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Several faculty could stand to lose their jobs at the University in the next couple of years due to additional budget problems brought about by Measure 5.

Because of this, the University can expect to lose faculty not only to these cuts, but also to universities across the country that can offer more secure and stable employment.

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International

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III is sounding out Saudi Arabia and Syria on an Israeli proposal for Mideast peace talks that drew a positive response from Egypt.

"Any instrument that can lead us to a peaceful solution I'm sure Egypt is willing to support," Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said Wednesday night after Baker outlined the Israeli plan.

Baker today turned to Saudi Arabia for an appraisal. After meeting Egypt with Prince Saud, the foreign minister, he flies to Damascus for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Sports



Jeff Thomason

Oregon's spring football practices get under way Monday and there are several questions that need to be answered both on offense and defense.

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ASUO releases investigation documents

By Daralyn Trappe
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Incidental Fee Committee Chairman Mike Colson said investigation documents released Wednesday will help prove he did not alter minutes from an IFC meeting.

ASUO Affirmative Action Coordinator Bobby Lee, who conducted an investigation into the alleged note-tampering along with ASUO President Kirk Bailey, said the release will substantiate their claim Colson was responsible.

Bailey and Lee released their conclusion that Colson was responsible last week. At that time, Bailey stated he had compelling evidence that Colson was responsible for altering the minutes of the Jan. 31 IFC meeting. He also said he would not release the

content of interviews and other documents for reasons of confidentiality.

Colson, who is a candidate for ASUO president, has repeatedly stated he was not responsible. He plans to file a complaint with the Constitution Court stating that the investigation was not legal under ASUO Executive Rules.

In a press conference last Friday, Colson questioned Bailey's objectivity, denounced the procedure with which the investigation was conducted and questioned how he could adequately defend himself if specific information would not be released. Colson also authorized release of the contents of his interviews with Lee and Bailey.

While the ASUO has released most information, certain testimonies were considered too private, Lee said at a press confer-

ence. The majority of evidence used in determining Colson's responsibility was released, Lee said.

The investigation began after a formal complaint was filed by IFC note-taker Lydia Lerma. She stated that the minutes to the Jan. 31 IFC meeting had been altered. The part of the minutes that Lerma claimed were altered concerned an informal complaint that Eric Ward, co-director of the Black Student Union, had brought against Colson.

Lerma stated she discovered the alteration on Feb. 11.

"He stated that he never used the computer from (Feb.) 4 to 11," Lee said. "We found that to be contradictory ... There's a

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Candidates for ASUO president and vice president (from left to right) Scott Dunlap, Connie Seeley, Mike Colson, Barclay Grayson, Jennifer Bills and JoSonja Watson debated issues at the first debate of the election season.

Candidates disagree little in first debate

By Catherine Hawley
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Three sets of candidates for ASUO president and vice president differed very little in their views on issues such as family housing policy and campus safety at the first debate of the election season Wednesday night.

The most emotional issue to arise was a recent ASUO investigation, which found Incidental Fee Committee Chairman Mike Colson, also an ASUO presidential candidate, responsible for altering the minutes from a January IFC meeting.

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Tagliabue asks Legislature to kill lottery

From staff and wire reports

Just when the Sports Action lottery game appears to be in the clear, it finds itself face-to-face with yet another tackler.

National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue initiated the latest in a long line of challenges on Wednesday by urging Oregon lawmakers to kill the Oregon Lottery game, saying it "brings ugliness" to professional sporting events.

Tagliabue, appearing before a legislative panel in Salem, said the Sports Action game undermines public confidence in the integrity of professional football games.

"It removes the conviction that the games are tough, head-to-head competition," Tagliabue told the House State and Federal Affairs Committee.

Oregon Athletic Director Bill Byrne, a member of the legislative panel, called Tagliabue's reasons for banning the game "preposterous."

Oregon football Coach Rich Brooks said Tagliabue's argument was sound philosophically but that the current financial situation doesn't allow him to

Sees Sports Action as 'undermining'

look at the issue that way.

"(Sports Action) is the only avenue of support that the state system has provided for intercollegiate athletics," Brooks said.

The best chance to improve funding for intercollegiate athletics in Oregon lies with a bill that would give the majority of Sports Action revenue to the state's colleges and universities, Byrne said.

The bill has passed in the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate.

As it stands now, revenue from Sports Action is used to fill gaps in the general fund with only surplus funds being distributed to colleges.

The Oregon Lottery Commission began the weekly Sports Action game two years ago on orders from the Legislature to raise money for college sports programs.

In the game, a \$1 investment allows players to try to predict the outcome of some or all of the 14 weekly NFL games against the point spreads set by

a Nevada oddsmaker.

Oregon is the only state that offers a lottery game tied to NFL games, but other states are considering launching similar lotteries. This fact is a major reason Tagliabue is working so hard to stop the game, Byrne said.

"The reason he is opposed to it here," Byrne said, "is because of the precedent it sets nationwide."

Appearing with Tagliabue was Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Bryan Hinkle, who attended the University on a football scholarship.

Hinkle told the lawmakers he's worried that a game like Sports Action could make his children and other young people more interested in point spreads than in how their favorite team is doing.

"I want them to grow up collecting football cards rather than worrying about betting on games," Hinkle said.

The testimony by Tagliabue and Hinkle came on two bills that would prohibit lotteries based on sports events.

Tagliabue told the House committee that the NFL considers the Sports Action game a "misappropriation" of the league's product.

"We create the great games, and now someone else is selling our games," he said.

The NFL commission said the league's fundamental disagreement with the game is that it puts professional sporting events under a cloud.

"Oregon's sports lottery inevitably creates a climate of suspicion about controversial plays in NFL games and intensifies cynicism with respect to the outcome of NFL games," he said.

Several members of the House committee quizzed Tagliabue about why the league hasn't taken the offensive against large-scale football betting that goes on in Las Vegas.

Tagliabue responded that gambling is an entrenched industry in Las Vegas that's been legal for 50 years.

"We're not condoning it or supporting it," he said. "But it's a reality of life."