

Former volleyball player sues for contract breach

Tuition: Julie Jeffrey claims the University agreed to finance her final year of school

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A hearing has been set for Feb. 21 in the case of a former volleyball player who is suing the University for breach of contract and reckless breach of legal duty.

Julie Jeffrey, a four-year member of Oregon's volleyball squad, claims the University said that it would pay for her last year of schooling at the college of her choice after her major, Physical Education, was dropped.

Jeffrey enrolled at the University in 1988 and began competing in volleyball. Her athletic prowess gained her a "full ride" scholarship. The scholarship was renewed each summer after 1988 until

the completion of Jeffrey's four years of intercollegiate competition eligibility. Jeffrey's eligibility ended in 1991.

Jeffrey progressed through school, meeting all University and NCAA athletic academic standards. She chose Physical Education as her major during the 1989-90 academic year. At the time, Jeffrey claims, she planned to finish her education at the University and earn her degree.

Based upon the University's ongoing involvement with student athletes involved in five-year academic programs, Jeffrey also believed that if she completed four years of intercollegiate volleyball competition and continued to meet all academic standards, she would continue to receive the same financial assistance from the University during the fifth-year physical education certification program.

In February 1991, with one full year of

athletic eligibility remaining, Jeffrey learned that the University intended to discontinue the Physical Education program leading to the fifth-year certification program. After learning of the discontinuation, Jeffrey contacted the Athletic Department and Assistant Athletic Director Gary Gray in order to explore the option of transferring to another school which offered her academic program. If she chose that option she would play for that school during her final season of NCAA eligibility.

According to court documents filed Jan. 20 in Lane County Circuit Court, University officials assured her that if she continued to compete and maintain academic scholarship standards through the 1991-92 academic year, she would be eligible to receive continued financial assistance at the same level to complete her fifth-year certification process at another public higher educational insti-

tution in the Oregon.

After finishing her final year of intercollegiate eligibility for the University, according to court documents, the University refused to pay for Jeffrey's last year of education. They had promised to do before the 1991 season. Documents say the University convinced Jeffrey to remain a student during her final year of eligibility "by means of inducements, assurances, or promise of financial aid or extra benefit prohibited by the rules of the NCAA."

Jeffrey believes the breach of duty by the University "forseeably caused herself to suffer economic damages consisting of the cost of education for one year (\$15,000), and the costs of delay in completing her education from Sept. 1 through Dec. 15, 1992, (\$4,500). Also she believes the breach caused emotional distress, and is requesting noneconomic damages in the sum of \$6,500.

Eugene man collects pieces of locomotive history in his home

Souvenirs: A basement in Eugene contains dozens of trains, headlights, colored gas lights and schedules

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Don Hunter sits in his basement flipping switches and pushing buttons. Train stations and towns dot the circumference of the dark room and a black locomotive emerges from a tunnel running along the track to its destination.

These trains have been Hunter's toys for more than half a century. He has expanded his house to include a room just for tracks and souvenirs.

He has a headlight from a steam locomotive, colored gas lights used for direction, a dispatcher's desk, vintage train schedules and dozens of trains.

But Hunter's passion goes beyond the trains themselves. He also collects steam engine train sounds. He travels all over the world looking for remnants of the steam engine days that he can preserve, he said.

Hunter, 80, has been to Argentina, Paraguay and China to find train sounds.

Hunter's interest began in the 1930s, while he was in high



Don Hunter sits at a vintage train dispatcher's desk used by an Oregon railroad until the 1970s. Hunter will display his work tonight at the Eugene Hilton Conference Center.

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Board members have big plans for education



This is the fourth story in a five-part series on the Oregon State Education System of Higher Education and the people who make the decisions that shape Oregon's universities and colleges.

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Ever wonder who in the heck makes the big decisions that govern our campuses?

You can drop the image of the serious, cigar-smoking executive in drab attire with his or her feet arrogantly placed on the shiny desk, signing away our lives with the stroke of a pen.

No, the members of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, which is the governing body of the eight-campus system, are actually citizens with families and regular jobs just like anyone else.

The only difference? They have big plans—and concerns—for the well-being of state public higher education.

Composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon State Senate, board members decide

administrative policies and procedures. These include everything from admission standards, health services and intercollegiate athletic facilities to accounting policies, campus planning and conditions of service for employees.

Additionally, board members recommend to the governor how to fund public higher education in budget proposals for the Legislature.

While each has their own ideas and work on various board committees, a few key issues burn in the minds of all of them—keeping tuition down to a minimum, readjusting faculty salaries, maintaining access for qualified Oregonians, and changing the seemingly negative view citizens have of public higher education.

Board president Les Swanson Jr., a Portland-based attorney and a graduate of the University's

law school, said his first priority for this year is to adjust faculty salaries in the wake of Measure 8.

The recently passed initiative requires public employees to pay 6 percent of their salaries into their pension plans.

Board member Diane Christopher, a Medford-based retail apparel buyer and a graduate of Southern Oregon State College, said she too is concerned with the effects of the measure.

"Measure 8 is very demoralizing to our professors, who are our strongest assets," Christopher said. "They're not without the support of the board. There are new faces and new thinking in the legislature this year so we should all hold tight and see what happens."

Bob Bailey, co-owner and president of Orchard View

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■ GOOD MORNING

► **NEW YORK (AP)** — Star Trek: Voyager, flagship series of the fledgling United Paramount Network, was TV's 22nd-ranked program in its two-hour premiere, according to delayed Nielsen ratings released Wednesday.

Star Trek: Voyager earned a 13 rating and 19 percent audience share, finishing between NBC's Frasier and CBS' The Nanny.

UPN's two other series finished near the bottom of the pack. Marker, 98th out of 103 shows, earned a 4.1 rating and 6 share; and The Watcher, 99th, earned a 3.4 rating, 5 share.

The Voyager ratings boosted UPN to an average 8.4 rating, 12 share for the week of Jan. 16-22. TV's other emerging network, The Warner Brothers Television Network, averaged a 2.0 rating, 3 share.