the ASUO special projects account Tuesday. The money matches a \$287 grant from the University of Oregon Foundation, an alumni organization, and will enable Bassett to leave tonight for the Friday meeting.

The 4-2-1 vote to release money from the ASUO special projects reserve account came after a 5-2 refusal to fund the trip from the ASUO research and development reserve account.

None of the committee members said he favored sending Bassett to Washington, but Chris Moore and Jerry Bernau led the arguments to grant Bassett control of the reserve account money on the original request, which they said is rightfully his.

"I would certainly not allocate the money if it was from our unallocated reserves," said Moore, "but this is a good case for research and development, and we are bound to release the money."

Committee member Mark Stapke disagreed, saying the trip is not good justification for spending research and development money.

"It's hard for me to imagine that flying to D.C. is research and development," he called the Washington meeting a naive Carter administration public relations move to woo campus leaders on Carter's draft proposal.

Committee member Dave Eaton said the IFC shouldn't release the reserve money solely because it is reserved under the ASUO executive budget.

"I don't agree that we have to give money on reserve accounts just because they ask for it," he said. "He could come in with just about anything and say it's research and development."

After the vote Eaton moved to reconsider the question.

"I want to follow the guidelines," he said. "I don't want to get in the way of what program directors want to do."

When discussion was reopened, committee member Jon Neiderbach spoke against granting the money from research and development. "He could call going to Tahiti research and development."

But then Neiderbach moved to grant Bassett the money from the ASUO special projects reserve account and the votes swung in Bassett's favor. Stapke and Neiderbach changed their votes, saying Bassett showed the logic of taking the money out of the special projects account. Eaton abstained on the final vote, leaving Alan Contreras and chairer Adam Cohen as the only dissenters.

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