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Former Senator criticizes board

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Former state Sen. Ed Fadeley on Monday criticized the The Oregon State Board of Higher Education's decision to force University President Paul Olum's retirement in 1989.

Fadeley, past chairman of the higher education budget subcommittee of the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee suggested the state board adhere to the rights and opinions of the University and build on that foundation instead of breaking it down.

Fadeley, speaking at a local restaurant, began by defining "university" as the student body and community, the faculty and students, and the buildings and their location. Fadeley then noted that the definition "does not mention a board or regents or any other kind of supervisor as the 'university.'"

Fadeley read from the Oregon Revised Statutes concerning state universities and colleges, and said the president of a university is both a member of the faculty and an administrative officer. One section of the statutes reads "no political or sectarian test shall ever be allowed or applied in the appointment of faculty and



Ed Fadeley

employees of the State System of Higher Education."

Fadeley also called attention to a university's purpose — to transfer knowledge and create or discover new knowledge, "which would then be used to make our lives better."

"One wonders then, why people are mucking around in something this important and doing it in secret," Fadeley said, calling attention to the Executive Committee's secret-meeting decision to retire Olum.

Fadeley also accused the

board of trying to fix a situation that "doesn't need fixing."

The board members "are uninformed, they are ignorant, and they are involved in a power grab...they wish nonetheless...to engage in activities that are not authorized by the statute and to use the methods of secrecy in order to get done what they wish to do," Fadeley said.

"They are authoritarians acting without authority, and can only succeed by keeping everyone in the dark," Fadeley continued.

Fadeley would like to see a public discussion involving the Olum controversy and the change initiated by the board.

"If they don't want to have a public discussion of the change in the control of the academic community they propose, then they should resign," Fadeley joked, adding, "or at least start a public discussion."

"These changes mean failure, and they will mean economic loss as well as academic loss in the community," he said.

Fadeley also noted that the board has accused Olum of antagonizing those who support his needs, but wonders if the board members haven't done the same thing.

"Whose support do they

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City official withholds proposed initiative

By Andrew LaMar
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The author of a proposed ballot measure that would block the development of the Riverfront Research Park claims the city attorney's decision to refuse issuing a title for the measure is politically motivated.

"It shows the length that the city is willing to go to push the Riverfront Research Park," said Dan Stotter, a University law student and ASUO liaison for the research park. Although he offered no evidence, he said it was clear because the research park is the city's "pet project."

Stotter submitted a ballot measure about two weeks ago that would amend the Eugene City Charter to create a recreation/natural resource zone and rezone about half the land now designated for the Riverfront Research Park.

The measure would preserve the land on the south side of the Willamette River north of the railroad tracks for its recreational and scenic qualities, Stotter said.

But last week City Attorney Tim Sercombe refused to issue a title for the proposed measure saying it would be illegal. He said the measure is quasi-judicial

because it deals with zoning a specific piece of land.

Sercombe said according to Oregon law, ballot measures only can be issued if they deal with overall policy decisions, or legislative matters. However, because this measure deals with the a specific rezoning case it is an administrative matter, which cannot be covered by ballot measures, he said.

Under city ordinances, the city attorney must write a title and summary for a proposed initiative before it can be circulated for signatures. Measure supporters must get 5,520 signatures before the measure can be placed on an election ballot.

Stotter submitted a letter to the City Council Monday requesting it review the decision. In the letter, Stotter writes that Oregon law does not allow a government official to keep an initiative off the ballot.

The letter also claims the initiative is legislation and not quasi-judicial because it does not pertain to a small number of identifiable persons.

Stotter said the city attorney's job is to give the initiative a title regardless of whether it is lawful, and the appropriate and common

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Activist walks and prays for peace

By Kathy Proffit
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Each morning for the past three weeks upon his arrival at the Federal building, Will I Am Winget says a prayer to the sun in thanks for providing him



Photo by Bobbi Lo

Will I Am Winget has walked through the Northwest to gain support for peace.

with light and energy, stating, "I am internal and world peace."

He then spends his day sitting outside the Federal Building in downtown Eugene focusing and centering himself, and offering both individuals who work within the building and community members an opportunity to speak with him as a 1988 presidential candidate and an advocate for World Peace.

A self-appointed reverend of The Church of the Caring People, Winget says, "Everyone in the world belongs to my church no matter who they are or what they believe in." He adds he is a moral minister because he is concerned with integration and incorporation of differing lifestyles, rather than separation.

Recently, Winget thanked his mother for giving him his unique name, which he says is a statement of his life. "I am representing the will of the people, and I am winging it across the country," he said.

Winget has been working on spreading the idea of world peace throughout the country for the past five years. He says that he represents the people who believe that through having a family, going to school and working, they can't go out and present their desires to our government for a peaceful world.

Though he has walked

thousands of miles across the country talking about peace, Winget says he wants the strength of peace to begin in his hometown. "People in Eugene don't know how much I desire them to come alive," he said. But he is finding that, despite his earlier peace efforts in 1984, "people are so asleep here." Friends he turned to for help in his peace campaign responded with, "I'm too busy."

In 1984, Winget walked down Highway 101 from Vancouver to San Francisco representing the children of the world, talking about peace and gathering signatures for a huge peace scroll. He also spent several months in front of the Federal Building gathering signatures for this first scroll that is now erected up at Big Mountain.

In January he plans to embark on another peace walk through the Southern United States to connect with churches and peace and environmental groups. He will challenge them to work creatively within their communities in getting people registered to vote and thinking about peace, he says.

One of Winget's goals with regard to world peace is to have peace scrolls, on which people have written their feelings about and desires for peace, sent from the United States to sister cities in other countries.

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Honors College offers more interaction in class

By Frale de Guzman
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Upon entry into the Robert D. Clark Honors College, located on the third floor of Chapman Hall, everything appears normal — until one listens to the conversation.

"Around the Honors College, students talk freely about things that interest them in class," said Richard Stevenson, director of the Honors College. Unlike some other areas on campus, "it's not uncool to talk about Plato's 'Republic' in the hallway."

Acceptance of what may otherwise be termed as odd behavior is explained by these students' genuine interest in their schoolwork. Smaller class size promotes closer interaction among students and faculty and plays an important role in establishing challenging and supportive programs to students enrolled in the Honors College.

According to Stevenson,

small class size not only promotes student-faculty interaction but also encourages active student participation in class. In a discussion format class made up of 15 to 25 students, the responsibility is placed on the student "to participate and play a role in creating what goes on," Stevenson said.

In addition, Honors College courses are taught by resident and non-resident faculty members who are selected on the basis of their ability to communicate their knowledge to students and on their contributions to their respective fields of study.

Many of the instructors "have the opportunity to share the excitement of their work and get students involved on a more collegiate level," said Steve Allison, chairman of the Honors College Student Advisory Board.

In addition, all the instructors are accessible to students. Extensive office hours are set so

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