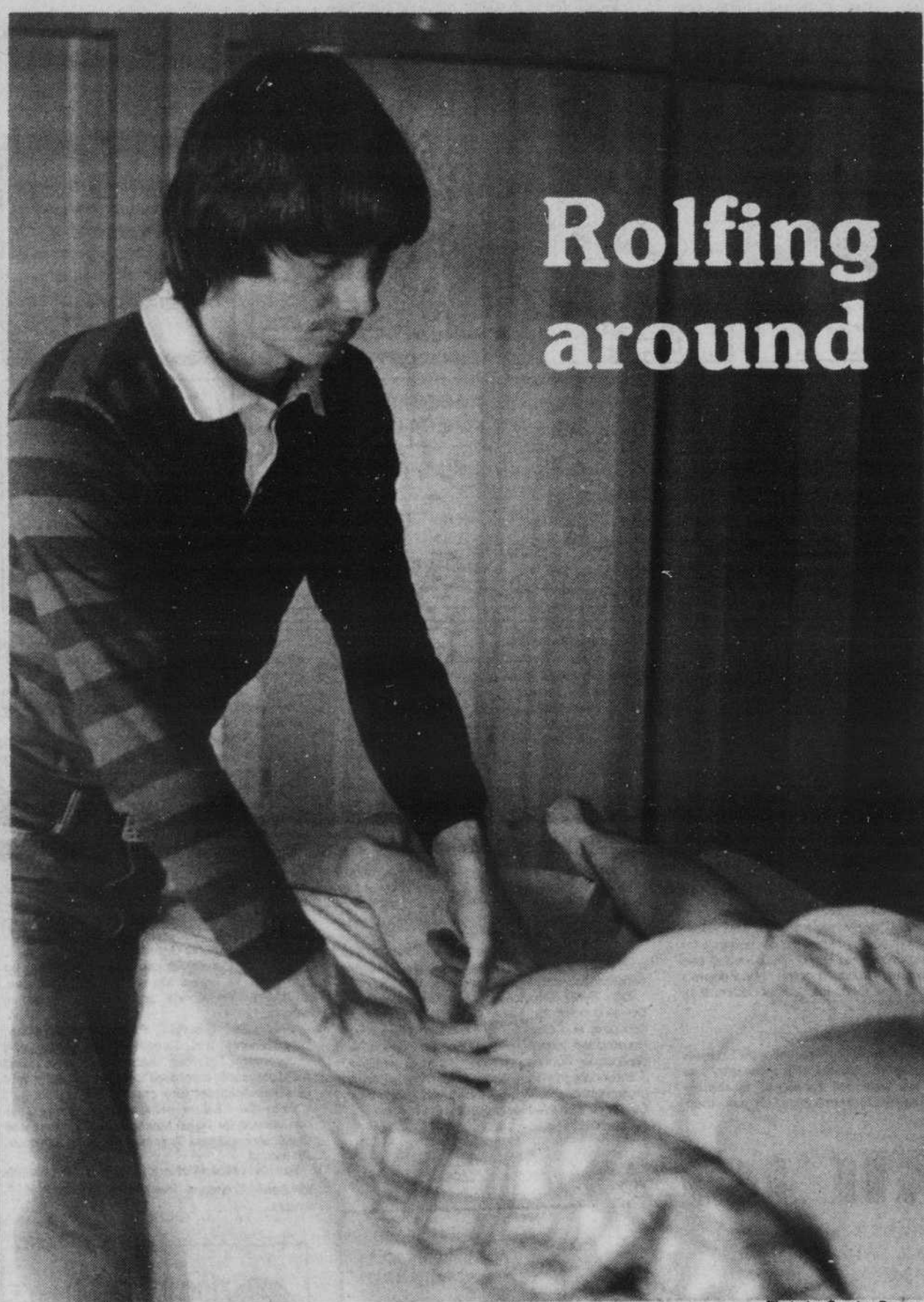


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Rolting around

Photo by Carolyn Beaver

No, this man is neither a masseur nor a chiropractor. Jeff Ryder of Eugene is a professional rolfer. Ryder's hands touch sensitive areas of the body, yielding total body relaxation for the "patient". Actually, there is more to it than that. Emerald reporter Dick Wiens let Ryder roll his body and he felt some definite effects. See his account of rolting on Page 6.

ASUO budget

Executive proposals submitted to the IFC

By CAROLYN BEAVER
Of the Emerald

Although ASUO program budgets will not be approved until April or May, ASUO Executive personnel have come up with their recommendations to the Incidental Fee Committee(IFC), which will make the final decisions.

