

## County's 1987-88 budget expands health services

By Alicia Gano  
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Funding for a new county epidemiologist was tentatively gained Tuesday night when the Lane County Budget Committee approved the county's 1987-88 budget. The budget now moves to the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

The county has requested an epidemiologist for the last several years to coordinate a communicable disease program, but could not get the funding, said Jeanette Bobst, program manager for Public Health, a division of the county's Health and Human Services department.

Bobst attributed this to poor economic conditions within the county and said other health department staff have been haphazardly handling problems in the area of communicable disease for the last several years.

Hepatitis outbreaks in Lane County have soared in the last two years, and the problem of AIDS is now becoming a grave concern, Bobst said. The epidemiologist would "problem solve and develop control measures" for all communicable diseases within the county including tuberculosis, venereal diseases and giardia, she added.

The epidemiologist would assist county health administrators with other non-communicable diseases, including toxic shock syndrome, hazardous waste problems and pesticides, when they pose health hazards, she said.

With approximately one million dollars more in county funds available this year, Bobst thinks its hopeful the board of commissioners will approve their request for the epidemiologist and staff support.

The additional funds result from federal timber revenues the county will receive this year, called O & C funds, according to Ken Champion, administrative services officer for the Department of Health and Human Resources.

The transfer of O & C funds to counties originated with a railroad that ran between Oregon and California on lands provided from federal grants. Eventually the railroad went under and the government took back the land, consolidated it and gave it to the Bureau of Land Management to manage for timber, Champion said.

As the timber was harvested and sold, 50 percent of the proceeds went back to the surrounding counties to offset property taxes they lost after the land was no longer privately owned, Champion said.

Over the last year more timber has been harvested by contractors who bought the timber at lower bid prices and were able to sell it at a profit, Champion said.

Lane County's budget typically contains anywhere from \$8 to \$10 million in O & C funds, Champion said. But this year, because of better economic conditions, the county has an extra \$1 million to spend on needed services.

## Harassment policies are topic of forum

By Michael Rivers  
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The University Committee on the Status of Women is asking for public input on proposed changes in University policies on sexual harassment at an open forum today.

The committee plans to present what it sees as problems in current policies and proposed solutions to those problems. The forum is the result of a request made by President Paul Olum in December asking the committee to pinpoint problems with, and to propose changes to, the University's sexual harassment policies.

"The purpose of the forum is for us (the committee) to bring in front of interested persons at the University our proposals and to get input from them on the ideas we have," said assistant geography Professor Pat McDowell, who chairs the committee.

After receiving Olum's request, the committee began its task by dividing into three subcommittees dealing with rules, policies and procedures, and education and public awareness, McDowell said. The subcommittees, each of which have met at least three to six times in the last three months, researched the issue by talking to people on campus, looking for previous documents or studies on sexual harassment and talking to people at other colleges and universities, she said.

"It turns out there's a lot of literature on sexual harassment," McDowell said, adding that the literature dealt with sexual harassment in almost every conceivable environment, whether it was on campuses or in the workplace.

McDowell hopes public input at the forum will serve to point out any areas the committee

may have overlooked in its research or what the proposed solutions may lack, she said.

The committee plans to incorporate input from the forum into a "real rough draft" of ideas it has come up with so far, McDowell said. When the committee continues its work in the fall, it will try to formulate those ideas into a new set of rules and procedures and write it up into final form, she said.

When completed in a "fairly final form," a draft of proposed changes will be circulated around campus for more input, and then a final draft will be presented to Olum with a recommendation that a new set of administrative rules be adopted, McDowell said. If Olum accepts the committee's recommendation, the final draft will enter the legal process for adoption of those rules, she said.

## Students to receive free athletic tickets

By Carolyn Lamberson  
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The Incidental Fee Committee on Wednesday unanimously approved the contract between the ASUO and the Athletic Department.

The contract outlines the incidental fee subsidy the Athletic Department received in the recent ASUO elections. The subsidy equals \$1,155,000 and will go toward non-revenue producing sports. In exchange, there will be an unlimited number of free student tickets to the non-revenue events, 6,000 free tickets for football and 3,583 for men's basketball.

The contract guarantees student sections in Autzen Stadium and McArthur Court. Any student seats available seven working days before a game can be sold to the general public.

Tickets will not be required for events other than football and men's basketball. However, students wishing to attend the

women's game of a men's and women's doubleheader will need a ticket.

For fall events, student tickets can be picked up with a spring and summer fee card or letter of admission and photo I.D. Corresponding fee cards will be required for winter and spring events. Students must show a ticket and photo I.D. to attend football and men's basketball.

Football tickets will be distributed game by game, while men's basketball tickets will be distributed in pairs.

The clause that prevented the contract from being approved last week dealt with tickets for spouses or spousal equivalents. As approved, spouses and spousal equivalents can receive free student tickets and attend events free of charge if their status is approved by the ASUO Executive. The Executive certification must be shown at entry as well. The criteria for accepting spouse/spousal equivalent will be determined

by the incoming Executive.

In the event of post-season play, and if there is a need to change any of the conditions, the athletic director or designate shall consult with the ASUO president.

The final condition of the contract prohibits use of incidental fees for construction or maintenance at Hayward Field and Autzen Stadium. Also prohibited is fee usage for dome construction at Autzen.

The contract will be signed by IFC Chairwoman Jodie Mooney, Associate Athletic Director Chris Voelz, Athletic Director Bill Byrne, ASUO President Steve Nelson and Vice President for Administration Dan Williams.

Mooney said she was pleased with both the process and the product.

"The actual negotiation process went smoothly," she said. "It was a pleasure to work with Chris Voelz."

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