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OSL sets sights on next year *Athletic deficit, financial aid targeted issues*

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Emerald Contributor

Getting the athletic department out of debt and lobbying for more financial aid for minorities are two of the Oregon Student Lobby's goals for the next school year, said new ASUO vice president Sheila Stickel.

Stickel said the OSL is currently organizing its agenda for the 1990-91 year.

Concerns the OSL feel are most worthy of attention are collegiate athletic funding, financial aid, disabled access and faculty salaries.

"It is going to be very important this summer to get in contact with legislators and to make sure we're pushing funding for higher education," Stickel said.

Student participation is also important to accomplish OSL goals, she said.

"When you have numbers it really says something," she said. "Just getting involved before it's too late is very important. Once you lose something, the struggle to get it back is so much harder."

Athletic Department

According to an OSL memorandum, the total Athletic Department deficit in Oregon is approximately \$5.7 million.

Oregon State University is \$2.9 million in debt, followed by Portland State University with \$1.9 million and this University with \$.9 million. Eastern Oregon State College is less than \$20,000 in debt while Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon State College and Western Oregon State College together are less than \$10,000 in debt.

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education will meet June 14 to determine how Oregon colleges and universities will pay off their deficits.

"It's up to the state board," said Steve Hellyer, University sports information director. "The ball's in their court."

Dave Williford, sports information assistant director, said the board will decide on a solution for all the schools in the state system and not just for the University.

He said the board is considering many options, from waiving the deficits entirely to making schools come up

with solutions for themselves.

"As all the schools involved, we're hoping for assistance of some sort," Williford said.

Stickel said the OSL is advocating for each school to continue being responsible for its own debt, rather than having smaller schools help pay off the deficit for larger schools.

Stickel added that the OSL does not want to see the burden of a larger debt placed on the whole state, whether it be with solutions for themselves.

"We have some control through our pocketbooks," she said. She said approximately \$30 per student per term goes to the Incidental Fee Committee. The IFC, in turn, allocates funds to the Athletic Department.

Although the IFC granted the Athletic Department's requested zero percent increase in funds to match last year's \$1.2 million budget, Stickel said, "Sometimes they have trouble challenging the Athletic Department because they're such a powerful

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Forum to discuss affirmative action

MEETINGS

Women's Sexual Identity Group meets today from noon to 1 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room D.

Korean Christian Fellowship meets today at 4 at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

Chapela from the Biotechnology Laboratory in Basel, Switzerland. The lecture will be given at 3:30 in Room 110 Willamette.

MISCELLANEOUS

Faith Center Bible Study will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Faith Center, 1057 Patterson St.

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SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

"**Combating Discrimination: Affirming Your Action**" is the title of a speakers' forum on affirmative action and discrimination, to be held today from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Instructional Media Center.

"**A Friendly Message on the Wall: Specific Recognition in the Establishment of a Fungus/Tree-Endophytic Symbiosis**" is the title of a presentation to be presented today by Dr. Ignacio

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