"Most of the program's budgets were excellent, well organized and compiled in a thorough and efficient manner," says Molly Devlin, ASUO administrative aid. "Most kept their costs in line; they asked for the same amount or even below last year's budget. Only a few asked for substantially more money."

Each ASUO Executive member was a "tag person" for several programs and helped them devise their budgets. They turned over the budgets to Devlin and her staff for "more in-depth" evaluation, "line item by line item, goal by goal."

This year, not only must programs submit budgets, they must establish program goals. Each program will come before the IFC twice, once for goal evaluation and once for budget decisions.

Devlin divided the programs into "sectors" — larger programs are in individual sectors, smaller programs are grouped together. The ASUO Governance, which includes ASUO administration, the IFC, the EMU Board, the Student University Affairs Board (SUAB) and the ASUO Comptroller submitted a budget of \$83,436, down 8.4 percent from last year.

ASUO student programs budgets, including SEARCH, the Survival Center and ESCAPE, for example, went up 2.1 percent. This year the amount asked for is \$221,933. Last year it was \$215,588.

Another sector, the Oregon Student Lobby, decreased costs this year. They asked for 75 cents per student rather than last year's \$1 per student. Their budget request is \$10,642, down 29 percent from last year.

Although the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) has submitted a budget figure of \$43,000, Devlin says it will probably be cut about \$5,000.

"The benefits we're accruing, while still significant," are not in line with the extra costs the University pays over other state schools, she says.

"We don't feel we're getting more than other campuses," even though the University pays "much more" than other schools, says Devlin.

The Oregon Daily Emerald has budgeted a seven percent increase this year, which is "really only a 3.5 percent increase since their costs didn't go up last year." Rising newsprint, supply and production costs caused the Emerald budget to go from \$65,785 last year to \$70,225.

Two additional sectors have not submitted final budgets yet, says Devlin. Traditionally, the EMU and the Intercollegiate Athletics budgets are late, she says.

Devlin says although the total ASUO budgets may increase as much as seven percent, there "shouldn't be an increase" in the incidental fees students pay, because of the interest from the fees the University now receives from the state.

This year the University was awarded about \$89,000, most of which went to decrease the EMU's deficit. In the future, however, it will be applied to incidental fees, so student costs will not rise.

State system schools balk at minimum wage

By CAROLYN BEAVER
Of the Emerald

From a survey of various Oregon colleges and universities, it appears the University of Oregon is the only school now paying minimum wage to all student employees.

Surveyed were Portland State University (PSU), Oregon College of Education (OCE), Oregon State University (OSU) and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT). All four schools pay less than minimum wage.

Although PSU "did not adopt a mandatory policy," it has suggested students be paid the \$2.65 minimum rate, says Gail Lembke, PSU Financial Aid assistant director.

"We're selling ourselves short if we don't pay the rate," she says, "primarily because Portland State is in the middle of downtown." To be competitive with

downtown businesses, the University must pay at least \$2.65, says Lembke.

Lembke says PSU is "considering reevaluating the policy in July with the premonition" that federal laws may change to make state schools comply with minimum wage rates. Right now under the Fair Labor Standards Act, state educational institutions are required to pay only 85 percent of the minimum wage.

At OSU, the lowest student wage is \$2.31 per hour. Payroll Director Gene Todd says his office establishes a "student wage guideline" that raises wages according to classified OSU employees rates.

"The percentage of increase is equal to the classified employees increase," he says. A classified employee is a non-student, non-faculty worker.

Todd says the next scheduled increase will be in April, when student wages go up to \$2.40. He says the wage is "pretty competitive in Corvallis...we felt the federal minimum wage was not set according to the local labor market."

Most of the students not paid minimum wage at OSU work either "in the food service or in the library," says Todd. He says a "merit pay schedule" for periodic raises is now being devised for some employees.

Although the lowest student rate at OCE is \$2.30, "we definitely would like to" raise it to the minimum wage, says Sherry Carranza, OCE business office employee. One reason they have not met the rate is that their budget was cut \$40,000 this year.

Carranza assumes there will be a raise next fall, saying "I'm anticipating a decent allocation for next year."

Student workers at OIT recently staged a strike demanding a wage increase, alleging students were tired of being treated as second-class citizens. The approximately 100 students are now back at work, but are sending letters to Gov. Bob Straub, Pres. Carter and members of Congress outlining their position.

Here at the University, student workers will be paid \$2.65 until April, when a policy change will occur. After that, "We will continue to relate student wages as best we can to the classified structure," says Jack Steward, University personnel director.

ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman says his office will try to persuade the University to continue with minimum wage compliance, but "at least for right now, we got what we wanted."