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The ASUO Constitution Court declined a second time to rule whether members of the Incidental Fee Committee are shirking their duties by suspending budget hearings indefinitely.

Chastising the ASUO Executive for engaging in "petty political intrigue," the court ruled Thursday that it would not reconsider an earlier decision on IFC members' fulfillment of duties.

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Entertainment

Are you tired of the same old buddy/road movies that have polluted our movie screens for umpteen years? Of course you are. *Leningrad Cowboys Go America* does what should be done with such a cliché: It turns it on its ear.

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Sports

Oregon men's track Coach Bill Dellinger admits he hasn't filled out any pre-meet form charts for this weekend's Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Tempe, Ariz.

But even without any elaborate statistical rankings, Dellinger knows Washington State is an overwhelming favorite for the team title.

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Oregon's biggest obstacle at winning this weekend's Pacific-10 Conference women's track and field championships might not be the favored UCLA Bruins.

It may be the hot weather.

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Events

John Frohnmayer, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, will deliver the commencement address at the 105th annual University School of Law Commencement on Sunday, May 19.

The commencement ceremony, honoring 164 graduates, will begin at 1 p.m. in the Silva Concert Hall at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts, One Eugene Center. The event is open to the public.



Militant military protest

A burning American flag and provocative poetry punctuated a protest Thursday against military recruitment at the University. The demonstration, which ended with almost 40 people marching into President Myles Brand's Johnson Hall office, was sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance to oppose what protesters consider discriminatory military policies. See story, Page 16.

Photo by Jane Ballin

OPS investigation comes under fire

By Peter Cogswell and Daralyn Trappe
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An Office of Public Safety investigation into the distribution of provocative fliers may have damaged relations with the University's gay and lesbian community because the investigation targeted lesbians said several students who were involved.

The OPS investigation eventually ferreted out a woman student responsible for posting satirical fliers that made sexual connections between women and the Persian Gulf War. But OPS did not find the person responsible for posting two hate fliers aimed at minorities.

The woman responsible for posting the satirical fliers now faces prosecution under the Student Conduct Code for unauthorized use of University property.

Although the investigation did produce a suspect, several students questioned by OPS officers are angry about the treatment they received and the way the officers gathered information.

"The Office of Public Safety set about (conducting the investigation) in an unprecedented way," said Marlene Drescher, director of the Office of Student Advocacy. "They targeted identifiable lesbians."

Drescher, whose office is defending the accused student, said she was concerned because of the focus on lesbians, adding she believes the suspects were brought in "on the thinnest of evidence."

Drescher also said OPS mistreated suspects once they were brought into the office for questioning. She said the first suspect brought in for questioning was read her Miranda rights, implying it was implied right away that she was a criminal.

But OPS director Carey Drayton disagrees with those charges.

"Obviously that's not the case," he said. "We found limited facts and investigated to a logical conclusion. Unfortunately, in the nature of my job there are people who don't always want to tell the truth."

"We don't mistreat people, but we don't make them feel comfortable either," Drayton said. "It's an interrogation, not an interview."

Kirsten Henjum, Kristen Hammerstad and Lisa Lubbesmeyer were all questioned and accused of posting the fliers.

Hammerstad maintains that the investigation intimidated and degraded lesbians on campus.

"They have done more to make women and lesbians

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University Day involves grit, grime, community

By Brian Oxman
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Hauling barkdust, painting lampposts and power-washing fountains doesn't sound like a typical weekday for students and faculty members, yet many volunteered their time Thursday to beautify the campus for University Day.

More than 800 participants joined in an effort to promote campus unity and pride. Last year, more than 600 participants kicked off the first University Day in more than 80 years.

The result of University Day — which was funded through incidental fees, Physical Plant contributions and the Office of Student Affairs — was an aesthetically improved University.

But that's not the only objective, said Rasa Dale, a coordinator of the event.

"The physical aspect is to beautify the campus," she said, "but the psychological aspect is to bring people together. It's important for all kinds of student groups to work together and work through the stereotypes."

In keeping with the theme of working together, a bench designed and built by architecture student Tom Kittle was presented at a dedication ceremony Thursday afternoon.

Using a log donated by Sundance Lumber



University freshman Tonya Hilderth assaulted dirt and grime on the benches as she power-washed in front of the Knight Library during University Day.

of Springfield, Kittle designed a bench that he believes represents the timber issue.

"The log is being put through a machine that is creating a bench," he said. "Some of the tree is still whole, some chipped, and some a smooth bench."

Kittle's design, which took about three weeks to complete, was chosen from among 27 others in a contest sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

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