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Brand beats ethics charge

□ Ethics Commission drops action on 1989 violation; state board gives university presidents a raise same day

By Carrie Dennett
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The state Ethics Commission decided Friday to cease further action against University President Myles Brand, several weeks after ruling he had broken the law.

On Dec. 10, the commission ruled 4-2 that Brand broke state ethics laws when he offered free trips to the 1989 Independence Bowl to the wives of Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller and Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette.

Brand could have faced a fine of up to \$2,000.

Earlier last week, Brand rejected a settlement offer that would have had him admit to violating the law without paying a penalty. He instead filed a motion asking the commission to reconsider its December ruling.

"Obviously, I am pleased that we have been able to agree on this settlement today," Brand said in a written statement Friday. "Clearly, the commission has chosen to take a wise course by clearing me of any conclusion that I violated state ethics law."

Under state ethics law, a person with legislative or economic interest in a public official's decisions may not offer gifts worth more than \$100 a year to a member of the official's family. A public official may accept a gift in any amount to cover travel and lodging if the trip

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Myles Brand



Photo by Jeff Paasik
International students Alasdair McKay of Scotland, Mathias Roth of Germany, David Guilfoyle of Australia, and Wen-yen Do of Taiwan chat during the International Coffee Hour in the EMU International Lounge

Students deal with customs, choices

□ If you think the way the University operates is strange and confusing, imagine coming from another country

By Karen Engels
Emerald Reporter

Naghme Moshrael stood up on the first day of class when her professor entered the room. She found herself standing alone in a University class of about 70. Embarrassed, the Iranian exchange student got a quick lesson in American classroom etiquette: Instructors are treated differently here.

Moshrael, like other international students, faces more than culture shock when entering the United States. "Educational shock" is a large part of that experience.

Adapting to the American educational system is a big adjustment for foreign students, said Ginny Stark, University international student adviser. Language barriers, the difficulty people tend to think of first, is only part of the issue, she said.

Because international students are required to have a basic level of English proficiency before studying at the University, problems they encounter are often more subtle than simple verbal communication.

The quick tempo of education, the frequency of evaluation, the concept of multiple choice exams, and class participation may all be a shock to international students, Stark said.

"It takes time to get into that," she said.

Having to type papers is a shock to many students, for example. Wen-yen Do, a Taiwanese art education graduate student, said she never typed a class paper before coming to the United States and was surprised at the requirement.

"It took me 12 hours to type a 10-page paper," she said.

European students echo similar experiences. Alasdair McKay, a

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University graduate named director of AIDS hospice organization

□ Law school graduate will oversee creation of new Lane County residence for AIDS patients

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Reporter

A University graduate will be a "jack of all trades" in his new position as the first director of the Lane County AIDS Hospice Services Inc.

James Phelps, a 1991 School of Law graduate, said his knowledge of legal contracts and fundraising strategies will be an asset in his new position. He starts work as the organization's director and first full-time staff member today.

"The way we can offer services is through soliciting donations and applying for grants," Phelps said. "All my experience in fundraising and grant writing is going to be important."

"If I can make a living doing what I've been doing as a volunteer, I'll do it," he said. "I'm really thrilled I was offered the position and that I can use the skills I've gained to do something I feel is important."

Phelps received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University in 1987. During his college years he gained fundraising experience by joining several community service organizations.

For five years Phelps was a member of Circle K, a University service organization. The University chapter was the first to organize the now popular "Stars Be-

hind Bars." Local celebrities are "arrested" and put in a mock jail. They're handed a phone book and told to collect a certain amount of money from friends and family so they can make "bail." The money that celebrities raise is given to charity.

In two years the chapter raised close to \$15,000 for the March of Dimes. Phelps was a Circle K district officer 1986-87.

Phelps was fundraising director for the Lavender Network Inc., which publishes the gay and lesbian publication *The Lavender Network*, the summer of 1990. He now serves on the organization's board of directors.

Janet Sonduck, co-chairwoman of the AIDS hospice's board of directors, said

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Photo by John Stokes
University graduate James Phelps was named director of Lane County AIDS Hospice Services Inc.

JUST A REMINDER...

Today is the last day to drop a class without a 'W' (\$10 fee per drop) or change from credit to audit. The Duck Call registration number is 346-1600.

CAMPUS OPINIONS

How do you feel about the United States giving support to the republics of the former Soviet Union? Check out the views from other students in STREETWISE.

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HEAVENLY

Dr. Stephen Hawking explained his theories about the universe Saturday night.

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