

Military recruiting up to Brand

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The fate of a decision to ban military recruiters from the EMU is now in the hands of University President Myles Brand.

If Brand upholds the EMU Board of Directors' decision, the University will become the first public university with such a policy. If Brand vetoes the decision, he can expect strong opposition from student leaders.

"He will have to reach into our student union that we pay for and force the decision on us," said board member Ryan Deckert, who introduced the motion to ban the recruiters on the basis that the military discriminates against gays and lesbians.

On Thursday morning, a Marine recruiting officer showed up at the EMU only to be unwelcomed by protesting students and ultimately evicted by members of the EMU board and ASUO President Jennifer Bills.

Captain Richard Edgington said he was unaware of the board's unanimous vote Wednesday night to ban recruiters from the building until they fully comply with Oregon Administrative Rules regarding discrimination.

The University abides by OAR 580-15-010, which bars discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and requires outside agencies that use University facilities to abide by the same non-discriminatory policy.

Military policy, set by the U.S. Department of Defense, currently discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Until now, we have made a hypocritical exception for the military," Deckert said.

D.O.D. directive 1332.14 states, "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." More than 14,000 members of the armed services were discharged between 1973 and 1983 for homosexuality, according to figures from the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom

Project.

In the eyes of student leaders, Brand's decision on the issue of military recruiters in the EMU will send a strong message about the administration's stand on discrimination against gays and lesbians.

"If President Brand decides to veto the decision, he will make a mockery of his support for gay and lesbian issues," said Brian Hoop, Student Senate vice chairman.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance Director Sue Dockstader said although she's "elated" by the board's decision, she's also going to wait and see.

"I'm glad students are taking a stand," Dockstader said. "A lot of people who voted aren't gay or lesbian, but they feel so strongly about discrimination and how the University perpetuates hypocrisy by allowing military recruiters to openly discriminate on campus."

"If the administration strikes down this decision, it will be a

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Marine faces up to recruiting challenge

By Meg Dedolph
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In the course of 10 minutes, the people who gathered around Marine Captain Richard Edgington's recruiting table in the EMU included an older man in a coat and tie, a student wearing Nike shoes and jeans, and three other students wearing signs protesting against military recruiters.

Edgington's job is anything but ordinary. He is currently an Officer Selection Officer for the Marine Corps and holds a degree in architecture from the University.

His job involves traveling to two- and four-year schools throughout Oregon and parts of Washington and Idaho, recruiting candidates for the Marine Officer Training Program.

In addition to the recruiting table he often uses, he also makes presentations to large groups, and he conducts interviews with applicants.

"Basically, we serve as an advertising agency for young men and women and we try to sell them the Marine Corps," Edgington said.

The program Edgington recruits under requires no commitment during the school year because the Marines encourage students to finish their undergraduate degrees. The training takes place during summer, and after completion of the program, students are offered a commission as a Marine officer.

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ASUO vice president cited for shoplifting in fall 1990

By Chris Bouneff
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ASUO Vice President Jo Sonja Watson was cited in November 1990 for second-degree shoplifting after attempting to steal merchandise from the University Bookstore, according to Eugene police department records.

Watson, who was a member of the Incidental Fee Committee at the time, also failed to appear for a hearing in Eugene Municipal Court and failed to perform conditions of her sentence issued at a January 1991 hearing, according to court records.

Rumors that Watson had been cited for shoplifting had circulated among students since summer term and recently came to light after a search of EPD and Eugene Municipal Court records.

Watson said Wednesday that public disclosure of her conviction will not affect her job performance and that the theft-related incident did not at any time affect her role in student government.

"It was a mistake," she said Wednesday. "Everyone has some dark, deep secret that's their own personal thing. This just happens to be mine."

ASUO President Jennifer Bills said she knew of Watson's conviction but she did not have second thoughts about selecting Watson to round out her executive ticket in last spring's elections.

"I knew about it, but it was fine," Bills said. "Most of my friends have been arrested for something or other in their lifetime. I knew that it wouldn't affect her job performance."

Watson was cited Nov. 27 for shoplifting a package of batteries, two "Post It" note pads and one troll doll from the bookstore, police records show. The value of the merchandise amounted to \$7.27. Watson had \$2.75 with her when she was cited, police said.

In February 1991, Watson bounced a check written to the court to pay \$232 in fines. A warrant was also issued for failure to appear for additional hearings.

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Tour de clown

Freshman Heejae Chung rides her bike in front of the library on her way to class. Several students donned costumes Thursday to celebrate Halloween.

Photo by Sean Poston

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Acclaimed pianist George Winston, known for his season-inspired music, will perform in Eugene Monday night.

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