

Controversial PNRC opts to relocate

By DEBBIE HOWLETT
Of the Emerald

The National Wildlife Federation will move the controversial Pacific Northwest Resource Center to a regional office, probably in Portland, a NWF representative announced Wednesday.

The decision — the latest move in a chess game that has evolved over the PNRC's location — calls for a move to a regional office, possibly as soon as December, when the center's existing contract with the University expires.

"We are 98 percent sure that the regional office will be in Portland," says Pat Parentau, NWF's liaison for PNRC.

The PNRC is a branch of the University law school's Environmental Law Clinic, which has been immersed in controversy since the start of fall term.

University Pres. Paul Olum has expressed concern that the PNRC does not remain neutral in matters of public policy, and that the center's lack of neutrality casts shadows on the University's neutrality.

"It's been understood for some 'little' time that the NWF would set up a regional office," says Derrick Bell, University law school dean.

"I don't know... I'm hopeful that we'll retain the affiliation with them," Bell says.

"If they (the NWF) want to contribute funds to the operation of the ELC, that's something that we'd be willing to listen to," Olum says, adding that if the NWF did contribute to the ELC "with no strings attached, then that's something we'd have to look at."

Parentau says Bell has asked the center to stay — at least for the time being.

"It would be more convenient for us to leave after the contract expires in December, but we are willing to consider staying if the University promises to find a full-time director," he says.

Parentau also says the University would have to foot the bill for adminis-

tration costs. "But we are willing to negotiate with the University," he says.

That puts the pawn in the University's hand, and what the University will do is still up in the air.

There are a number of different possible arrangements for the ELC, Bell says.

"The faculty urged that the present arrangement continue, at least through the end of the academic year," he says.

"We have three responsibilities. First, we have an ethical responsibility to the students. Number two, we already have students pre-registered for next semester, and number three, we would like the additional semester for a transitional period."

oregon daily emerald

Vol. 83, No. 50

Eugene, Oregon 97403

Thursday, November 12, 1981



Photo by Bob Baker

More than 200 students sank to the damp pavement in front of the EMU Wednesday, "dying" in protest of nuclear arms.

Patio 'nuked'

Drenched students take bomb lying down to protest future nuclear holocaust, wars

By DEBBIE HOWLETT
Of the Emerald

"You have five minutes to be alive," boomed the voice of a man atop a chair on the crowded EMU patio.

"How does it feel?" countered a voice from the mass of about 200 people who protested nuclear arms at "The World Held Hostage" symposium.

In answer, Bronx cheers and shouts came from the audience and a guitar player strummed the first chords to Bob Dylan's "With God on Our Side."

Rain fell from cloudy skies as Brad Passenger, "die-in" coordinator for Students for a Nuclear-Free Future, announced to the crowd, "a nuclear bomb has hit Eugene, in eight seconds you will die."

Like obedient puppies, the group lay on the patio and played dead. Passenger read from a list of the consequences of a nuclear bomb as its force spreads outward. The list detailed destruction of buildings, property and people.

The event attracted a lot of attention from curious observers and the media. Television cameras and reporters were among the crowds of people. Several people from campus political groups also were present.

The Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade was on the patio with red flag and literature in hand.

"It's amusing," said Mike Cross, a member of Young Americans for Freedom. "I'm just here as a casual observer."

"We're making a peaceful point, trying to make people aware that this is not just possible, it's fact," said John Hannon, one of the "dead" and a student at the University.

"Things like this make people aware," said Maggie Lear, a University student, as she lay on the cold cement.

People lay everywhere on the patio immediately outside the front doors of the EMU. Some braved the rain and "died" away from the protective cover of the patio roof. Some smoked while they were "dead." One woman lay face down, rain rolling off her cheek. "Lefties unite" was stitched on the hip pocket of her jeans.

A poetry reading and more singing, with some of the songs written by survivors of Hiroshima, followed as the "dead" came to their feet.

A man on a stretcher, his body draped with a U.S. flag, was delivered to the audience. A man, proclaimed "true father of our country," dressed as George Washington, was "resurrected." He ripped his mask off and played the "Dead President's Lament" on a plastic, toy saxophone.

Additional photos on Page 7

Bay calls off fall jog-a-thon

Negative publicity and the threat of a \$500 fine have forced the University athletic department to postpone its annual Jog-a-Thon fundraiser, athletic director Rick Bay said Wednesday.

Organizers of the fundraiser, which is promoted by professionals outside the University, apparently failed to obtain a solicitations permit required by the city of Eugene. The permit is required for any event that uses professionals to solicit for contributions.

The Jog-a-Thon was postponed "in order to clarify the constitutionality of the ordinance in question," Bay said. Under the ordinance, the University could have been fined \$500 for holding the fundraiser without a permit.

The controversy began with an article printed in last Sunday's Eugene Register-Guard that pointed out the athletic department's failure to obtain the permit. A follow-up article in Monday's Register-Guard, under the headline "Jog-a-Thon may result in \$500 fine," drew criticism from Bay.

Calling the headline "sensationalistic and irresponsible," Bay said, "I resent the suggestion that we would even consider a willful violation of city code."

Monday's article indirectly criticized the athletic department for signing a contract with the same promoter that handled last year's "Raise the Roof" and "Love that Library" jog-a-thon. The article stated that last year's event grossed nearly \$60,000, yet netted only \$3,873 for the athletic department.

But the articles neglected to mention that athletic teams and groups within the athletic department earned an additional \$15,748, Bay said.

Bay said the Jog-a-Thon will not be cancelled, but it may have to wait until next spring.

"The negative publicity makes me wonder if the Jog-a-Thon would be as successful as it could be," Bay said.

University Pres. Paul Olum agreed with Bay. "I think in view of all the questions that were raised and all the negative publicity, his postponing it was a very good idea," Olum said.

PE degree OK

Confusion about what exactly was eliminated in the physical education department has fostered the rumor that the University dropped its physical education degree program.

In fact, only PE activity classes were eliminated; the PE major itself is still available. "We have one of the top programs in the country," says Micheal Ellis, PE department head. "We aren't about to eliminate it."

"We're dealing with normal people here, sometimes they can get things mixed up," Ellis says.