

Change set for mid-August

Offices to combine student services

By JOHN HARRIS
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The decision to merge the Office of Student Services and the Academic Advising Office became official last week with an announcement by Jerry Mosely, associate provost of student affairs.

The offices will consolidate during the first two weeks of August, when Academic Advising moves into the Student Services office at 164 Oregon Hall. Academic Advising is currently housed in Friendly Hall.

The reason for the move is to

integrate the services of both departments under one roof and one heading, to provide better visibility and accessibility to the student.

"The people in Student Services will become more aware and share the workload of Academic Advising, and vice-versa," says Mosely.

"In the past a student would come to one office and wouldn't get total service. The biggest reason for the change is to give students just one office to come to, and hopefully, this will get students to come back."

The combined offices are to come under the heading Office of

Academic Advising and Student Services, although the name is not official yet.

"I think we'll answer the phone, 'Advising Services,'" says Shirley Wilson, director of the offices.

Student Services' responsibilities include helping students deal with personal or academic problems and bringing to the attention of students the various resources of the University.

Students can also receive guidance on academic matters ranging from the University's grading system to the procedure for withdrawing from classes. The office also provides assistance dealing

with personal crisis, such as a death in the family or severe illness.

The office coordinates the National Student Exchange, Lifelong Learning Services and assistance for physically limited students.

The responsibilities of Academic Advising are related to those of Student Services, but they are definitely distinct. Academic Advising manages the Credit-by-Examination Office, provides faculty advisors for undeclared students and provides counseling and advisors for pre-health science students.

The two offices are currently

working together on the Early Orientation and Registration Program (EORP), which provides academic advising and early registration for incoming freshmen.

It is hoped the offices will share the work on similar responsibilities in the future. "We need about a year to become one, but eventually we'll be working together," Wilson says. "There will be a common core, and we'll decide what that core can be."

"I'm really pleased with the whole idea, and I hope the staff is as excited as I am. I think it's going to provide a much better service for the student."

Student grocery back in business

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The University Food-Op was helped out of debt last week by the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) with a \$3,713 chunk of student funds.

The Food-Op last quarter was on its last cabbages after then ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman vetoed the Food-Op's budget. Feldman thought the organization used too much money for too little benefit. This veto left the organization without student financial support for the coming year.

But this summer the IFC found it could not just stop funding the organization, according to committee member Bill Nelson.

The Food-Op ended the year with a \$3,713 debt, a sum for which the IFC could be held responsible. "We voted to give them the money because we could be held liable for it," says Nelson. "But we also feel the service has improved since its budget was vetoed last quarter."

Store manager Dan Murphy also feels the service has improved. After the cut, according to Murphy, the organization pruned its services. "The cut was a blessing in disguise," says Murphy. "It forced us to terminate our delivery service to the Greek system, and concentrate on the store. Before, the store was a kind of clearing house for food delivery."

The delivery service, Murphy says, was the Food-Op's greatest liability. The service required the store to hire delivery people, drivers, salesmen, an office and phone lines. "This was a lot to put in to a service that grossed only about \$7,000 a month," he says.

This service also caused some bad feeling among students, Murphy believes. "There was some feeling before the cut that the general student body was subsidizing low food prices for the Greeks," he says. "Now with just the store we cater to all University students, and even senior citizens in the community."

The IFC allocation, approved unanimously, covers the Food Op's debt and will give it another chance to make a profit. Murphy thinks the Food-Op won't need any more help.

"We're doing better this summer," he says. "The people who are running it are putting in energy. We're open longer hours (six days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and are being used by a greater number of students." Sales are



Photo by Greg Gawlowski

The University Food-Op has been running into financial trouble. But with the help of Incidental Fee Committee

funds and a new structure it may be able to get its brussel sprouts together in the future.

up for the cooperative for the summer compared to spring quarter. Murphy considers this an achievement, since student enrollment during the summer is down.

But if the store goes into debt again, its future is unsure. Ramon Herrera, ASUO president, wants to conduct a study of the Food-Op's budget, and would prefer to cut it off from ASUO entirely.

IFC members also express doubt about the Food-Op's

future. "If they don't go into debt again, fine," says Nelson. "But the Food-Op is notorious for coming back each year and handing us a bill. If they come back again there is some talk of letting them go unfunded."

The Food-Op is allowed rent-free use of its 15th Street and Agate building, and uses work-study students as employees. It therefore generally offers lower prices than supermarket chains.

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