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Play it again

Students enjoyed the soulful piano playing of Seattle-based Jonny Hahn late Monday afternoon in the EMU courtyard. Hahn, who plays a 66-key piano as opposed to a typical 88-key, plays for donations, and says he's "just bopping around."

Photo by Derrel Hewitt

Insurance carrier seeks aid from board

By Carolyn Lamberson
Of the Emerald

Keystone Life Insurance Co. of Dallas, Texas, the current ASUO student health insurance carrier, has requested assistance from the Texas Board of Insurance in regards to some financial difficulty the company is undergoing at this time.

The company asked the Texas Insurance Commissioner to become responsible for running the company, a procedure known as conservatorship, said Jim Odiorne, the state board conservator of Keystone.

A memo sent to the ASUO insurance office dated Jan. 28 from Keystone official John Gutschlag said Keystone had voluntarily requested assistance from the Texas Board of Insurance in obtaining reinsurance.

Steve Beckley, an account executive at Byerly and Co. of Denver, Colo., said there were no indications that could have led anyone to believe Keystone would have financial difficulty. Beckley worked with Cramer

and Giles, a Eugene insurance consultant agency in negotiating the contract between ASUO and Keystone.

"Student insurance carriers are basically very small companies and they don't have enough assets themselves to hold all of the risk they want to underwrite. So what they do is, they join with other companies in holding the risk, and this allows them to write new business and grow without having to develop the capital assets to do that," Beckley said. "This is a very common practice in the health insurance industry, particularly in student insurance."

"Apparently, this year they had trouble placing these reinsurance contracts so apparently they did not have enough reserves in relation to the risk. The state department of insurance mandates that the insurance carrier have a certain amount of reserves in relation to the amount of insurance coverage they hold on risk."

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Law school looks at minority representation

By Stan Nelson
Of the Emerald

When Assistant Law School Dean Peggi Nagae submitted her resignation to the University fall term 1986, she left as the last minority law school faculty or law school administration representative.

And while Nagae said her departure from the University occurred on agreeable terms and her decision to leave was based on a career move, Nagae's resignation, along with

'Obviously it is a high priority. It's something the faculty appointment committee has been trying to solve.'

— Charles Finke

Associate Law Professor Linda Greene, marks the third minority faculty member to leave the law school since Law School Dean Derrick Bell's resignation in June 1985.

Nagae, whose resignation

became effective Dec. 16, currently is preparing for the Washington state bar exams before beginning employment in March at the Seattle law firm of Betts, Patterson and Mines. She said the timing of her

departure coincided with the end of the term.

Parting with the University will allow her the opportunity to actively practice law again, Nagae said.

"I hope people will look at

minority representation at the law school," she said. She stressed that this comment has no connection to her decision to pursue private practice. The University Law School is the only public law school in Oregon.

During the annual law faculty hiring conference in Chicago in November 1986, the law school interviewed eight minority candidates from a pool of 32 for two

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IFC fails to fund USSA, Rape Crisis gets increase

By Betsy Clayton
Of the Emerald

The Incidental Fee Committee failed to grant funds to the United States Student's Association at the end of a three-and-a-half-hour session Monday night but did allocate \$30,516 to four other University organizations.

The Rape Crisis Network received a 158 percent increase in funds, the Jewish Student Union and the Amazon Child Care Center were allocated the amounts they requested, while the Latin American Support Committee took a decrease in requested funding.

The motion to fund USSA \$9,000 with a budget note proposal attached failed in a 4-2 vote. This was the third time USSA discussion had come before the IFC. Last week the motion to grant the organization

zero dollars failed in a 3-3 vote.

After arguing about the deadlock situation left from last week's meetings, committee member Laurie Clark moved to fund USSA the original \$9,000. Clarifying the issue, IFC chairwoman Jodie Mooney said, "If this fails then USSA will be able to appeal in the April hearings."

USSA is an organization with the purpose of building student government and carrying the voice of students across the nation, said Caitlin Cameron, chair of the Northwest Regional District of USSA. Last year IFC granted the group \$9,000.

Committee member Ron Munion said, "The group had its chance to paint a record that was acceptable, and in my view it has not. I won't change my

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Marie Talbot

Citizens testify against proposed condo ordinance

By Jolayne Houtz
Of the Emerald

A standing-room-only crowd in the Eugene City Council chambers heard more than two hours of public testimony Monday night, most of it opposing a proposed ordinance change that could leave a number of elderly, handicapped and low-income apartment residents homeless.

The Eugene Planning Commission's proposal would allow apartment owners to convert their buildings into condominiums for sale without finding comparable housing for "special category" residents — the elderly, handicapped and low income.

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