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Says he never agreed

Olum fends off ROTC issue

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The ASUO president and last year's campus ACLU director reacted with disbelief Thursday to University Pres. Paul Olum's statement that he "never agreed" to the proposed makeup of a fact-finding committee on the ROTC program.

Olum said at a press conference that he is opposed to the planned selection process of committee members, in which he would appoint two administration officials, Philosophy Prof. Cheyney Ryan would appoint two faculty members, and ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss would choose two students. Appointments by representatives of different political views is unnecessary, Olum said, because the committee's mission is purely a fact-finding one.

"The last thing we need is a highly political committee with lots of political pronouncements," he said.

Olum said he had never agreed to the initial committee plan, which arose last spring after months of debate in which Ryan claimed the military science department violates University affirmative action guidelines by preventing homosexuals from participating in the ROTC program.

"I never agreed to that — never agreed I would do any such thing," Olum said of the committee makeup. "In fact, this is an inappropriate way to appoint an objective committee for this purpose."

But Doug Marker, director of the campus ACLU at the time, said Olum agreed to the idea after a debate on the ROTC issue last spring.

"After the debate, I approached Olum and said 'Why don't we put together a committee of students appointed by the ASUO, faculty appointed by Ryan

and two from the administration appointed by you?' And he said it was fine. He did agree to it that night."

Marker said he followed the conversation with a letter, but "never got a response."

Hotchkiss did not recall Olum expressing disagreement with the committee makeup in meetings between the two last summer. At one point, Hotchkiss added, Olum said he approved of her student selections — law student Alan Contreras and ASUO Executive Assistant Scherri Shultz — and indicated he would make his appointments within a month.

"He said he was really busy and that he would get the committee together," Hotchkiss said. "I kind of pressed (him on when he would make the appointments) and he said 'Well... in about a month.'"

She could not remember the exact date of the meeting.

"There will be a committee all right," Olum said, but he was not sure what form it would take.

"We'll have to decide how that committee will be appointed," he added, expressing concern that it remain exclusively a fact-finding body. The committee should not discuss questions involving possible ROTC violations of University policy, he said.

"Those are questions of judgment that the whole University and the assembly have to decide," he added.

Last March, the University Assembly voted to "indefinitely postpone" Ryan's motion to terminate the department unless it ends its discriminatory practices.

The ASUO sent a letter to Olum Oct. 20, expressing its "impatience" with Olum's failure to set up the committee.

U.S. forces capture prison, secure island

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — American forces crushed a final stronghold of Grenada's defenders Thursday, but the Caribbean island's diehard Marxist leader was reported still resisting the invaders and holding a woman hostage.

An unknown number of Cubans were reported still resisting as well, and American forces pounded the Cuban positions with artillery and air strikes. Heavy black smoke billowed from the hills east of the unfinished airport of Point Salines near Grenada's southern tip.

The casualty toll among the almost 3,000 U.S. troops stood at eight dead, eight missing and 39 wounded, U.S. officials said.

Meanwhile, the United States continued pouring hundreds of fresh paratroopers into the fight for the tiny nation Thursday. Pres. Reagan said a fully equipped Cuban base was found and that the operation thwarted a planned Cuban takeover of the island.

The Voice of Barbados said resistance continued at Caligny Point, an area of military barracks on the east coast just north of the island's new airport construction site, whose Cuban defenders were overrun Wednesday by the U.S. troops.

New anti-U.S. protests were reported around the world, including the ransacking of a U.S. consulate in Bolivia.

In Washington, the House Foreign Affairs Committee approved 32-2 on Thursday a war powers resolution requiring the withdrawal of American troops from Grenada within two months.

Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam, insisting the invasion of the island was necessary, declined to say if Pres. Reagan would honor the deadline. But he said it was "extraordinarily unlikely" the troops would remain that long.

Reagan administration officials said, meanwhile, that American forces discovered "upwards of 1,000" Cubans on the island, some 400 more than claimed by the Cuban government, and that they were more heavily armed than expected.

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High speed chase ends in campus capture

A University student tackled a burglary suspect outside the Robinson Theatre Thursday afternoon after the suspect eluded Eugene police officers in a high speed car chase down University Street.

Police arrested Anthony Sung Kim, whose address and age were unavailable, and charged him with burglary, attempting to elude police, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license. Kim was in custody at the Lane County jail Thursday night with bail for the three traffic charges set at \$3,000. No bail had been set for the burglary charge.

With sirens blaring, police pursued the blue Pontiac Le Mans, which reached speeds of more than 65 miles per hour, down the crowded street. The chase ended in the parking lot on the south side of Allen Hall, where police surrounded the car at about 1:25 p.m., said Sgt. Rick Allison of the Eugene police.

Allison said the suspect abandoned the car and headed west on foot behind Allen Hall, in the direction of Villard Hall, where Robinson Theatre is located.

A University student, who asked not to be identified, ran past a Eugene Police officer and tackled Kim on the lawn in front of the law school. Kim then got up and ran a few steps toward Robinson Theatre when a Eugene police officer pulled his revolver and ordered Kim to halt.

After Kim stopped, the officer repeatedly yelled "get on your face." Three other officers arrived as Kim knelt down to lay on the ground. Police then put Kim in handcuffs.

The entire episode took about four minutes.

"I just saw him running so I

chased him," the student said. "I just don't want to get involved," he said when asked for his name.

The incident began shortly after 1 p.m. when Springfield police received a call from a witness who reported a possible burglary in progress at a residence in the 2300 block of Beverly Street in North Springfield.

When Springfield police arrived at the residence, the burglary suspect was gone. A witness gave police a description of the suspect and his car, which was then relayed to other law enforcement agencies.

Eugene police became involved when they spotted the suspect vehicle near the Oakway Mall on Coburg Road. They followed the car over the Ferry Street Bridge south toward the campus area. At 21st Avenue and Onyx Street, the suspect's car passed another police car, which happened to be in the area, Allison said. Police said they flashed their lights as a signal for the suspect to pull over. Instead, police said, the suspect attempted to elude them and sped off toward campus.

Allison said the suspect's car was able to elude police because police deliberately slowed down while moving through the crowded campus neighborhood.

"I was not concerned with our officers. Our concern was that the suspect would drive over the lawns and onto the sidewalks," and hit someone, Allison said.

"If that officer (Christian Costanza, whose car was directly behind the suspect's) had not had on his electric sirens, there might have been some fatalities. Thank God the officer put his sirens on," said Allison, who described the suspect's car as a "low flying jet."

The suspect's car "almost hit a



Photo by Mark Pynes

Sirens and converging Eugene police cars brought out student spectators to the dramatic car chase and capture of a burglary suspect Thursday.

guy on a moped," said University employee Chet Kasmarski.

"I heard sirens from my fourth floor office (in Friendly Hall)," said Randall Harbour, graduate teaching fellow who teaches French. "I saw the guy run around the corner (of Allen Hall) and he looked scared. He was running fast."

Large stereo speakers, an unhooked radio, a motorcycle helmet and a map of Eugene were found in the suspect's car.

Kim will be arraigned today at 1 p.m. in Eugene Municipal Court for the traffic charges and at 1:30 p.m. in Lane County District Court for the burglary charge.



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