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Agreement failure prompts proposal to axe student aid

By Stanley Nelson
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SALEM — Oregon should not provide financial aid for its students attending Washington higher education institutions, the House Education Committee recommended Tuesday.



Legislative issues

Senate Bill 391, which the committee passed unanimously, seeks to abolish a state provision that allows recipients of Oregon need grants to use their grants in Washington. The bill now moves to the House floor for a vote.

The reciprocal need-grant program is part of a program between Washington

and Oregon that allows for a reciprocal amount of students to attend each other's colleges and universities and pay in-state tuition.

When the program was implemented, Washington gave its assurances it would support the program and allow its students to use their need grants at Oregon institutions, said Jeff Lee, the Oregon State Scholarship Commission director.

However, "the state did not reciprocate," he said.

House Education Chairman Rep. Bruce Hugo, D-Scappoose, expressed his dismay with representatives of Washington's grant program who did not implement their part of an otherwise acceptable program.

"It upsets me — we worked real hard" putting the proposal together during the

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Photo by Bobbie Lo

(From left) Lien Shutt, Geo. Ann Baker, Roderica Bell and Sharon Elise, members of the Coalition of Women of Color, charged that minorities were left out of the planning for the Women's Symposium.

Minorities charge racism; ASUO cancels symposium

By Laurie Schwartz
Of the Emerald

The ASUO Executive voted Monday night to cancel the Women's Symposium following a boycott by a variety of minority groups who charged that due to racism they had been excluded from the planning of the symposium.

The symposium, titled "Images of Women," had been scheduled to run from today through Sunday and was to include 43 speakers and panelists. The annual event is organized by the ASUO Women's Task Force.

More than 10 scheduled speakers and panelists had withdrawn from the symposium in support of the Coalition of Women of Color, which organized the boycott.

The coalition includes representatives from the Black Student Union, the Asian/Pacific Student Union, the Native American Student Union and minority faculty and staff members from the University.

Two events scheduled for the symposium will be held under different sponsorship with the approval of the coalition. Human rights activist Isabel Letelier from Chile will speak at 8

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Emerald board selects new editor

By Sarah Kitchen
Of the Emerald

Increasing the accessibility of the Oregon Daily Emerald to both students and University employees is one goal of the paper's new editor, Stanley Nelson.

"One of my main goals is to help to dispel the notion of the Emerald being an elitist organization," Nelson said.

The Emerald board of directors chose Nelson to be the 1987-88 editor Tuesday night. Nelson, a senior in journalism, is currently the assistant editor of Spectrum magazine, the Emerald's Thursday supplement. He also has covered university affairs and student government for the Emerald and has served as a night

editor for the publication since January of this year.

Nelson stressed that if a student wants to write for the Emerald, there is no reason why he or she should hesitate to do so.

"A person who wants to write for the Emerald needs to indicate a willingness to write, but if they have a desire to write for the publication, there is no reason why they can't get involved," he said.

To make the Emerald more accessible to the faculty at the University, Nelson would like to consult them when national issues occur that could have an

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SPA looks at Executive loss as incentive to revive party, leaders say

By Carolyn Lamberson
Of the Emerald

Members of Students for a Progressive Agenda dispute claims that the results of last week's ASUO election signify the demise of the student political party.

For the first time in two years, the SPA-endorsed presidential ticket failed to gain office. Since then, many observers have said the election was the end of SPA.

SPA doesn't agree, however.

Deb Liebowitz, the current ASUO program coordinator and SPA campaign manager, said the election was not a severe blow to the organization.

"It has its successes, and it has its failures," she said. "Not only did we win the IFC (Incidental Fee Committee), but we have a five-person majority, and that's going to make a difference."

The five SPA-endorsed committee members include Laurie Clark and Bob Baldwin, entering the second year of their two-year terms; Armando Morales, who was just re-elected to his second two-year term; and Steve Hoyt and Kristin Teigen, both entering one-year positions.

Mike Sauerwein, the campaign manager for Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership, whose presidential ticket was victorious in the election, said he agrees with SPA members about the group's viability.

"Anyone who says SPA has died is dead wrong," he said, and added it is good to have two active political parties in the government system.

"And if there are going to be two political parties on campus, I would just as soon like the other one besides ours to be SPA," he said, explaining that the group usually makes intelligent decisions and is

generally pretty easy to work with.

Liebowitz said a year out of the Executive will be good for SPA and will allow individual members to recharge their energy.

"I think it's good for a change," she said, adding change was part of why the group originally formed. "We've always been an underdog organization."

SPA formed five years ago when a group of non-traditional students banded together to challenge the Greek-dominated government. Since then the group has consistently dealt with groups traditionally under-represented or underfunded by student government and focuses on issues of student empowerment.

Joern Wettern, currently on the EMU Board, has been involved with SPA for the past few election campaigns.

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In 'touch' with nature

All right, kids, this zoo's not just for you. "The New Zoo," according to founder Bob Beisser, "is not just for kids, but for everyone."

The "zoo" comprises exhibits that include live animals and slides. Although most of the animals are reptiles, a chimpanzee, a cougar and a wolf are scheduled to join the traveling menagerie in May.

The New Zoo will return to Eugene on May 16 at the Amazon Community Center.

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