

Court improvements being examined

Viewpoints interchanged by authorities, citizens

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"The court system is one of the true safeguards in our democratic system," Oregon Gov. Robert Straub told the Oregon Citizens Conference Thursday at the University Law School.

Straub said he believes the manner in which we select our judges is wrong — that they should not be chosen merely because of "name familiarity." He added, "I look for those who share my belief that a judge must have the highest qualities of integrity, wisdom and humility."

Straub insisted citizen involvement is a vital factor in the preservation of democracy.

The main purpose of the conference, which continues through Saturday, is to exchange insights between an assigned panel and citizens concerning a more efficient court system.

The conference was initiated two years ago. It is sponsored by the American Judicature Society, the Oregon Judicial Conference

and the University School of Law.

Problems will be examined by judges and approximately 120 citizens invited from all parts of Oregon. These citizens represent a broad cross-section of occupations and interests.

Four major topic areas are being discussed. These include courts, corrections and the criminal justice system, juvenile crime, and the selection of good judges, as well as costs and their allocation.

The conference features several national and state authorities who will address these topics. Some of the speakers include Oregon chief Justice Arno Denneke, Justice Elmer Gunderson of Nevada, Washington Chief Justice David Soukup and Larry Berkson, director of educational programs.

The conference is primarily for citizens not actively involved or associated with the courts. It is intended to give the courts an indication of what citizens are thinking and to provide a basis for serious review and improvement of the court system.



Gov. Bob Straub

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Funds held by Feldman

ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman vetoed an allocation of \$818 made to Developmental Studies by the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) last week.

Developmental Studies had intended to use the money to help fund its symposium on Sigmund Freud this week. The IFC had allotted the group \$450 of its reserve fund and promised the remaining \$368 once the supplemental reserve fund for this year was calculated.

In a letter to the IFC, Feldman said, "I believe that our emergency fund should be used for exactly that — emergencies. As we are all aware, our funds are extremely short and I believe they should be used for existing programs and events only."

Feldman went on to say, "this is clearly not a time for expansion. I think this symposium does indeed represent expansion and that is something, unfortunately, we cannot afford."

The IFC has \$2,146 left in its

emergency fund. Action on Feldman's veto is delayed until its meeting next week. In order to override an executive veto, at least five of the seven IFC members must be in agreement.

At the IFC meeting Wednesday, the committee heard an update on the ASUO radio station project from engineering consultant Sandy Fowler-Hawkins. Fowler-Hawkins told the committee that

approximately \$2,400 will be needed in order to submit radio applications to two federal agencies.

One application would be made to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a public radio station grant, Fowler-Hawkins said, and another would be made to the Federal Communications Commission to study the station's feasibility.

Bicycle registration continues next week

Any student who wants to register their bikes with the University may do so next week in the dorms and the following week in the EMU.

According to Kelly McKirdy, coordinator of bicycle patrol, free registration will continue Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the University Inn from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Dorm residents and other students can obtain licenses in Carson Hall from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Oct. 26 and Hamilton Hall from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

University bike registration will be in the EMU during the week beginning Oct. 31. After that, licenses may be obtained through Campus Security for no charge.

If a bike already has a Eugene license, it is not necessary to register at Campus Security. McKirdy said "One (license) or the

other is legal on campus," but the City of Eugene recognizes only the \$2 city bicycle license.

"The question is to what degree they enforce this," McKirdy says. "In most cases, the University license is good enough."

According to a University ordinance, any unregistered bike may be impounded by security personnel. Impounded bicycles may be recovered by the owner for a \$2 fee.

If a registered bike is stolen on campus, it is more easily returned when licensed by the University. If a bike is parked illegally, the registration record makes the patrolman's job easier, according to McKirdy.

A pamphlet explaining University bike parking regulations will be available at registration.

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