

## Student leaders rap AD 'politicking' ploy

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An Athletic Department fact sheet on its proposal for a mandatory athletic fee was passed out to student athletes Friday and has raised the ire of some student leaders.

After outlining the proposal and how it relates to the financial problems of the Athletic Department, the fact sheet asks student athletes to "bring at least eight other students to the polls" to vote in favor of the fee. Student's opinions on the fee will be solicited in a non-binding poll on this week's ASUO general election ballot.

Julie Carson, deputy director for the Athletic Department, says the fact sheet was written to help athletes "understand all the facts."

Carson calls the Athletic Department's suggestion that athletes bring their friends to vote for the plan an "ordinary political strategy." She adds there is nothing compulsory about the fact sheet's call for help from the athletes.

Jim Bennett, a student volunteer for the athletic department who helped write the fact sheet, says there is nothing wrong with the department asking athletes to mobilize votes on the issue. "They're trying to help themselves."

But ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett says the Athletic Department's push is "inappropriate," and the fact sheet is "one-sided."

Incidental Fee Committee member Jerry Bernau says he will help fight the proposal by mobilizing students to counter the Athletic Department's push. "It looks like we're going to have to do the same thing the Athletic Department is doing to get out the vote."

There is no doubt the Athletic Department is in financial hot water with a budget deficit and Title IX compliance to balance in its budget next year. The debate is whether students should pay \$20 per term to athletics and get into all sporting events free (except basketball where only 4,000 students would get in free) or continue to pay the \$5 they now pay through incidental fees and require the students who want to see the games to pay for an athletic pass.

"Without added financing, our programs are going to be emasculated," says Ray Hawk, University vice president for administration and finance. There is "strong support" within the state system for an athletic fee, he adds.

The fee plan has met with approval from numerous administrative bodies in the state system and in the University, Hawk says. "I have yet to hear anyone (administrator) speak against the proposal."

Hawk predicts more students would go to more games if there was free access to sports through the athletic card.

Although the Student University Affairs Board voted against the proposal Wednesday, calling it "a serious threat to the accessibility of higher education," Hawk says students who can't pay the extra cost of the fee can "pick a school that is cheaper." He adds that the

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Photo by Bob Baker

### Dancin' Crabs?

Yes, but not your every-day chorus line of dancing crabs. This pair is part of the shelled song-and-dance group, Shelly and the Crustaceans, that put on a free show at the Saturday Market. The Trojan Decommissioning Alliance teamed with the market to sponsor the event. The Seattle band and theatre troupe is part of the Crabshell Anti-Nuclear Alliance.

## Housing groups get deposit-interest money

By SUE PABLIK  
For the Emerald

Dormitory residents will soon have the luxury of a Universal gym, a game room or a wide-screen television.

This year, for the first time, students who doled out \$50 deposits to live in dorms and other University housing will reap the benefits of the interest their money earns throughout the school year.

Gerald Moseley, associate provost of student affairs, will sign an official agreement Tuesday that will give \$24,200 in interest money from housing

deposits directly to representative resident groups, according to ASUO Pres. Scott Bassett.

Traditionally, housing and tuition interest money from all of Oregon's institutions of higher learning was pooled and credited to the state's general treasury fund, Bassett says. In October 1977 the State Board of Higher Education voted to distribute the money back to each individual institution.

For the past two years, housing interest funds have been used to ease the EMU's deficit and cash flow programs, which benefited the entire student population, not just those who paid deposits.

In November 1979, the first proposal giving control of the money directly to students was drafted, but it was resisted by administrative groups. Seven drafts later, a final agreement was finally settled upon.

This year the \$24,200 will be divided between dormitory, Westmoreland, Amazon and East Campus living groups. Half the \$20,500 allotted to the dorms will be divided between the six complexes in proportion to the number of students housed in each, says Dick Romm, assistant housing director. The other half will go to the Dorm Governance Committee.

In addition, about \$561 will go to the east campus housing area, \$1,340 to Amazon and \$1,805 to Westmoreland, according to University Budget Director Ralph Sunderland.

Representatives from the resident groups recently have been planning how to spend their respective shares of the interest money.

A game room with pool tables, foosball tables and pinball machines is in the plans for Walton Complex. Hamilton students will spend their share on a Universal gym, while Bean residents are

considering adding another TV room and carpeting their basement.

Carson Hall will have a new wide-screen TV in its basement and kitchenettes on each floor may also be remodeled. Earl residents will spend their money in conjunction with Carson this year, but may put in a Universal gym next year. University Inn students hope to install a sound system in their downstairs lobby and kitchen area.

Amazon tenants have decided to divide their money among projects for youth and adults. They also plan recreation and beautification projects. Specific proposals will be made at their May meeting.

Westmoreland residents will use their share for social, educational and athletic purposes. They will hold a dance this month, and they plan to buy athletic equipment such as baseballs, bats and volleyball nets. Other ideas include movies, community bus trips, a sauna, extension services and English writing classes for foreign exchange tenants.

East campus tenants may buy materials to build a solar fruit dryer and greenhouse with their money.

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An Oregon energy department engineer says the state could be energy self sufficient by the year 2000. See Page 11.