

opinion

Reluctant director hinders fee transfer

Ralph Sunderland, the University's director of management and budget, is reluctant. That's the nicest way we can put Sunderland's actions on the athletic ticket guarantee fund. Why raise the hackles of the man who manipulates the athletic department and EMU budgets?

Bill Hallmark, the ASUO coordinator of programs and finance, isn't reluctant, especially when it comes to students' incidental fees.

When it appeared that athletic ticket sales would near the mythical \$120,000 mark by June 30, the end of the fiscal year, Hallmark sent Sunderland a memo requesting the ticket guarantee fund be transferred to an ASUO student account. If the ticket guarantee fund is transferred the savings will be passed on to the students, cutting incidental fees earmarked for the athletic department.

Hallmark sent the memo about the ticket guarantee fund to Sunderland on February 24. Then, he waited.

Sunderland did not respond for two months. It's odd that Sunderland didn't feel compelled to reply to (or even acknowledge receipt of) Hallmark's memo.

When it became obvious Sunderland didn't intend to address the questions raised in the memo, Hallmark called. Sunderland, according to Hallmark, staunchly disagreed that the ticket guarantee fund should be transferred. When Hallmark tried to talk to him about the matter Sunderland refused to discuss it further, but said he'd bring it up in a meeting he had scheduled for May 1 with University Pres. Paul Olum. Hallmark wasn't invited to attend this meeting.

But Hallmark requested a meeting with Olum and Sunderland on April 30. At this meeting it was apparent Sunderland had talked over the ticket guarantee situation with Olum. At the meeting Olum agreed with Hallmark that if the ticket sales do reach the \$120,000 mark then the guarantee funds should be transferred to the ASUO or used to offset students' incidental fees. If the funds are used to offset fees, students stand to gain a savings of \$1 per term.

However, Sunderland maintained it was questionable they would collect enough money in student ticket sales to cause the transferring of the guarantee account. He said he was waiting on the results from track season. Projections on student tickets are that they will put the fund at or above \$120,000. But, once again, Sunderland is reluctant.

We question Sunderland's reluctance and wonder about Sunderland's position on the ticket guarantee fund transfer. Sunderland said he feared the excess money would be returned to the students, and spent, instead of left in the ticket guarantee fund.

We have other questions. Aren't these funds technically to be used only to fill a budget gap resulting from unrealized ticket sales? Why does Sunderland fear the money will be returned to students? Isn't the money in the ticket guarantee fund actually the students'?

Let the games go on

The Soviet Union's decision not to participate in the XX-III Olympiad is unfortunate, but not unexpected.

The Soviets charged it was the United States inability to ensure its athletes' security that swayed their decision. The fear of wholesale defection by Soviet athletes is certainly persuasive. But, the Soviet decision was no doubt prompted by the 1980 U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics. In spite of constant denials, politics and the Olympics cannot be easily separated.

It's too bad the athletes of the participating nations will not have Soviet athletes to compete against, but the games should go on and the best in the world should compete.



letters

More serious

Mike Duncan's article on ultralight flying claims that the (known) accident rate for ultralights is "about a third less than for (conventional) private aircraft." I have nothing against ultralights and hope to fly one myself someday, but I do have some respect for accuracy. If the figures Duncan quoted are correct, then the (known) accident rate for ultralights (in 1981) works out to 3.2 percent, as opposed to .59 percent for conventional private aircraft; not "a third less" at all, but more than five times more. Enough of a difference, I think, to make people take the sport a bit more seriously.

Michael Stamm
graduate

Heads or tails

The grade inflation coin that Olum, Mosely, Wilson, Evans, and others are flipping around has another side. It's called deflation, arbitrary standards, "get-tough" norms, and most of all "the divine right of instructorship." I am, of course, advocating mediocrity, pampering, wishy-washy discipline, and a resignation of the economy to Japan.

Henry Dizney
prof., educational psychology

Little nutty

I'm glad to see that one of your students, Bruce Bedortha, *Emerald* May 3, has voiced his concern for us excampus residents. You probably saw many of us around last year and in years past. The campus used to be very friendly. The students

would talk to us as they passed by going to class (the profs were talking to themselves, I believe). We gathered nuts and chatted all day long. Gee, those were the days.

My first sign that things were changing was the day I barely made it back to my tree with this king-sized dog right on my tail. Boy, she really caught it from her master for chasing me up that tree — but it really wasn't her fault. Dogs naturally chase us; they are one of our natural enemies. It was the dog's master I blame. She shouldn't have the dog on campus — we were here first. We don't mind dog visitors, but we would sure like them to be on a leash. I lost my brother to a dog last semester, but it wasn't the dog or my brother's fault. It was the lack of consideration of the dog's owner for letting him free outside the museum — we lived in the trees there.

We feel the same about the Cro-Magnon. He is forced by some power I can't understand to hunt us for food. But when my time comes, I would rather be a meal to a transient than just a limp toy to a playful dog. Your dog may be playful, but to me, it is a life or death situation.

Sammy Squirrel aka Louie Levy
sophomore, history

Voting for...

I am voting for Ron Ciasullo for sheriff.

When a sheriff runs for re-election, conventional wisdom holds that he runs on his record. Across the county, voters are sizing up Sheriff Dave Burks performance on administering the sheriff's office, budget and dealing with his constituent. He has failed. He has mismanaged his budget — poor allocation, and overspending. He claimed he needed more money, or crime will go up — and he was wrong. When the voters told him no more funding, he sued those same voters for saying no. It is time for a change.

We need a competent leader like Ciasullo. Ciasullo has a vast amount of experience in both law enforcement and administration. He has a precise plan to re-organize our sheriff's office. His plans are stated. He can stay within the current budget by trimming Burks' excessive waste, and/or getting rid of Burks' dead wood.

It is time for a change. I urge

everyone to vote for Ciasullo for sheriff, a man who not only can make a long list of credentials, but knows how to manage the office he'll hold too.

Bruce Roly
senior

A compliment

My congratulations on your May 4 coverage of the Bank of Oregon v. Independent News libel case. The news story by Bonnie Henderson and the news analysis by Katy Hull reflect the best standards of public affairs reporting.

Jeremy Cohen
prof. journalism

It's robbery

"Strong prejudices in an ill-formed mind are hazardous to government, and when combined with a position of power, even more so."

Barbara Tuchman's characterization of George III whom Americans rejected 200 years ago, fits each member of the Eugene City Council, all of whom, in their presumption, colluded to rob Eugene taxpayers of the only just name for Eugene's Center for the Performing Arts. The sham council hearing to "reconsider," held two months after the crime, redressed no wrongs. It only confirmed the council's solidarity with the dilettantes among the city's economic elite. Those speaking for the Scandinavian interests included millionaires Maurie Jacobs and ex-mayor Les Anderson, a PR man for a radio station, and one or two gnathonic dabblers in the performing arts. Standing up for the people: only people.

The results were foregone.

The council members are parties to a fraud and unworthy of public trust. If they are up for re-election, they should be voted out. If they are holdovers or unopposed, they should be recalled. They are Emily Schue, Dick Hansen, Freeman Holmer, John Ball and Cynthia Wooten. Mayor Gus Keller is not running for re-election. Council member Brian Obie, the leading candidate for Keller's position, is our local "Great Communicator," whose blank face stares out at us from the sides of LTD busses. For mayor, better a Greek with sparkle than a man old before his time.

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