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Students protest Brand's veto of recruiter ban

Speakers say president ignored student officials

By Carrie Dennett
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About 30 protesters gathered outside Johnson Hall on Thursday to denounce University President Myles Brand's veto of a ban on military recruiting in the EMU.

Students also held signs denouncing the CIA, which was conducting interviews on campus Tuesday and Wednesday. A 17-year-old Springfield man was arrested during Tuesday's protest.

The decision to ban military recruiters from the EMU because the military discriminates against gays, lesbians and bisexuals was made by the EMU Board of Directors at an Oct. 30 meeting. Brand vetoed the decision two days later.

"I'm really furious at President Brand, because the EMU board are elected student officials," said Sue Dockstader, co-director of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance.

"This University is here for (students)," she said to a crowd of onlookers. "It's not here for the president, who came from the Ohio system, one of the worst systems for homophobia."

Several speakers voiced discontent about what they



Frank Miles, chairman of the Residence Hall Governance Committee, speaks to onlookers at a rally to protest CIA and military recruitment on campus.

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Disgruntled students begin effort to recall Watson

By Daralyn Trappe
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Several members of the College Republicans are attempting to recall ASUO Vice President Jo Sonja Watson because of her November 1990 shoplifting conviction and subsequent failures to appear in court.

Jason Wilson, College Republicans chairman, said he and several other students believe Watson violated student trust by not making her legal problems public before she was elected vice president in April.

Watson was cited Nov. 27, 1990 for attempting to steal \$7.27 worth of merchandise from the University Bookstore. She later failed to appear at a hearing and failed to perform conditions of her sentence issued at a January 1991 hearing.

Her legal problems were disclosed in two campus publications — the *Oregon Commentator* and the *Emerald* — last week.

"She has shown irresponsibility in dealing with the situation, and we ourselves were very upset to find out about it," Wilson said. "We don't think this kind of action should be tolerated."

Wilson said he believes a sufficient number of students are angry enough to make the recall effort successful.

According to the ASUO Constitution, any student desiring the recall of an elected officer must notify the ASUO president, which has been done, and the ASUO elections coordinators, something Wilson and others plan to do today.

Petitions will be given today to the students initiating the recall. In order to have a recall election, 10 percent of the student body must sign the petition within a month.

If the necessary number of signatures are gathered, a special election will be held for students to decide whether Watson should remain in office.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills said that since the news of Watson's conviction surfaced, she has received nothing but positive feedback and believes enough student support exists for Watson to thwart any recall attempt.

"They have a right to do that," Bills said, "but my intention is that Jo Sonja is going to remain vice president."

Watson declined comment on the action.



Crushed ice

The Duck men slam dunked the Icelandic National team 87-56 Thursday.

Photo by Sean Poston

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Remember

Today is the last day to drop a class with a mark of "W." It is also the last day to change grade options or to change credits in classes with variable credits. There is a \$10 fee per change.

Custom paint

After performing in the opening of *God's Country*, a play denouncing white supremacy, cast member Richard Egan, a University student, discovered his car had been vandalized with spray paint.

Egan also said a threatening message saying simply, "You're gonna get hurt," was left on his answering machine Tuesday. It's unclear whether the two incidents are related.

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Japanese culture class arms men's basketball team for trip

By Dennis Fitzgerald
Emerald Reporter

The men's basketball team will travel to Tokyo next month armed with inside information about Japanese culture and language, thanks to a class offered by the International Studies program.

The class, Introduction to Japanese Culture, is intended to soften the culture shock for players and rally members who will participate in a two-day, round-robin tournament with two American teams and one Japanese all-star unit.

The trip, scheduled for Dec. 13-15, is part of the Asian Studies program's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Sophomore small-forward Clyde Jordan, 19, was one of the team members present for Wednesday night's lecture, titled "Japanese Corporate Strategies."

Gerardo Ungson, professor of business management and director of the International Business program spoke of the

sharp differences between American and Japanese business customs and presented a slide show about a day in the life of a Japanese corporate manager.

Jordan said the course was helpful and provided useful information about what to expect in Japan.

The all-expenses-paid trip is sponsored by Daiwa, a Japanese manufacturing and banking firm, said Sandy Walton, assistant athletic director. The firm sponsors different American college teams each year.

Walton said the team will be paid \$60,000, which is comparable to the money it would receive for playing the same number of games for the NCAA.

The Ducks will play several games during the weekend in Tokyo, alternating between the Japanese all-stars and teams from East Tennessee State and Northeastern Louisiana.

The group will also take a whirlwind

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