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## Divestiture case reaches Oregon Court of Appeals

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The ASUO's long struggle to get the state to divest higher education funds invested in companies doing business with South Africa progressed another step Friday when the divestiture lawsuit reached the state Court of Appeals.

The court heard arguments from attorneys representing the defense and the plaintiffs Friday morning for about an hour.

The judges now will review the information from the previous trial and consider the arguments made by both attorneys before making a decision, but there will be no more oral presentations.

A decision by the court will probably take about eight months, ASUO President Lynn Pinckney said.

"They have taken as long as 11 months on decisions like this," Pinckney said. "We really have no idea when the decision will be made."

The divestiture fight began in 1977 when University students passed a referendum requesting the State Board of Higher Education to divest its funds invested in South Africa. Later that year, the board voted to divest funds from South Africa and requested the Oregon Investment Council to do so.

But instead of divesting the funds, the OIC referred the matter to then state Attorney General James Redden, who said

the state board did not have the authority to make investment decisions. However, in 1981, Lane County Circuit Judge George Woodrich ruled the board did have authority over the funds entrusted to it.

This left two questions to be decided in the divestiture case: Did the decision violate the prudent investor rule (that dictates the investment should bring the highest possible return) and did the board unconstitutionally interfere in foreign affairs?

The ASUO, the primary force and financial backer of the lawsuit, along with several other groups, brought the case to court in 1984. But Woodrich ruled against the plaintiffs, saying the board's decision to divest funds invested in companies doing business with South Africa violated the state's prudent investor rule.

Woodrich said that although social considerations with the prudent investor rule must be considered, the board made no effort to establish any social goals in the divestment.

"I think it went really well," Pinckney said.

No matter what decision the court makes, the case will probably go to the Oregon Supreme Court, Pinckney said.

"I think whichever way it is decided, the other side will be dissatisfied enough to appeal it," she said.

## Filing period begins for ASUO positions

By Stan Nelson  
Of the Emerald

Today marks the first day candidates can file to run for the 29 ASUO positions open for the 1986-87 school year.

Heading the list of opening seats are the ASUO presidency and vice presidency, which lead the ASUO Executive as the recognized voice of University students and administer the more than 70 ASUO programs.

A candidate running for the ASUO president's office may run with a designated vice president or may run alone. Each position lasts one year and receives a monthly stipend — \$280 for president and \$200 for vice president.

Five positions are available on next year's Incidental Fee Committee. Two positions available have two-year terms, and three positions have one-year terms. IFC members oversee the distribution of more than \$2.8 million in incidental fees to student programs. A stipend is provided for the eight-month position.

Also available are 16 positions within the Student Senate. Senators represent University students in the faculty/student University Senate and University Assembly, debating and setting the University's policies.

Members of the Senate are elected to two-year terms and represent specific academic departments and colleges in addition to undeclared

majors. A small stipend is provided.

Three student positions are available on the EMU Board of Directors — two seats for two years and one seat lasting one year. The board is responsible for determining policies and making long-range plans for the EMU in addition to day-to-day management decisions.

The board also is divided into house and budget subcommittees. The first allocates office and lobby space, and the second allocates the EMU's budget. The positions have varying stipends.

In addition, a one-year seat on the Oregon Daily Emerald Board of Directors is available. The position deals with the business aspect of the Emerald, including budgeting, hiring and evaluations, but it has no jurisdiction over news content or editorial policy. There is no stipend.

Finally, two one-year positions on the Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council are open. The two elected persons meet with University President Paul Olum, along with representatives from the ASUO Executive, Student Senate, IFC and other organizations, to advise and discuss matters of student concern.

For those interested in running for any of the above offices, election packets are available in the ASUO Executive office, Suite 4 EMU.

The deadline for filing for these positions is April 3 at 5 p.m.



## Setting a 'sinful' example

A handful of Carson dormitory students dressed up as "whores and whoremongers" to make light of the annual sermons of traveling evangelists Sister Pat, Sister Cindy and Brother Jed Smock.

The Bible-toting trio blew into town last Wednesday and apparently are on their way to Oregon State University today to warn students there to "Turn or burn."

According to the fire-and-brimstoners, students are some of the worst sinners around. Touting their "sinful ways" are (pictured right to left) Keith Anderson, Michelle Payer, Trevor Cartwright and Liz Ingram.

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Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

## Community gathers to celebrate international holiday for women

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Men and women from the community gathered to celebrate International Women's Day, a working woman's holiday, Saturday at the Central Presbyterian Church.

The celebration, sponsored by Rape Crisis Network, marked the worldwide holiday, declared in 1910 by a member of the Women's Socialist Party, said Mary Hotchkiss, fund raising coordinator for Rape Crisis Network.

The day was set to commemorate militant strikes in 1857 and 1908 by women in New York City's garment district. The first strike was a protest against low wages, 12-hour days and increasing workloads. In 1860, the women formed their own union.

On March 8, 1908, about 20,000 people marched in New York for the same demands and added the fight for women's suffrage and legislation against child labor to their strike. About 80 percent of the crowd was women, Hotchkiss said.

International Women's Day was reintroduced in the United States in 1969, Hotchkiss said.

The holiday is based on issues women have historically had to deal with, most recently sexual discrimination and liberation, Hotchkiss said.

"The idea is that women coming together can do something about it — and they've certainly proven that."

"It includes all the same issues we're

still dealing with today. It's actually celebrated more in socialist countries than in capitalist countries like us," Hotchkiss said.

Items from local businesses and individuals were auctioned off at the celebration to raise money for Rape Crisis Network. Certificates for dining, massages and breakfast in bed were among some 76 items auctioned off — all for the women's movement.

The celebration is the largest fund raiser for Rape Crisis Network, Hotchkiss said. Booths selling posters, artwork, T-shirts, jewelry and other items help fund the center for counseling rape victims.

"Government funding is being slashed for programs like (Rape Crisis) because of Gramm-Rudman, so it's important that we get community funding," Hotchkiss said.

Hotchkiss said about \$800 to \$1,200 was raised through the celebration.

Cultural displays such as dancing, singing, poetry, a slide show, a play and a Kung Fu demonstration were presented. Lectures on Filipino politics and Pacific Island politics also were given.

Hotchkiss said it was important to include the various nationalities' cultural displays because of the worldwide span of the women's movement.

"We want to add international flavor to this. This is a celebration. Yes, we are going to deal with issues of pain, but the celebration aspect is important," she said.