



In this race, the 'tortoise' beats the 'hare'

In this strange competition called the Slow Bike Race, slow and steady — not speedy and reckless — wins the event on Wednesday sponsored by the Recreation and Intramural program.

Sixteen daring participants attempted to wiggle their bicycles wheels way down a 3-foot wide, 20-yard long course, without touching the outer lines or stepping off the peddles.

Champion George Recker completed the course in a "sizzling" two minutes, 39 seconds; Mark Heathfield was second in two minutes, one second; and Mark Price had to settle for a third-place time of one minute, 28 seconds.

Photos by Brian Erb



New ruling won't alter OSPIRG

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group doesn't anticipate any change in direction or effectiveness as a result of the ASUO Constitution Court ruling Monday affecting the group's funding, OSPIRG representatives say.

"We found the court decision very frustrating but it won't deter our goals," says Ann Moorman, OSPIRG's project coordinator.

That decision directs OSPIRG to seek approval of its budget annually and overturns a spring referendum vote by the student body that established funding for the group at \$1 per term per student for a two-year period.

Daniel Malarkey, chair of OSPIRG's local board, is upset because he says the decision undermines student's rights, but he agrees that the group's goals will not be affected.

"My grades might suffer, but OSPIRG won't," Malarkey says, referring to the added time burden of preparing a budget or an appeal.

Moorman says student participation in OSPIRG has "at least quadrupled in the past two years," and more than 500 students have filled out cards this term requesting to be placed on OSPIRG's newsletter mailing list.

And the pair says the court's decision won't affect the amount of student volunteer participation because the student body believes in the goals of the group.

They point to an open meeting Tuesday night in

the Forum Room that attracted 60 students who volunteered to aid in OSPIRG's five major projects this term: the consumer hotline, a research project covering the AT&T break-up, a consumer publication, the OSPIRG publication and the group's long-term goal, the toxic waste issue.

Most of the volunteers are interested in the toxic waste problem, Malarkey says. OSPIRG's intentions are to establish accountability in the community to determine where waste sites are placed.

More volunteers are needed on OSPIRG's expanded hotline service because Eugene has closed its hotline service and is referring calls to OSPIRG's line, Moorman says.

Another large interest area is the AT&T split. The group is having students research how the phone company's split will affect rates and if low-income and fixed-income people will be able to afford service.

Students have also volunteered to conduct surveys, research banks' practices of holding out-of-state checks for up to two weeks, prepare a pamphlet on merit auto insurance and produce a guide on obtaining financial aid, all of which will be published in consumer publications, Malarkey says.

And students who wish to practice their writing and editing skills are working on OSPIRG's newsletter according to Moorman.

These are the same goals the group had before Monday's decision, Malarkey says.

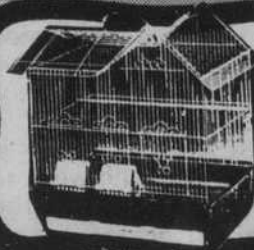
Lambda Chi Alpha ΛΧΑ

A rare opportunity to become a founder of a fraternity. Bob Curran, Associate Director of Chapter Services, and Tom Lawson, Chapter Consultant for Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity, will be meeting with men who are interested in becoming founding members of a new Fraternity chapter at the University of Oregon campus.

The two Fraternity representatives will be at Century Room B in the Erb Memorial Union, Monday, October 10 through Friday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will be there to answer any question or to provide information about Lambda Chi Alpha. You may also contact Bob or Tom at The Greentree Inn at 485-2727.

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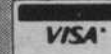
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