

Proceeds this year might top \$1,000

'Derby Days' raises money for local charity

The men of Sigma Chi fraternity will begin their annual fund-raiser "Derby Days" this week, with the proceeds going to Families with Special Needs.

The service project promotes healthy competition between the University's 11 sororities as well as raising money for charity, according to Sigma Chi member Steve Saltzman.

Derby Days originated at UCLA in 1930, and is now held annually by Sigma Chi chapters throughout the United States and Canada. The Oregon Sigma Chis started contributing to the national project in 1979.

The fraternity raised about \$500 last year, Saltzman says. He estimates the fraternity will gather between \$1,000 and \$2,000 this year.

"The Mississippi chapter made about \$44,000 last year," Saltzman says. "That is an indication about how big it can become."

Sigma Chi chose to donate the proceeds from this year's Derby Days to Families with Special Needs, a local program that helps the normal children of mentally retarded adults.

Some mentally retarded parents lack

sufficient child-rearing skills, Saltzman says. Often the child receives little of the socialization skills needed for normal development, he says.

The children can be mentally retarded by the time they reach grade school, Saltzman says, despite being born healthy.

The program currently serves approximately 25 children aged three through eight years in Lane County.

A Derby Days T-shirt sale and music show featuring sorority acts will help boost the drive, he says. The music show

will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. Admission will be 50 cents.

A 5,000-meter "fun run" on Saturday will highlight the week's activities. The run, which will start at the Autzen foot-bridge, begins at 1:00 p.m. Featured at the event will be Canadian National Marathon champion Art Boileau and University cross country runner Eryn Forbes.

The run's entry fee of \$5.95 also buys a T-shirt. To pre-register for the run or for more information about Derby Days, call 686-5293 or 485-9309.

IFC denies resources for snacks

The ASUO had planned to serve cookies and lemonade Sunday when Paul Olum officially becomes the University's next president. But Monday the Incidental Fee Committee voted unanimously not to approve the expenditure for the snacks.

The IFC rejected the request for \$210.95 to cover cookies, lemonade and food-related expenses because of what Karsten Rasmussen, IFC chairer, termed an "old, long-standing, mythological policy," which prevents the IFC from appropriating funds for food or food-related items.

Despite the policy, ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins, hearing of the IFC's decision, stormed into the IFC meeting room, loudly asking Rasmussen, "What am I supposed to tell the president?"

"If the executive wants to do this, it should use its own money," Rasmussen suggested earlier in Monday's meeting.

"We believe that the long-standing rule against spending money on food may legitimately be lifted for such a unique opportunity as this," Alan Contreras, ASUO budget director, said in support of the request.

Contreras suggested the ASUO use money collected from the recent street fair to pay for refreshments at Olum's inauguration.

In other business, the IFC approved spending \$75 of unallocated resources to help the Women's Resource and Referral Service, Women's Studies, YWCA and Gay People's Alliance sponsor a "Women and Music" workshop on Oct. 30.

The sponsors asked the IFC for \$125, but members agreed only to match the amount the sponsors gathered — \$75.

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