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WOW Hall board members recalled

■ **CONTROVERSY:** The recent appointment of a general manager caused tempers to flare between the staff and the directors

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

Misunderstandings and lacks of communication have been a problem for the Community Center for the Performing Arts for many years, but Sunday evening they hoped those problems might be resolved.

CCPA, formerly known as the WOW Hall, recalled three of its board members and elected a new board of directors Sunday night at its annual meeting. This action was taken in hopes of building better communications with the staff, the board and WOW Hall members.

Many agree that misunderstandings between the staff and the board of directors have been a part of CCPA for many years, but on May 5 when a new general manager was appointed by the board of directors, tension skyrocketed.

On May 5, the board of directors appointed a current member of the board, Jim Evangelista, as general manager of CCPA due to a need for more staff.

Since then, the staff has protested the board's decision for three reasons: The board didn't have a consensus on the decision; only one candidate was there to lobby his case; and the majority of the board's terms expired June 2 so they wouldn't be on the board the following term, said Bob Fennessy, WOW Hall membership coordinator and publicist.

The staff was against hiring Evangelista because of personality conflicts, said Ross Freeman, former board member and current treasurer.

"The board felt he was indeed a qualified candidate," Freeman said. "The community center of the WOW Hall has been lost. Hiring Jim was the first step in rebuilding the community aspect."

After interviews with several staff members, the cause for disagreement with Evangelista was unknown, but very strong.

The problems between the staff and the board extend beyond Evangelista's appointment. Gossip and rumors have intensified a preexisting general disagreement about the direction of the WOW Hall.

Staff contractor Jon Pincus said one rumor members heard was that the board was trying to get rid of many programs WOW Hall provides.

"That's not the case," Pincus said. "The board wants to see the programs expanded, and they want to raise the money to get the funding to make those expansions."

Pincus said the problems that the staff and the board had were mainly misunderstandings and lacks of communication.

"Both sides ultimately want to see a healthy WOW Hall," Pincus said.

He said the staff isn't used to the board taking action, which is normally the board's job.

On Sunday night, members of CCPA got involved with the future of the WOW Hall.

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Rock around the block



Enjoying the music, a large crowd of people dance at the University Bookstore's 75th Anniversary Block Party Friday evening. More than 4,000 people participated in the event.

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Importance of kids' needs often overlooked

■ **EVENT:** Rallies urge nation to 'Stand for Children' last Friday

By Nicole Waddell
Freelance Reporter

At the Stand For Children rally Friday morning in the EMU courtyard, University President Dave Frohnmayer spoke to a mixture of children and adults about the importance of children's issues. These issues include preschool education, prenatal health care programs, health insurance for all children and child nutrition programs, among others.

Children from the three campus day-care centers attended the rally, sang songs, laughed and listened to adults

give speeches.

"This is a special day that we celebrate kids, but we should not need a special day for this," Frohnmayer said.

He pointed out that the University has an established child care service for children of its students, faculty and staff.

"We have been in the child care business for 20 years," he said. "This University has a commitment to make sure we have a working, caring environment."

ASUO President Matthew Scotten said there is a growing population of non-traditional students who are also parents at the University.

"I would like to encourage you to think about children's issues," Scotten

said. "In the coming weeks, take a closer look at people in your classes and consider that they might be doing all the work that you are, plus taking care of a child."

Dennis Reynolds, University Child Care coordinator, encouraged participants to sign a pledge of responsibility for children. The pledge is a commitment to be a responsible parent, neighbor and citizen. Frohnmayer signed the pledge in front of the crowd.

Organized by the Children's Defense Fund, National Stand For Children Day was an opportunity for Americans to recognize the need to consider the quality of life of children. The message of the national rally was conveyed in the statement "Leave No Child Behind!"

Fraternity house will be turned into student rooming

■ **TRANSITION:** Financial and structural problems cause Sigma Alpha Epsilon's move

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

Members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will have to permanently vacate their house at the end of spring term because of a combination of financial and structural problems, said Steve Frichette, the fraternity's chapter advisor.

Frichette, who is also the vice president of the house's corporation, said the decision to vacate will not affect the fraternity's status on campus.

"It's more financial than anything," he said. "[The fraternity] will hopefully evolve into a non-residential organization."

Making the move from a residential organization to a non-residential organization will require transition, Frichette said.

At present, 28 men live in the fratern-

nity house, he said. Michael Pollock, the president of the Interfraternity Council, said each house usually houses about 30 to 50 men.

Pollock said the council supports the chapter and its presence on campus.

"We want them to remain a chapter, and we'd love for them to have a house," he said.

The end of the school year will mark the end of the fraternity's stay in its house on the corner of 14th Avenue

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