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takes issue with the group "micro-managing people's lives."

"It's mostly the intensity of the discipleship program, the disrespect for people's freedom, that I have a problem with," Beswick said, adding that the church tended to recruit members from other Christian groups in the past by telling them they were not fully committed. "I hope that if they plant a campus ministry at the University of Oregon, they busy themselves with people who don't know Christ, rather than trying to take people away."

Bob Bertalot, who lived with Foxx in Beaverton and is a deacon for the church, said ICC holds the belief that people should not just seek forgiveness of their sins through church. Instead, they should live their lives through the word of Jesus, he said.

Bertalot said people who are

against the church have never been to a service and know nothing about it.

"Anybody who would really enjoy the Bible is going to enjoy this," Bertalot said, adding that the church's goal is to get people together, love them and help them understand the Bible.

Mike Alverts, campus minister for the Religious Directors Association, said he opposes the arrival of ICC.

Alverts said he had a friend in Seattle who was forced by the church to cut ties with his family.

Alverts said he thinks that ICC recruits on college campuses because open-minded students are easily influenced. He said members of the church are overly pushy and don't take "no" for an answer.

But Eugene resident Chuck Hess, who was at Sunday's service, said he's only met one former church member who complained of overly persistent recruitment.

"If people think they're being followed or annoyed it's because they're not willing to make a com-

mitment," Hess said, adding that he also needs people to help him live by the Bible. "They're not willing to be held accountable."

Church member Aaron Mullins said opposition to the church results from a lack of understanding about the church. Many of what people perceive as rules and regulations are just ways of creating a happier life, he said.

"You're going to get conflicts because it's the truth," Mullins said.

Foxx said she joined because she had no family or friends before she joined. One day, she met a woman who was a member of the church.

"She was just really nice; she didn't tell me what she was doing exactly," Foxx said. "I thought it was more of a friendly thing and all of a sudden she whips out the Bible and it become a four-hour study hard-core group thing."

Mullins said he joined because he lived on the streets, hated life and thought he would find happiness by making money. But when he got a high-paying job, he still wasn't happy.

"I was looking for something real," he said.

Laura Blake Jones, associate dean of students and director of the Office of Student Life, was appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs Lorraine Davis to learn more about ICC. Jones said nobody has complained on campus about the church.

She added that the church has access to the campus, like other groups, but if students feel like they are being harassed they should report it.

"Like any group, we're willing to give them a chance," Jones said. "But based on experiences that other campuses have had, it raises concerns for me."

Bertalot stood in front of the congregation Sunday and likened church members to soldiers in Iraq.

"You're in a war here in Eugene," he said. "Being a Christian means you're in a spiritual battle."

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BOARD

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indicate the governor is pushing for a strong focus on integrating public education with economic development.

Members include a former governor, a Nike Inc. executive, investors, students, a University professor, a community college president, a lawyer, a timber executive and the head of the Oregon AFL-CIO.

The members, who were appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate on Jan. 22, have had one telephone conference prior to meeting this week.

"This board has a short list of priorities, and they were given to us by the governor," Board President and former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt said.

Those priorities, announced in November, include improving accessibility to education, job training in desirable fields, activity that spurs state economic development and general investment in higher education.

Goldschmidt is the board's highest-profile member. In addition to being Oregon's governor from 1987 to 1991, he is also a former mayor of Portland, a former Nike executive and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation under President Jimmy Carter.

Despite his prestigious political career, Goldschmidt's appointment drew fire during nomination hearings in January.

Sen. Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, questioned Goldschmidt for more than an hour about his private consulting firm's dealings with the State Accident Insurance Fund, the state's publicly owned worker-compensation company. Walker expressed concern that there was no record of his firm's work, despite a \$40,000-a-month consulting contract, which has since been terminated. She also questioned him about his involvement in a possible takeover of Portland General Electric and his other business styles and practices.

"I'm not sure he always has the public's interests in mind," she said.

His nomination was enthusiastically welcomed by other members of the Oregon Legislature.

Goldschmidt declined to comment on his nomination hearing, saying he answered the questions the best he could at the time, and he appreciated that the panel was doing its work. He said his firm's connections will have no effect on his function as a board member.

"We have no business clients that have any interests in the higher education system," Goldschmidt said.

Nike Inc. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Donald Blair is new to Oregon and government work, but he said his long experience in financial management will benefit the state.

"I've spent quite a few years in the private sector and that doesn't necessarily apply to the public sector, but I think the principles of financial management and how large institutions work will be very applicable," he said.

Joining Blair with a financial background is John von Schlegell, co-founder of the private investment firm Endeavour Capital.

"As an investor, I think the taxpayers are looking for not just more money for money's sake," von Schlegell said. He added that he thinks the governor wants him "to help sort out what things the education system does that translates to economic development and the betterment of the state."

Kirby Dyess also works in the financial industry. The director for Intel Corp.'s investment organization until 2002, she has shifted her focus from large companies to small start-ups as a private investor.

She said investing time in higher education was one of her major priorities after retiring two years ago.

"I think education is the major driver of economic development," she said.

Dyess also is a chairwoman for the

Business Advisory Board for the University's Lundquist College of Business.

Labor leader Timothy Nesbitt, chief executive officer of the AFL-CIO, is also new to the board. He originally refused the appointment, but his colleagues in the labor community convinced him of the board's importance.

"Affordability of higher education and access to a high quality secondary education are important to working families," he said.

Also joining the board are appointees Gretchen Schuette, president of Chemeketa Community College; and Howard Sohn, chairman of the board of the Lone Rock Timber Co. and a former professor.

Previously appointed to the board were University chemistry Professor Geraldine Richmond; Rachel Pilliod, a University student and ASUO President for 2002-2003; Henry Lorenzen, a lawyer and president of H&C Lorenzen Farm Inc.; and Bridget Burns, a student at Oregon State University.

The board is meeting today for an invitation-only reception, and on Friday at 7:30 a.m. for a meeting of the board's Executive Committee. There will also be a full public meeting at 9 a.m. in the EMU Ballroom on Friday.

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CLARIFICATION

In the "Against the odds" series this week, the Emerald misidentified a buildup of cerebral spinal fluid in the brain. It is properly called a "pseudotumor."

The Emerald regrets the error.

Also, in the same series, Eugene neurosurgeon Dr. Catherine Gallo told the Emerald that she doesn't expect Jodene Heider, who suffers from a pseudotumor, to live another 10 years. To clarify, Heider's condition can be stabilized and may not be life threatening if treated properly, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

CAMPUS BUZZ

Thursday

Sandy Polishuk from Portland State University discusses her new book, "Sticking to the Union: An Oral History of the Life and Times of Julia Ruuttila," Knight Library Browsing Room, noon-1:20 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Group meeting, EMU Umpqua Room, 3:30-5 p.m.

Campus Planning Committee Meeting, Board Room, 450 Lillis Hall, 3:30-5 p.m.

Comparative Literature lecture featuring Victor Bascara from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Knight Library Browsing Room, 4 p.m.

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