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# Olum gnaws on ROTC at lunch

By Joan Herman  
Of the Emerald

University Pres. Paul Olum had more than lunch with students at a brown bag forum Wednesday, as a lively discussion ensued over the University's handling of the ROTC/sexual orientation issue.

ASUO Executive assistant Sherri Schultz asked Olum why a fact-finding committee to look into the ROTC had not yet been formed, even though five months have passed since Olum purportedly agreed to do so.

"I'm not refusing to appoint a committee and I'm not dragging my feet," said Olum.

Olum reportedly agreed to the committee's formation last spring, following five months of debate in which Philosophy Prof. Cheyney Ryan claimed the military science department violates University affirmative action policies by preventing homosexuals from receiving ROTC scholarships, obtaining faculty positions and entering into its upper-division program.

Schultz wrote Olum a strongly worded letter Oct. 20 asking him why no committee had been formed.

With nearly 30 students munching sandwiches in the EMU Forum Room, Olum said he had "never agreed" to form such a committee. In Friday's

*Emerald*, however, former ACLU Director Doug Marker, said Olum had agreed to such a committee last spring.

Although he supports a fact-finding body, Olum said "The worst mistake that could be made is to treat it as a political committee. We agreed we need a fact-finding committee to ask 'Who is allowed to take ROTC courses? Who gets course material? Who is commissioned? Who becomes an officer?'"

"But I don't think this group should conclude whether or not the ROTC violates affirmative action procedure. These are matters of policy and must be decided by discussion and debate, not by a committee."

Olum said he will send a letter within a few days to key "players" in the ROTC issue, such as ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss and Ryan. The letter will name the committee's six members and the questions it should address.

"On the profound fundamental issue of whether or not the ROTC should stay, I don't think we're going to be helped by a committee," Olum said.

Although much of the informal meeting centered on the ROTC issue, students and Olum also discussed the University's parking space problems, possible implementation of a semester system and the proposed changes in faculty governance.

# Terrorists try to drive away tomb guard

By Patrick Low  
Of the Emerald

It was about 11:30 Halloween night when Jon Wood and Kara Kawashima got home after a long evening of studying at the EMU.

As they approached their house they were surprised that all the pumpkins they had left on their porch were missing. Only a lone pumpkin lid remained.

Mystified, Wood began looking around and found a rain-soaked, orange sheet of paper on the ground in front of the porch. The note said: "You have been visited by the PLO," in large capital letters at the top of the page.

"The Pumpkin Liberation Organization has liberated your jack-o-lantern," the note continued, "and delivered it unto the Great Pumpkin."

Wood and Kawashima were not the only victims, though, as the

fiends also struck the house next door and the one across the street.

Mark Brenneman, a 20-year-old neighbor, said he was missing four pumpkins from his porch. But he did not receive a note.

"I didn't know about this (the PLO), until the neighbors came by," Brenneman said.

This is the third straight Halloween that these pumpkin purloiners have struck. This year about 300 pumpkins were stolen from Eugene and Springfield porches and placed at the entrance to Springfield, which, according to the note, covers the tomb of the Great Pumpkin.

The Great Pumpkin, who allegedly once lived in Springfield, rises out of his tomb every Halloween to "deliver the souls of his jack-o-lantern comrades into pumpkin paradise," the note says.

Then the Useless Horseman — "that colossal white monstrosity that guards the gateway to Springfield"— was erected over the Great Pumpkin's tomb, preventing his resurrection each Halloween, according to the note.

"And now," the note says, "the

lost souls of our pumpkin comrades are doomed to wander aimlessly in limbo until the Great Pumpkin can rise once again and lead them to their destiny."

The note ends with an ominous warning:

"The PLO has marched on City Hall for two years now to no avail. Now it is time for action. We have marshalled our forces... (and) we shall run the Useless Horseman off our patch and once again be united with the Great Pumpkin."

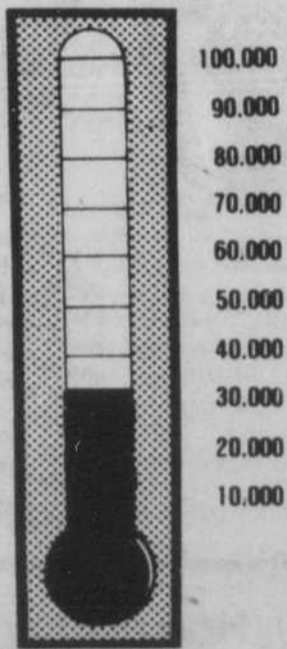
Signed: "Respectfully, Yeswewe Veryfat, PLO Chief."

As the last candles of surviving jack-o-lanterns flickered out on Halloween night, the city was safe once more.

But when next Halloween rolls around, who knows where or when this dreaded group will strike and leave yet another trail of brokenhearted pumpkin lovers in their wake?

Perhaps KLCC announcer Peter Nothnagle summed it up best when he said over the air, "having a pumpkin stolen on Halloween is not unusual, but only in Eugene would it be stolen for political reasons."

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On 10/26/83 the ASUO / Gamma Phi Beta Sorority received 192 pledges for a total of \$3,715.

First, second and third place for most pledges received are held by:

- 1st ROTC - 371
- 2nd ASUO / Gamma Phi Beta - 192
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