

# Committee vote will help divestiture suit

At a meeting of the Incidental Fee Committee Thursday, ASUO Pres. Julie Davis requested and received \$1,400 to forward to the law firm of Goldstein & Campbell for its representation of the ASUO and other plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the Oregon Investment Council.

If successful, the suit, which began in 1978, will force the council to divest funds from South Africa and companies that do business with the pro-apartheid republic. The funds in question top the \$25 million mark and are invested on behalf of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

In 1977 the board voted to divest the money, but then Attorney General James Redden ruled that the board did not have "statutory authority" to make that decision. Consequently, the group did nothing and the suit was initiated.

Through the years the Goldstein & Campbell firm has achieved small victories and donated plenty of sweat, blood and time; what compensation they have received has come primarily through the efforts of the ASUO. With a Nov. 29 trial date fast approaching, the firm needs money — a lot of it — to assemble depositions and buy expert testimony.

With this recently-approved \$1,400 and some previous compensation, including about \$6,000 the IFC allocated toward the suit during the 1983-84 fiscal year, the firm estimates the case may require still another \$13,000 before it's over. Davis says the bulk of that sum also will come from incidental fees, subject to the committee's approval. She says she hopes the committee will match last year's \$6,000, with the rest coming from "collaborative fundraising" with some of the other plaintiffs.

It would be ideal if the ASUO and Goldstein & Campbell could put the finger on the remaining plaintiffs for much-needed financial support but that is not realistic. Generally, the other plaintiffs are a collection of church and minority groups that have from day one offered all they have — mostly moral support. If the suit is to be won, and the attorneys are confident it will, the ASUO must support it and see it through.

With the financial facts and the nature of the case in mind, we congratulate the law firm, Davis and the IFC. Certainly this is money well spent.

# Stream of outsiders rouses local cleanup

It's interesting to watch how people react to the words "company's coming." Seldom-used brooms, mops and dust rags make their way out of the closets and into frantic hands as cleanliness suddenly becomes a top priority.

In mid-February, the University and the cities of Eugene and Springfield launched a widespread cleanup party in response to notice that about 25,000 visitors would congregate here between May and September. Events such as the NCAA Track and Field Championships, the Oregon Bach Festival, the International Society for Music Educators and the Olympic Scientific Congress are expected to bring more than \$9 million into the community.

With the money and attention these activities bring the area, this massive effort to make our visitors feel welcome is well-spent. Visitors and residents will benefit from the new city law allowing sidewalk cafes, from the hand-designed cloth signs hanging at downtown intersections and from University-area tree-planting, painting and weed-pulling. All who pitched in time and energy to this cause should be applauded.

However, we shouldn't get carried away with the "company's coming" mentality. It's sad that only out-of-towners could motivate such an effort, but now that the ball is rolling, don't let it come to a stop. Keep the community clean for our sake — even after the summer fun is over.



I'VE DISAVOWED BROTHER FARRAKHAN'S REMARKS — NOW QUIT COMPLAINING DOWN THERE, MONDALE!

# letters

## Fishin' for votes

It's time we the people take notice of who is to blame for the condition this state and federal government is in. It's us, the people, for not electing Representatives, Congressmen, Senators, Governors, etc., that represent the people. We now have a majority of our politicians in office at this time who are afraid of their own shadow. They only hold office for one reason, for what "they" can get out of it, prestige, money, etc. They are incompetent, arrogant and incapable of working for us the people. Yes, the people probably are starting to wake up and take notice of these so-called public servants.

All across this great nation we hear speeches. The mouths are saying things that sound good. Where is the action? Either these politicians start working in behalf of the people or there should be a re-call on everyone that refuses to work for, and with us. Replace them with officials that can connect their speeches and promises with action. I'm referring to such agencies as L.C.D.C., ODFW, P.F.M.C., and the list goes on. They all claim they are working for the betterment of the people. Just when did we vote to put these agencies into action? I'll tell you when. When we elected politicians who, instead of doing the job they were elected to, have designated the aforementioned agencies to do it for them. These small agencies have affected us in our taxes, building rights, fishing rights, land rights, and this list, also, goes on and on. The few state officials working for us, and trying to do something on the

public behalf, are labeled "radicals."

Our state officials had better do some soul searching. Who knows, a re-call petition may be laying close to your door step.

L.C.D.C. has (7) people in their group and are not even accountable to the Legislature. This is only one example of control over the people being executed by these minority groups.

Take a good look at the so-called state elected representatives for the people who are giving us nothing but lip service and go to the polls and vote.

A person who loves this state and nation.

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## Liberal words

Why are the so-called liberals on this campus so disinclined to encourage, or even allow, a variety of opinions to be heard on issues of public concern? The IFC refuses to fund the Commentator, a member of College Republicans is physically abused because of his views, and now the ASUO Executive has determined that Coors should be made unavailable because of the political views of the people who own the brewery.

A university is supposed to be a place where all sorts of ideas, even strange or offensive ones, can see the light of day and be scrutinized. I disagree with most of the opinions expressed by the Commentator, but having it around howling in the shrubbery is very healthy for the

overall level of social and political awareness on campus. Fully a third of the student body voted for it, yet the IFC gave in to Mary Hotchkiss' political veto. They cited a rule requiring all groups to exist for a year to receive funding. This rule was never intended to be applied to a healthy, vigorous organization like the Commentator, and has been read very loosely to allow funding for some very marginal programs.

The incidental fee is not intended to be used only for activities used or agreed with by every student. In establishing the fee to provide for cultural development of students, the Oregon State Board of Higher Education intended to promote, not discourage, diversity. The University IFC has historically taken this goal to heart and supported activities that benefit all sorts of students who are not in the majority on campus, e.g. greeks, gays, older women returning to school, blacks and so on.

I hope the new IFC will realize the importance of opening, not strangling, channels through which students are exposed to new ideas. I also hope that incoming ASUO Pres. Julie Davis will live up to her reputation for fairness and set the tone for this very important election and legislative year. Student government should strive to make available to students a variety of viewpoints on issues of public concern. It should not serve to suppress or discourage unpopular views, nor should it resort to scrambling for technicalities in order to damage those with whom it disagrees.

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