

# ASUO, USSA fight Pelosi Bill veto

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The ASUO and the University's chapter of the United States Student Association are joining forces this week to fight President Bush's veto of the Pelosi Bill.

As a result of the June 4 massacre in Tiananmen Square, Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) sponsored the bill, which allows Chinese students in the United States to seek protection here.

The bill was unanimously passed in both the House and Senate, but was vetoed by President Bush.

USSA and ASUO are encouraging students, faculty and administrators to support an override of the bill by signing cards addressed to Congressmen Peter DeFazio.

Cards were distributed earlier this week at a table in the EMU lobby. Cards will be available through the end of the week at the ASUO office

in EMU Suite 4.

Tim Hughes, Chair of the Northwest Pacific Region on the USSA Board of Directors, said USSA is putting all of its lobbying efforts behind the Pelosi Bill.

Students who are forced to return to China could be seen as dissidents to the Chinese Communist Party, Hughes said. They may face imprisonment or execution as a result of their stay in the U.S.

"We're talking about international students all over the country," Hughes said. "USSA is angry that Bush would send these students back to China for uncertain death."

Hughes said USSA is in favor of these students staying in the U.S. for as long as possible.

"It's astonishing that the U.S. government could turn their backs on these students who've contributed so much to our country," Hughes said. "This is a life or death situation."

Hughes said he is dissatisfied with Bush's re-

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# Summer tuition increase 'unfair'

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An increase in summer tuition will be an unfair burden to summer students because of dwindling financial aid and other rising costs, said Lynn Pinckney, director of the Oregon Student Lobby, at a public hearing Tuesday.

Pinckney was the only person at the hearing, testifying on a proposal to increase summer tuition in all schools in the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Summer session is a self-supporting system that was implemented in 1982 as a budget cut that students accepted as an alternative to higher tuition year-round, Pinckney said.

However, when the self-support system was implemented, systemwide summer enrollment dropped by 12 percent.

Pinckney said the system has

consistently produced higher summer tuition charges for students and has reduced access to higher education for some students.

"We believe it's time for an end to the self-support system," Pinckney said.

The Oregon Student Lobby did a random survey of students in the OSSHE in the fall of 1988. Pinckney said over half the students surveyed who had never attended a summer session said they would like to attend if the tuition were lower.

Pinckney said the changing demographics of the student population point toward a growing number of non-traditional students who need the flexibility offered by the summer session.

In addition, she said some new teacher education programs require year-round attendance, yet no education policy has been developed to aid these

students with the additional financial burden.

"Oregon Student Lobby urges the State Board to support the summer session to the same extent as the academic year," Pinckney said.

State support of the summer session would benefit the higher education system by increasing enrollment, Pinckney said. The increased summer enrollment would allow for more class offerings, more efficient use of facilities and resources, create less need for enrollment caps during the academic year and better access to the higher education for non-traditional students.

Loren Stubbert, chairman of the Inter-institutional Fee Committee, will relay comments from Tuesday's hearing to the State Board of Higher Education, which is expected to make a decision on the tuition increase Friday.



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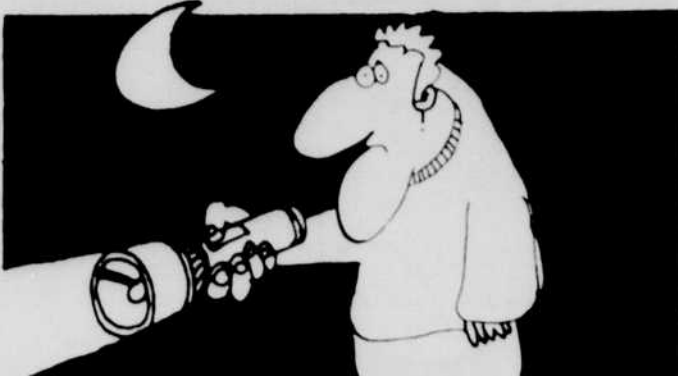
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