

opinion

Athletic department goes before the IFC

Tonight the incidental fee committee will hear one of the most important (and certainly one of the largest) budgets of the entire incidental fee funding process when it hears the University's athletic department plead its case. The athletic department is asking for an increase in student fee funding to \$850,000.

This \$225,000 increase amounts to \$21 per student per term of the total incidental fees paid by students. Since the 1981-82 biennium budget the athletic department's incidental fee assessment has hovered around \$14 per student per term. Students paid about \$17 per term this year. The assessment of \$21 requested by the athletic department is a significant jump.

We believe that it is of grave import to the students of this University to attend the incidental fee committee's hearing with the athletic department. Students who favor or oppose the athletic department's request should attend the committee's hearings. After all, it's your money.

We are not taking a position on the athletic department's request at this time. We are reserving any judgement on the matter until we hear the athletic department's reasons behind its fee request.

The athletic department is basing its substantial request on a formula set forth by the State Board of Higher Education in the summer of 1980 which approved an assessment of \$17 per student per term for the 1980-81 academic year. The board approved a formula that allowed incidental fees for the 1981-83 biennium "be increased only by an amount equal to the inflationary rate, but not to exceed \$1.50 per term during the 1981-82 academic year and an additional \$1.50 per term during the 1982-83 academic year." This increase would have permitted the athletic department to request \$18.50 for 1981-82 and \$20 for the 1982-83 academic year. It should be noted that the athletic department showed restraint and collected an average of \$13 per student per term in those years.

Furthermore, the athletic department refrained from following the board's formula and did not collect a possible \$60 per student (based on an enrollment of 15,500) for the 1982-83 academic year.

There has been a lot said about student ticket sales and the ASUO's ticket guarantee to the athletic department. In the initial request to the incidental fee committee, the athletic department announced the likelihood of free tickets for students if the department was funded as per the request. The athletic department has since rescinded that offer of free tickets.

There are many, many variables and contingencies in the athletic department's budget. Students should not pay incidental fees without examining what they are paying for. The hearing will be today at 5 p.m. in the Board Room, EMU 337. As we said before — it's your money, spend it wisely.

The unlikelihood of being in two places

A number of students and political-types noticed an extremely rare (gosh, almost unheard of) goof in the *Emerald's* "laundry list" of endorsements Monday.

Apparently, in the Republican races, the State Representative candidate in District 39 is not Mary McCauley Burrows, but Ron Eachus. Burrows is actually running in District 42. Burrows still has our endorsement — in either district.

Gee whiz, a *faux pax* like this is so unusual that we don't know if we should express our regrets to Eachus or Burrows or both. But don't you goof as well — vote today.



letters

Erroneous

Reading Randy Cook's article on the tuition waiver program gives the erroneous impression that I developed and manage that program. Credit for this excellent program should have been given to Peter Briggs, the foreign student adviser in the Office of International Services. He is the adviser in our office who has spent many hours developing contacts with the local school districts and foreign students to bring other cultures into the classrooms around Eugene and Springfield. This program is a model for universities around the country to follow and you should have given credit where credit was due.

Paul Primak

Sorry, closed

This is an open letter to the Athletic Department.

It is bad enough to not be able to park in the lot across from work which I, and other staff and students have paid good money to use, but to not be notified that the closure would happen ahead of time seems very slipshod to me. I called Campus Security this morning and learned that Steve McBride of the athletic department was supposed to have had signs posted about the closure to all but athletic supporters two days before, but that this was not done.

I need to know when I'm not going to be allowed to park in the lot I usually park in, that my staff parking sticker entitles me to space in, before the actual minute I'm trying to drive in so that I can get to work on time, and allow extra time to walk back from a further lot when I'm all congested with a cold and can barely breathe sitting down,

let alone fast-hiking to work.

Get it together, athletic department. Not all our lives revolve around athletic events.

Jesse Ledgerwood
staff, housing office

Well done

To the cast of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf" — I would like to commend you on a job well done.

Dedicating this play to black women here in Eugene (as well as everywhere else) brought out the realization of what we as black women have to go through. The play was easy to relate to and emotionally powerful. More ethnic theater is needed on this campus so that the small group of minorities here can have something to relate to; and more importantly (for a change), the white majority can have an opportunity to learn something at the same time.

After all, like Shange says, "Being black and being a woman is a metaphysical dilemma we have not yet conquered." And that is very real for every black woman here in Eugene and definitely on this campus no matter how hard you may try to ignore it.

It is too bad that the University has taken it upon itself to "lose out on a good thing." Keep your heads high, colored girls. The cast has too much talent to falter, and a director who is too dedicated to let this be the end. Keep smiling because something good is coming our way.

Lalita Annette Locket

Sour grapes

Three cheers for Russia. Their pullout from the Olympic Games has justifications that far exceed the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Olympics held in Moscow. Take the matter of how the two nations conduct war: Russia attacked Afghanistan with an out-front invasion; the U.S. sneaks around Central America greasing the palms of right wing military generals to do our dirty work. Neither country's military goals are honorable, but at least Russia calls a spade a spade (incidentally, the accusation that Russia and Cuba supply arms for leftwing guerrillas in El Salvador via Nicaragua has yet to be proven).

Nor has the kind of language used by Pres. Ronald Reagan to describe Russia the past few years been calculated to make Russian athletes feel at home in

the United States, let alone Los Angeles, the hotbed of a thousand horror stories, not least of which was the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

One parting shot; Russia's choice not to enter the games also makes sense athletically. Anyone who has attempted running in Los Angeles in August will discover that the twin enemies of heat and smog are positively destructive to the body. When you add to L.A.'s normal August smog the exhaust fumes of thousands of additional vehicles of those attending the games, you have a blueprint for an athletic nightmare.

Perhaps in time both countries may come to see that the Olympic Games should be one arena in this world where politics stays home. But for the time being, the U.S. has no ground for planting sour grapes.

Stuart Shaw

Nausea

I would like to publicly disclose how nauseous I was after receiving, as other seniors did, the "LIBRARY: Project '84; 1984 Senior Class Giving" brochure in the mail.

It's not that I object to giving to the library. I believe it needs all the money it can get, especially for "periodicals, books, and computer systems" instead of hiring more middle management. I even intend to cough up \$15 per year for three years because being the benevolent soul I am, I figure that I can decide I owe the University more than a "good-bye." Who knows? Maybe my pledge will prevent the number of pledgers from dropping again to less than 64 who signed away \$45 last year.

What I do object to is the false advertising. Contrary to what University Librarian George Shipman says in the brochure, the senior class hasn't decided this year, nor for several years, to give a gift to the University. The statement, not just an implication, that it has is absurd, and the potential donors know it, if they aren't actually offended. I suggest that in the future that SUCK...er, SURC...clean up its act for the sake of accuracy and say, "SURC seniors and others who are willing to say just about anything suggest that their classmates give to the University library, but contributions to other parts of the University are appreciated as well," etc.

Dane Claussen

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