

ASUO revises procedure in affirmative action plan

By Julie Shippen
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The ASUO Executive has revised a section of the new 1984-85 Green Tape Notebook in response to the complaints of a student who believes the book's omission of an affirmative action policy was more deliberate than inadvertent.

Members of the ASUO say the accusations of Adam Apalategui, who is a member of the Incidental Fee Committee and the EMU board of directors, are concerned with more than the affirmative action policy itself.

Apalategui says the ASUO has shown a "lack of consideration" for affirmative action and a general disregard for the ASUO Constitution in its yearly revision of the Executive's Green Tape Notebook.

His main concern, he says, regards a change in a section of the handbook that lists campus minority groups that, under ASUO affirmative action guidelines, should receive notices of job descriptions as ASUO positions become available.

In the revised 1984-85 Green Tape Notebook, 11 of the groups listed were deleted and the responsibility of distributing ASUO job descriptions was shifted to the ASUO as it received such notices from campus programs.

Apalategui claims the deletion was not a mere oversight, as three programs still remained on the list, and he believes the ASUO acted in a "callous"

manner toward the omitted minority groups.

"I'm concerned that they've sent the message to groups that they don't really care about this (affirmative action)," Apalategui says. He also accuses the Executive of violating the ASUO Constitution by making the revision without the review of other student groups, a process included in the Constitution's bylaws.

But John Dreeszen, ASUO finance director and coordinator of the new notebook, says just the opposite is true regarding the ASUO's purpose in revising the list and of the office's attitude towards affirmative action.

"Anyone can walk into the (ASUO) office and see our hiring practices, and it becomes pretty obvious that affirmative action is alive and well," Dreeszen says.

Dreeszen says he abbreviated the notebook's list because he believed it was incomplete and says he changed the rule regarding distribution of notices as the original procedure had proven ineffective.

He says that his initial plan to put the ASUO in charge of sending out notices would have ensured that the notices be sent and would have saved the groups time and money in photocopying.

Dreeszen and other Executive members say that Apalategui is acting out of pettiness and attempting to blacken the image of the Davis administration before the coming ASUO elec-

tions. Apalategui has announced his candidacy for the presidency.

"If there's an issue, it's with procedure and not policy," Dreeszen says. "Coming from Adam, I can't help but smell the political overtones."

Dreeszen also believes Apalategui is bitter about the outcome of last spring's elections and that he is reflecting the "sour grapes" of those on the Students for a Progressive Agenda ticket who were defeated.

ASUO President Julie Davis states firmly that the revision was an "inadvertent omission" and not the intentional stab at affirmative action that Apalategui believes it was.

"Adam (Apalategui) chose to interpret this in a very negative fashion and that was never the intention," she says. "It's unfortunate."

Davis adds that while the ASUO may have made a mistake in deleting the groups from the list, the error is no reflection of the office's views towards minorities.

"This shouldn't be construed as a lack of interest in the affirmative action policies on the part of the Executive," Davis says. "This office has a very dedicated attitude towards affirmative action."

Since the revision of the notebook, Apalategui says he has dropped possible plans of a formal complaint through the Constitution Court.



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Tournament to aid disabled

By Cynthia Whitfield
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The Easter Seal Society is organizing the First Annual Volleyball Tournament in an attempt to raise money for local support services to disabled children and adults.

"Students should form teams of about 10 people and call us to receive registration forms," says Midge Teltzer, Easter Seal staff member. "We also have sponsors' forms for team members to take to local businesses or friends to raise money. There's a \$100 fee to enter, but you play without cost if you raise enough money through sponsors," Teltzer says.

All participating teams will play a two-hour mini-tournament and will receive 10 T-shirts and a plaque for participating. Interested persons should call Easter Seals at 344-2247 as soon as possible and ask for registration forms, Teltzer says.

The team raising the most money will receive a night on the town for 20 persons, including a privately catered steak dinner at the Eugene Hilton and tickets to the Hult Center. Other prizes include sweatshirts and souvenir caps for teams raising more than \$200 and special prizes for managers of teams raising more than \$250.

The tournament will be held Feb. 23 at Thurston Middle School in Springfield. All

revenue goes to support Easter Seals. "We're a non-profit organization and we always need the money," Teltzer says.

Easter Seals Society is a treatment center and mobile therapy clinic. The organization also functions as a screening center to help detect learning disabilities in pre-school children. In addition, the staff operates a therapy pool, a loan-out service for special equipment and a summer camp for adults and children.

Meanwhile, Easter Seals also is sponsoring "Coffee Day" through Jan. 25. More than 100 restaurants in Eugene and Springfield will sell Easter Seal Coffee Day buttons for \$1 each.

Anyone wearing the button on Jan. 25 will be entitled to unlimited coffee or tea at participating restaurants. All funds collected through the program go to the Easter Seal Society.

"I'd like a lot of college students to be involved in both activities," area coordinator Christie McDonald says. "As for the volleyball tournament, I think it would be fun to see the University play against other colleges in the area," McDonald says.

"We're very proud of our record. Seventy percent of each dollar donated goes directly to help the disabled, and 90 percent of each dollar stays in Oregon, most of it ending up back in Eugene," McDonald says.

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