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PNRC memo stirs political dispute

Once again the Pacific Northwest Resource Center is involved in a political controversy.

Rep. Margie Hendriksen, D-40, said in a television newscast Thursday evening that extraordinary political pressure has been placed upon University Pres. Paul Olum.

About the time the budget cuts became a hot issue, Olum was under pressure through what Hendriksen terms a "secret memo" from the House Ways and Means Committee.

A copy of the memo indicates concern over the location of the Pacific Northwest Resources Center, part of the University's Environmental Law Clinic. In the past, Olum has said that for the University to remain "neutral" in public policy matters, the PNRC should maintain its offices off-campus.

In the May 12 memo, the committee stated that "such a solution, arrived at in an

expedient fashion, could relieve us all of the possibility of emotional public hearings and unfortunate 'hashing over' of past agreements, which might harm the good name of the University of Oregon."

The memo was signed by nine of the 12 committee members.

Hendriksen told the Emerald the memo was "a pretty heavy-handed pressure device."

The memo also could be interpreted to mean the University's budget may be affected if the PNRC wasn't moved off campus, she said.

Hendriksen added that Ed Harms, president of the State Board of Higher Education, told her "if Pres. Olum doesn't move the Clinic off-campus, the Board would see that a rule was established system-wide so that it would occur."

"I think the memo is intimidating," Hendriksen said. "We should be above this kind of pressure tactic."

GTFF approves contract after drumming up voters

By DEBBIE HOWLETT
Of the Emerald

Some last-minute scrambling in the EMU Thursday night produced enough Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation members to vote on ratification of a proposed contract.

Before the ratification meeting, Tammy Maurer, president of the University GTFF, predicted that only a shortage of voting members could prevent contract ratification.

The sparse crowd fell 13 short of the needed quorum of 95 voting members. After a 25-minute recess, the number of voting members rose to 97. Members attending the meeting had dug up some quarters and put Ma Bell to work, calling in the numbers needed for a quorum.

With a little bit of effort and a little loose change, the GTFF got what it bargained for.

With an overwhelming 96 "yes" votes and a single dissenting vote, the GTFF members ratified the proposed two-year contract, including a 14.7-percent pay increase.

"Given what the University offered earlier, this contract is about the best we can do," said



Photo by Mark Pynes

Jim Morgan

Alan Dickman, a third year GTF in biology.

Maurer said, "I think it's an affirmation of the parts of the contract that protect the things that are important to the GTF's, such as a reasonable salary increase and a fair workload policy."

"The workload remained an issue until the bitter end," said

Peter Novotny, a GTFF member.

The landslide victory brings several changes to the GTFs' contract. The GTFF successfully held out against the University administration, which attempted to increase the GTF workloads from 175 hours a term to 250. This victory also does away with a complex formula for figuring workloads that Maurer said few of the GTFs understand anyway.

The contract calls for a 14.7-percent increase from the 3-percent increase obtained in a June 30 raise. The raise would be spread over the next two years.

To assure the safety of all GTFs, the contract calls for phones or other electronic communication devices to be near the GTFs at all times.

The contract originally asked for health care provisions for the GTFs, but state legislation prohibits GTFs from bargaining for a health care package. The door was not shut completely though, because some members of the union plan to lobby against that legislation. If the law is changed, the GTFs will be able to bargain for health care.

Groups gather to preserve Title IX

Leaders urge students to pressure legislators

By MIKE ANDERSON
Of the Emerald

Equal opportunity activists rallied for support of Title IX Thursday in the EMU in response to Pres. Ronald Reagan's consideration to eliminate the law designed to prevent sex discrimination in universities.

The Women's Referral and Resource Center and the ASUO sponsored the rally as part of Title IX Awareness Week. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in admissions, educational programs, recruitment, scholarships, financial aid, health benefits and athletics.

State Rep. Margie Hendriksen affirmed the state's commitment to civil rights, despite what she calls an assault on civil rights at the national level.

"The state of Oregon is committed to the concept of equal opportunity in employment, housing and education," she said.

Hendriksen said equality in education is the state's responsibility and urged students to sign petitions and

to write letters to their congressional representatives.

"We cannot forget our commitment to fundamental human justices," she said.

Eugene City Council member Cynthia Wooten said the equal rights concept is "fading into myth."

Wooten, also an aide to Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., said working people, poor people, and women have been the victims of Reagan's cuts.

"It's no secret that we have no friends or allies in the Reagan administration."

Wooten emphasized the danger of AB 1361, a congressional measure, which, if passed, will redefine many Title IX provisions.

"We will not be beaten into political submission or exile," Wooten said, calling recent threats to Title IX "only a temporary state of injustice."

Sherry Oeser, legislative vice president of Oregon Women's Political Caucus, criticized Gov. Vic Atiyeh's veto of House Bill 3074, which would reinforce the state civil



Photo by Bob Baker

State Rep. Margie Hendriksen says civil rights — including Title IX — are endangered by the Reagan Administration.

rights bill by allowing the courts to battle sex discrimination.

Calling Atiyeh's veto a major setback for civil rights, Oeser urged victims of sex discrimination to take action through such existing chan-

nels as the University's affirmative action office.

Oeser believes the University operates in fairly close accordance with Title IX provisions, but she says, "We know there's discrimination on this

campus. There's no question about that."

Addressing the students, Oeser said, "My advice to you is to put pressure on the administrators. Let them know you're watching what they do."