

Natural Museum short on funds

By Carolyn Lamberson
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The Incidental Fee Committee on Thursday granted a \$11,810 request from the Museum of Natural History for completion of the exhibit area in the recently constructed building.

The museum was located on the site of the University's \$45.3 million science complex and was forced to relocate last spring when construction of the two-year project began. The new museum is now located on E. 15th Avenue across from the Bean Dormitory complex and was constructed with Department of Energy and private funds, according to a budget proposal submitted by Margie Marino, a student museum employee.

Nevertheless, with the construction and the transfer from the old, outdated building to the new one, the museum has run out of funds for the completion of the exhibit area, Marino said. The area currently is being built with materials salvaged from the old museum, Marino added.

The problem is there is no one to do the work needed because the museum lacks the funding to pay wages high enough to keep talented people, Marino said.

The only question raised by the committee centered on the ability of the museum to receive funding. The committee is responsible for allocating students' incidental fees (about \$70 a student a term) to pro-

grams that meet statutory funding requirements.

According to IFC and state guidelines, groups eligible for funding generally are not University departments and can provide for the cultural and physical development of students.

In discussion about the museum's fundability, committee member Armando Morales raised the essential question of funding eligibility, and Chairman Bob Baldwin told the committee his research found the museum to be independent of, but still connected to, the University like some other IFC-funded groups.

ASUO Finance Coordinator Mike Sauerwein in giving the ASUO Executive's recommendation said the Executive's only concern was if the committee would go on record as deciding it wasn't a University department and thus fundable.

"Other than that, it has our whole-hearted support."

Baldwin also voiced his support for the museum.

"With the move and the new building, there is a potential for this thing (the museum) to really go. But if it's left, it could stagnate."

The committee voted 3-0 to allocate the funds from the IFC's surplus account.

The committee also granted three separate requests from the University Forensics team. Two of the requests dealt with funding for additional tournaments, while the third was a loan for a copy machine. The team, which does little of its

own fundraising, will pay the committee back in \$200-a-year installments.

In other business, the committee granted a small request from Project Safeide and approved a proposal made by the Student Activities Resource Office. The committee will establish 25 \$30 grants for University students to attend the Association of College Unions-International Region 14 Fall Conference to be held at the University Oct. 22-24. The conference offers seminars on leadership skills, multicultural awareness and issues and programming.

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'Don't start,' warns doctor

By Bryan Houston
Emerald Contributor

The goal of the American Cancer Society's recently launched program for a "Tobacco-Free Young America by the year 2000" is to raise a generation of non-smokers by educating today's youth about the dangers of smoking, according to a physician who spoke at the Eugene Hilton Friday.

Dr. Charles LeMaistre, former national president of the ACS, was in Eugene for the Oregon Division of the society's annual meeting.

The idea for the program was based on Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's recent speech calling for a smoke-free young America by the year 2000 and an ACS meeting with Koop to work toward this goal, LeMaistre said.

Based on ACS research, 85

percent of teenagers who experiment with smoking become addicted after only three packs, LeMaistre said. The majority of all Americans who smoke want to give up the habit but believe they can't, he said.

"Don't start — that is the message that young America needs to get," LeMaistre said.

According to ACS research, 350,000 to 500,000 people die

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