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Bill might limit hiring, affect higher education

Money: A proposal to stop promotion of homosexuality could hurt organizations

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A federal bill, which would prohibit the use of federal funds to promote homosexuality, will have drastic effects on higher education, a University official said.

Any institution that receives federal funds, including the University, would be promoting homosexuality by hiring or promoting "out" faculty, said Kenneth Lehrman, director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity.

Programs that support sexual minorities such as the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance, and faculty positions intended to ensure equal treatment and a safe environment for sexual minorities could also be eliminated, Lehrman said.

House Resolution 862 was introduced by Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif.

who just announced his candidacy for president. The resolution was referred to the Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations subcommittee Feb. 8, but no hearing has been scheduled.

If passed, HR 862 will affect which classes are offered and what curriculum is taught, said Rob Nosse, director of Oregon Student Lobby. For example, *The Color Purple* could be pulled from library shelves and be prohibited from being read as part of literature classes, he said.

Research on any gay issues, such as isolating genes to determine the cause of homosexuality, could also be prohibited, Nosse said.

"How do you not talk about homosexuality with issues such as AIDS education and sexually transmitted diseases?" Nosse asked. "I know AIDS is not a gay disease but look at who it's impacting."

Some supporters of the resolution say the resolution is necessary.

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Chicano student program may be cut from budget

GED: High School Education Program helps Chicano migrant workers

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Chicanos may soon lose education programs if the High School Education Program is cut from 1996's federal budget, said HEP director Emilio Hernandez Jr.

HEP, a federally funded program at the University, receives instructional assistance from the College of Education, the ESCAPE program and work study programs.

Funding for the program is scheduled to be eliminated by the 1996-97 school year, according to 1996 budget figures from the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"In essence, there isn't enough support in the presidential budget for small programs," Hernandez said.

HEP, which has 22 programs nationwide, began 25 years ago to help Chicano migrant workers receive their General Education Diploma.

If HEP is eliminated from the federal budget, students in the program will probably have to attend tradi-

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Ticked about taxes



Erika Gonzales looks through the selection of stickers at a protest against unfair taxation organized by the Eugene Peaceworks. Monday was the deadline for filing taxes.

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GOOD MORNING

► **SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** — It began as a wrong number, blossomed into a romance — and turned into a nightmare for two families.

Authorities believe 12-year-old Tran Anh Vo ran off with 51-year-old Kent Phillip Phiko, a secret boyfriend she met through an errant phone call.

"We don't know if they are still in the area," San Jose police spokesman Louis Quezada said Monday. "We're sifting through information we received over the weekend, but there are no breaks yet."

On Wednesday, a warrant was issued for Phiko's arrest on a charge of felony child enticement, though authorities have said they don't believe the girl is in danger.

From what police have been able to piece together, the relationship began after Phiko dialed the wrong number and Tran picked up the phone.

Several months ago, Tran's mother, Mai Pham Vo, noticed the name "Kent" and a phone number on her daughter's notebooks. But she wasn't worried because junior high crushes are common.

In November, at Tran's birthday party at a pizza shop, the girl confided to her friends that she had a "secret admirer" named Kent, police said.

Two months ago, Mai Vo noticed that her daughter's marks were dropping and began pressuring her to improve them. Then, on April 5, Tran left for Foothill Middle School as usual and never returned home.

Police called the mysterious "Kent's" number and Phiko's wife answered. She told officers her husband was a 260-pound sheet-metal worker from nearby Campbell and had recently left home after telling her about Tran.

White men claim discrimination

Affirmative action: Men accuse companies of denying promotions due to their race

WASHINGTON (AP) — White men who said they were victims of reverse discrimination emerged with lower-court victories intact Monday after opponents' affirmative action challenges to the Supreme Court.

The justices let stand a lower-court ruling that a plan for promoting black firefighters in Birmingham, Ala., unlawfully discriminated against whites.

And the justices let a white man collect \$425,000 from a Pittsburgh company he accused of denying him a promotion because of his race.

Neither action was a ruling. Instead, the court made no comment as it left intact federal appeals court decisions in

each case.

But Monday's action came amid growing debate in all three branches of government over whether affirmative action is needed still to help minorities — and whether such aid is fair to non-minorities.

Republican leaders in Congress are seeking elimination of most affirmative action. President Clinton has asked for a review of the 100-plus federal programs that invoke affirmative action.

And the high court is expected to announce a major decision by July on a white-owned company's challenge to a federal highway program that offers special help to minority-owned small businesses.

In other matters Monday, the court:

- Heard arguments in an important environmental case over the scope of the federal Endangered Species Act. At

issue is whether the law bans destruction of wildlife habitats on private property, including logging in forests inhabited by the northern spotted owl.

- Agreed to use a lawsuit stemming from the 1983 downing of a Korean airliner over the Soviet Union to clarify what damages can be awarded when Americans die on international flights.

- Refused to shield a Secret Service agent from being sued for taking along a CBS camera crew when he searched a Brooklyn, N.Y., home three years ago. The lawsuit said he violated the residents' right to privacy.

In the Birmingham case, city officials and black residents argued the plan for promoting firefighters was a valid effort to remedy past bias against blacks.

The city had agreed in 1981 to settle a discrimination lawsuit by starting an affirmative

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