

Assembly approves King memorial day

A motion to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a commemorative day at the University was passed 31-18 Wednesday by the University Assembly after a philosophical debate.

Some Assembly members said that taking a political stand on such an issue would make the University susceptible to pressures from outside special-interest groups.

Richard Rousseve, acting head of the counseling depart-

ment, said he had "mixed reactions" to Julie St. Clair's motion, which asks the administration to make Jan. 15 (King's birthday) a commemorative day at the University and to support those groups actively seeking to make his birthday a national holiday.

"I have serious reservations because it's impractical to set aside a day for every American citizen who has contributed to our society," Rousseve said. "While I too have a high regard for the work of our late fellow

citizen, I am not persuaded that either supporting efforts to make his birthday a national holiday or designating a commemorative day is appropriate action.

"The University should maintain its neutrality," he said, "or it will invite more and more outside pressure and intervention."

Rousseve said he's afraid this pressure would affect the "free and unfettered flow of ideas."

Robert McCullough of the University Library agreed. "The

University should not politicize itself with anyone," he said.

Student University Affairs Board chairer St. Clair said her motion is not an academic but an emotional issue.

"I was just thinking about the recent uprising of the Ku Klux Klan and busing and got very afraid of what's been happening to the progress that's already been made," she said.

SUAB member Rick Pasqual said because the University is an institution of higher learning,

"it should prompt more people to be like he was.

"Next year, there will be a motion for a commemorative day for John Lennon. He probably touched as many people in a different way. There will be no end."

Tickets remain for Browne concert

Good news and bad news for Jackson Browne fans.

The good news is that about 700 tickets remained late Wednesday for Browne's Feb. 23 concert. The bad news is that the remaining tickets are for seats behind the stage — the least desirable.

Some 8,000 concert tickets have been sold, according to an EMU Cultural Forum representative. Close to 500 people camped in line Monday night, and more than 1,000 lined up early Tuesday morning to buy tickets.

Six hundred people went

though the ticket line Tuesday, and more came through Wednesday. But many of those who didn't get tickets after standing in line Tuesday didn't return Wednesday, and the line moved more rapidly.

"A lot of people got real upset," the representative said. "I almost got punched in the face a couple times.

"But what can we do? We did the best we could."

Tickets placed on reserve can be picked up — and paid for — with proper identification at the EMU Main Desk until 11 p.m.

Monday. Beginning Tuesday, the reserved seats not claimed will be sold.

While Cultural Forum representatives had said Tuesday night that holders of green stubs would have first shot at the tick-

ets, one said Wednesday that the Forum was reconsidering the exact process and didn't yet know how they would be sold.

The Forum processed tickets through stub 600 Tuesday night, which took until 10 p.m.

Foreign students unite; oppose scholarship cuts

The University's Foreign Student Organization is trying to unite international students to fight Gov. Vic Atiyeh's proposed cuts in foreign-student scholarships.

FSO Director Julie Mungai says she plans to recruit foreign students to write letters to the governor and lobby the Legislature.

The University is in danger of losing its foreign-student enrollment if the scholarships are cut and if tuition is increased at the same time, Mungai says.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Eugene's foreign-student population will contribute \$5 million to Oregon's economy during the 1980-81 school year. Mungai says University students also would miss the cultural exposure provided by the 1,000 foreign students.

The FSO is seeking a 20-25 percent budget increase for the 1981-82 school year.

"If I accomplish what I plan to this year, we will have a lot more foreign-student participation in the next year," Mungai says.

Proposed improvements in the FSO include:

- Establishing a library of foreign newspapers and magazines.
- Increasing the number of cultural events.
- Bringing more speakers to campus to discuss world politics.

But Incidental Fee Committee members won't commit themselves on the chances of

the increased budget being approved.

"I can't say whether any group would be able to receive that large of an increase," IFC vice chairer Susan Harris says.

Approximately 700 students belong to the FSO — two-thirds of the international student population on campus.

One of the organization's objectives is to promote "cultural awareness to the community and school," Mungai says.

"We also serve as an information outlet" for politics and events in the 76 countries represented by students at the University, she adds.

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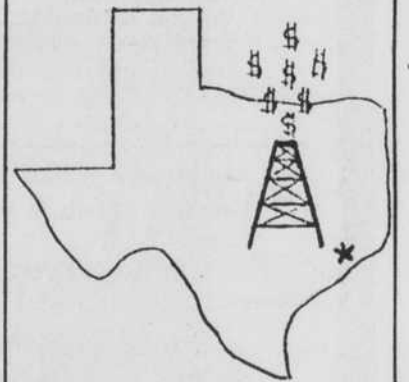
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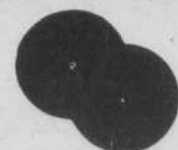
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