

Regional official steps down

EUGENE (AP) — The top Northwest regional official of the NAACP has stepped down after he was criticized by the presidents of Oregon and Washington chapters for supporting the ouster of the national executive director.

Greg Evans stepped down as president of the Oregon-Washington region of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Monday, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. His resignation came 14 months before his term officially ends.

The 33-year-old banker said his decision was due in large part to the emotional strain of his public stance against Benjamin Chavis, the former NAACP executive director.

Evans was immediately criticized last August after he distributed a letter to news media asking Chavis and NAACP President William Gibson to step down.

At issue was a \$332,400 out-of-court settlement that Chavis accepted to resolve a former employee's claims of sexual harassment and sex discrimination.

In his letter, Evans also asked his 13 branches to withhold membership dues pending an audit of the national office in Baltimore. The letter touched off a revolt among some of the branch presidents, but Evans decided against resigning. Chavis eventually was fired by the national board in late summer.

Now, Evans says he's ready to leave on his own terms.

"I know I've progressed in my life to the point where I am not afraid to leap off cliffs or jump out of airplanes," Evans said. "There's always a chance you'll get mortally wounded — but if you don't take risks, then you never expand, you never have the opportunity to reach your full potential."

Evans said he's proud of his record as regional president. He established three new branches, boosted regional membership 25 percent and hosted the organization's annual Western region conference in Eugene, a city where blacks still make up less than 1 percent of the population.

But he said he's abandoned any thoughts of a national leadership position with the NAACP.

"The truth is, I'm still damaged goods in the eyes of many people out there," he said. "And the truth is also that I've changed, as well."

Evans said his wife, who is white, urged him to scale down his public responsibilities and spend more time with his children. He said he also plans to work on a collection of essays he hopes to publish.

"I basically want to focus on the dynamics of biracial relationships and the children they produce — the dynamics of how they fit into society and who's defined as white and black and how they fit in," he said.

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committee to represent Jewish students. She was supported by other Jewish students at the congress.

The board passed a motion to create the group but denied it voting privileges.

Kinberg said several USSA delegates sidestepped controversy and abstained from the vote. She said her peers argued that Jewish students are already over-represented in higher education and that USSA works to represent under-represented students. Ninety percent of all Jewish people go to college, Kinberg said.

"Even though we are not under-represented, does it mean we should still have to endure anti-Semitism?" Kinberg questioned.

Kinberg said the issue of set-

ting a precedent for religious caucuses also surfaced at the summer congress in Flagstaff, Arizona.

"Our position was that being Jewish is not a religion, but an ethnicity," Kinberg said.

One of the main goals of the coalition is to lobby for a Jewish vote on next year's board.

"For me, it's worth it to fight against the anti-Semitism that exists within the (USSA) organization."

Kinberg said she will quit the organization if the Jewish coalition does not receive a vote next year.

"USSA doesn't have a problem with Jews being involved as leaders. But the friction comes with Jews organizing as Jews, which is typical of the Left," Kinberg said.

Kinberg was one of four University students who recently attended the Washington, D.C. meeting. The University's delegation included Kevin Easton, USSA regional director for the Pacific Northwest; Josh Norris, USSA co-director of the People of Native American Descent Caucus; and Jennifer Williamson, ASUO federal affairs coordinator.

Williamson does not have a position in USSA. She said her job with the ASUO requires her to be informed on federal government issues that will affect students.

During the board meeting, USSA discussed the new federal loan program and its impact on students. The University is one of 200 colleges in the U.S. to implement the program this year.

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by administration apply only to high school students, according to Wayne Bosworth, an attorney that represented the school district administration.

Three University students were involved in the original conflict at Tigard High School. Marcelene Edwards and Matt Lowery both wrote for the Tigard *Hi-Spots*, the officially sanctioned high school paper, while Josh Olson wrote for the *Low-Spots*, the underground newspaper.

Two cases that were heard Tuesday involved discussion on the authority of law enforcement. *State v. Matthews* discussed what constitutes probable cause for a police officer to stop a driver for a violation of the law, while *State v. Alberto-Mirabal* involved discussion on the rights of the state police to detain occupants of a car after a traffic stop and ask for permission to search the car.

Another case, *Stubbs v. Weathersby*, questioned the right of a birth mother to revoke her consent to the adoption of her child.

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