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University Senate delays action on ROTC



Brian Hoop

□ Members vote to review anti-gay, lesbian policy in five years, but move may be empty gesture

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The University Senate passed a motion Wednesday that puts off for five years any action to remove ROTC from campus.

If the Defense Department hasn't changed its anti-homosexual policy in five years, the University president and senate members will review DOD poli-

cy for conformance with three Oregon Administrative Rules dealing with discrimination, according to the motion.

However, the motion is most likely to be viewed as an empty threat.

President Myles Brand said the Oregon State Board of Higher Education has already ruled that DOD policy is in compliance, and that university presidents must follow state board rulings.

If the state board doesn't change its ruling, ROTC cannot be removed from campus regardless of DOD policies concerning gays and lesbians.

The state board has found the

DOD policy to be in compliance with the OARs primarily because the federal government allows the military to discriminate against homosexuals.

"The board may change in five years," Brand said, "or there may be a new legal opinion."

At Wednesday's meeting and in the past, Brand has endorsed lobbying the DOD for change rather than removing ROTC.

"If there is no movement by the DOD in five years, then I do think we will need to do something," he said.

Brand said banning ROTC from campus would make the DOD happy because it is trying

to pare down its budget.

Much of the debate on the motion turned away from a focus on discrimination to details of the contract between the ROTC and the University.

"The basic issue we are dealing with is discrimination," said Student Sen. Brian Hoop, the motion's sponsor. "Do we or don't we accept discrimination?"

Hoop's original motion called for an immediate phase-out of ROTC, to be stopped only by a change in DOD policy. It was determined last week that the senate does not have

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CIA official to speak on campus today

□ University alumnus and 32-year agency veteran Richard Kerr will address questions about the organization

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CIA Deputy Director Richard Kerr will speak on campus today and answer questions about the organization he works for. His appearance at the University is a result of student protests over CIA recruitment on campus.

Kerr will be in the EMU Ballroom from 3 to 4 p.m. He is expected to speak for half the allotted time and field questions during the other half.

Kerr, a University graduate, will retire next month after 32 years in the agency, which coordinates 12 intelligence organizations.

Each fall, students turn out to voice opposition to CIA recruiter Tom Culhane's presence on campus. The protests differ in size and scope, but arrests and disrupted interviews are often the result.

Career Planning and Placement Director Larry Smith is put in the difficult role of having to weigh the protester's argu-

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They're playing our song



Photo by Michael Shinder

Guitar player Mark Stone, taking advantage of unusually mild winter weather, serenades Marja Williams and Derek Malley along 13th Avenue Tuesday afternoon.

Asian-American class reinstated to curriculum

□ The course, which wasn't offered for 10 years, will be taught this spring

By Karen Engels
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An ethnic studies class about Asian-Americans will be offered spring term for the first time in more than a decade because of student efforts to return it to the curriculum.

Despite the University's commitment in 1990 to make a "University for Everyone," many Asian-Americans on campus felt they were being neglected as a minority group in terms of courses offered. Only one

of the 159 courses that then fulfilled the "race, gender, non-European requirement" dealt with Asian-Americans.

Ironically, the course, Introduction to the Asian American Experience, was listed in the catalog but hadn't been taught for years.

"Once I actually signed up and went, but the teacher never showed up," said Bobby Lee, a Korean-American student and ASUO affirmative action coordinator.

Gary Hoh, a Korean-American student, also wanted to take the course to fulfill his race/gender requirement. Former ethnic studies Director Ed Coleman told Hoh the course hadn't been taught in more than 10 years.

Both Lee and Hoh took an active stance in reinstating the class.

Last spring, Lee publicly turned down a University award to protest the "missing" course. Lee also protested the exclusion of Asian-Americans from minority scholarships and lack of Asian-American personnel in the multicultural affairs office.

Hoh and fellow Asian Pacific American Student Union members collected more than 300 signatures in support of reinstating the class. Hoh took the issue to the ethnic studies program, the Council for Minority Education and mentioned it to President Myles Brand in an open forum.

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