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## Brand elected to American education board

President also spoke with DOD representative about exclusionary policy

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After returning from a two-day trip to Washington, D.C., where he attended an education meeting, University President Myles Brand said Tuesday that he accomplished several of the goals he had set for the trip.

Brand's main purpose for traveling to the nation's capitol was to attend the American Council on Education's annual meeting, where he was subse-

quently elected to a two-year term on the organization's board of directors.

"I am very pleased with the meeting," Brand said. "(The election to the board) will give us earlier forewarning on issues as well as give us an opportunity to show where we've been successful."

Brand said he also spoke to members of the Department of Defense arguing that its current policy excluding homosexuals from military service needs to be changed.

Brand and David Hubin, acting executive assistant to the president, argued with the assistant secretary of defense at the Pentagon to change the DOD's discriminatory policy.

"This was our most important meeting there and while not changing his mind, we made an impact," Brand said. "If President Bush stays in office, we should see some changes eventually, but if someone else becomes president, we could see some changes faster."

ASUO President Jennifer Bills was supposed to accompany Brand to argue that the DOD change its policy, but a family emergency prevented her from attending.

Brand said he also spoke to members of Congress about direct student financial aid. He proposed a direct student loan that would eliminate banks' involvement, thus allowing in-

creased student aid.

In talking to members of Congress, Brand proposed to take the "banks out of the loop, thus putting one or two billion dollars more into the pockets of students." He said implementation of the plan would result in a 30 percent increase in financial aid.

Brand argued for a direct student loan where middle class students would have access to funds at a very low interest rate and would be able to repay the loan over many years, he said.

"This is quite substantial and I received all positive responses and some quite enthusiastic responses from members of Congress," he said.

### OCA

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"We are seeking to stop a political agenda. We simply view homosexuality as being wrong behavior."

Mabon said the OCA initiative will not make homosexuality illegal. It would simply prohibit the promotion of it.

"I have to react as if (homosexuality) is hurting and will continue to hurt something I believe in," he said.

Mabon said under the initiative, gays and lesbians in government jobs who promote or encourage their lifestyle on the job could be fired.

An exception is in state jobs that deal directly with children, such as public school teachers or child welfare

workers. In this scenario, an employee who is known to be gay or lesbian would be transferred to another job not involving children.

Mabon said the OCA is not pushing its values on the state.

"We feel that our society is deteriorating because we aren't presenting any standards to our kids," he said. "I'm taking (the initiative) to the people to see if they want this as a standard."

"If they do, we implement it, if not, we don't," he said.

Mabon said the OCA is willing to work to accomplish its goals yet prevent situations where accused or admitted gays and lesbians are unfairly persecuted under the provisions of the initiative.

### LONSDALE

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of voter resentment," he said.

Lonsdale said fellow Democrat Les AuCoin, who he faces in the upcoming primary election, received \$2,500 from Northrop, the same company that made the B-2 Stealth Bomber AuCoin voted for.

One result of PAC influence, Lonsdale said, is a huge military budget that defies all serious attempts at being cut. "We don't see military cuts because the defence industry gives all this money to the bozos in Congress," Lonsdale said.

Lonsdale said because of this spending the United States now has a \$4 trillion deficit, or a \$60,000 debt for every family in the U.S.

"We've sold out our future, we've got to break the grips of PACs," Lonsdale said.

Lonsdale said he can still win despite the power of the PACs. "Les AuCoin may have the business industry behind him, but I have the people behind me," he said. "Les is just one more career politician and the voters are saying throw the bums out."

To lessen the deficit left by previous politicians Lonsdale said he wanted to cut the defence budget in half over a five year period and put that money into education.

"The average Japanese child has six years of English language before they graduate from high school, yet only 1 percent of American kids have taken any Japanese language," Lonsdale said.

### HOUSING

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Aside from the deadline passing in the fall, the committee must be formed soon in able to fulfill its mandated role in the housing budgetary process, Pernsteiner said.

A biennial budget report is

due to the chancellor's office in April, less than three months away.

The University is discussing plans to construct new student housing, but the process cannot be completed if the advisory committee does not exist, according to the rule.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills said the University should not only have formed the committee, but should go ahead with proposed construction of new off-campus student housing.

Many people have come to the ASUO office this year to

complain about available housing, Bills said. Complaints come most often from gay and lesbian couples who can't qualify for married student housing, students who can't afford the high rents around campus, and community members who lose affordable housing to student renters, she said.

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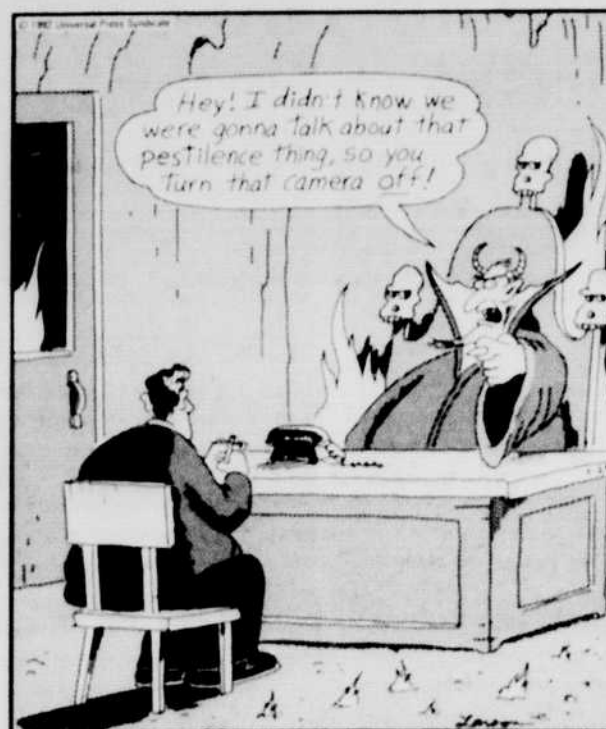
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