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## Students blast President Brand for EMU veto

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A coalition of students opposed to military recruiting on campus lashed out Monday at University President Myles Brand for his veto and reprimand of a recent student initiative to ban recruiters from the EMU.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills, EMU Board of Directors member Ryan Deckert, graduate teaching fellow Bo Adan, and Sue Dockstader, co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance, spoke to local media at a press conference in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

The students discussed current and pending actions devoted to ending military recruiting on the basis that the U.S. military discriminates against gays and lesbians.

Deckert said all three official bodies of student government — the ASUO, Student Senate and the EMU board — support the initiative to ban recruiters.

"We have done what we can do through formal structures," Deckert said.

Deckert proposed the motion to ban recruiters from the EMU. The EMU board's unanimous approval of Deckert's motion was overruled by Brand.

To say that he is opposed to discrimination, but that his hands are tied, shows little initiative," Adan said. "But to say that he is opposed to discrimi-



(From left) ASUO President Jennifer Bills, graduate teaching fellow Bo Adan, EMU board member Ryan Deckert and Sue Dockstader, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance co-director, blast President Myles Brand at an EMU press conference Monday.

nation, and then, when others take the initiative to veto their efforts, is no less than an act of hypocrisy and ... moral cowardice."

"Every effort the students have made has been thwarted (by the administration)," Bills said.

Bills said she will continue to fight discrimination on the University level as well as a national level.

Bills is the co-chairwoman of the National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Student Caucus, which represents more than 200,000 gay and lesbian students in the United States.

Bills said she and Brand firmly disagree on the role of the University as an instrument of political transformation. Brand, in an official statement Friday, said the University should not assume this role.

In contrast, Bills said the University provides an opportunity for true social change to occur.

Dockstader agreed. "Universities have always been arenas for social change," she said.

"President Brand's argument is feeble," Bills said. "By maintaining the status quo, he is making the political statement that discrimination is OK and, in fact, welcomed."

The next formal action will take place Nov. 13, when the University Senate will hear a Student Senate-approved resolution recommending the administration ban recruiters until the military fully complies with University policy regarding discrimination.

Brian Hoop, Student Senate vice chairman, said that although the University Senate has little real power, it has a strong voice.

The administration traditionally abides by the University Senate's resolutions, Hoop said.

However, the students were doubtful that a senate resolution would change Brand's position, given his veto of a similar decision by the EMU board.

The coalition of students also took issue with Brand's argument that banning recruiters would violate their First Amendment rights.

"President Brand protecting discrimination under the guise of free speech infuriates me," Dockstader said.

"This is not a First Amendment issue," Adan said. "Recruiting is a commercial enterprise."

A couple of students who attended the press conference rhetorically questioned whether Brand would permit the Ku Klux Klan or pornographic film makers to recruit on campus.

"If the military discriminated (on the basis of) race or gender, Brand's decision would have been different," Bills said.

## University workers feel job strain

Repetitive actions to blame

By Brad Brant  
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Jallene Cammack developed tendinitis as a University custodian in 1987.

"I dumped trash, mopped, swept floors and shampooed carpets," Cammack said. "It was to the point I couldn't grip anything when I went to the physician."

Manuela Park, an office specialist and purchasing clerk in Oregon Hall, suffers from a recurrence of carpal tunnel syndrome. She developed the injury while working as a custodian for the University more than a decade ago.

"I have terrible pain all day," she said.

Park said keyboard typing and lifting heavy binders have strained her hands, causing the injury to recur.

Repetitive motion injuries, also called cumulative trauma disorders, are the fastest-growing occupational injuries and have been labeled the major occupational hazard of the 1990s, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

These injuries, which include carpal tunnel syndrome, are the result of a strain placed on a body part, often the hands or wrists, from continual repetition of a specific task. White collar workers in office settings most often fall prey to the pain the injuries can cause.

In response to the increase in injuries like carpal tunnel, the University is complying with suggestions in the Oregon Public Employees Union contract and the Occupational Safety and Health Association rules in order to minimize the problem.



Photo illustration by Jeff Paslay

Signs of the increasingly common carpal tunnel syndrome are wrist and finger pain.

The Office of Public Safety, which is responsible for filing and responding to on-the-job injury reports, is trying to prevent these injuries from developing.

"We don't have a significant number of claims, but we are concerned about the potential problem," said OPS officer Kay Coats.

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## Student starts group to revive library hours

By Carrie Dennett  
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Concern about the Knight Library's reduced hours has prompted one student to start a group whose aim is to restore the original library schedule.

"I suppose I'm the one who tried to find out what's going on," said Dylan Coulter, founder of Concerned Students for Library Hours.

Coulter said that little was known about why the hours were cut until an article appeared in the *Emerald*.

"There seemed to be a need for someone to take action," he

said.

In his search for the reasons behind the cuts, Coulter talked with the University's librarian, George Shipman. He said Shipman had increased the library hours in his 11 years here, but that this year the historically underfunded library was asked by the administration to make cuts.

A task force was appointed to find the least detrimental area to cut, and it decided to cut student employee hours, resulting in a 16 percent cut in library hours.

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