

Committees offer chance for student involvement

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Nearly every aspect of University life, from parking to the library, to the art museum and academic requirements, is touched on by a student/faculty committee.

The Student Senate is currently taking applications from students interested in a position on one of them. They are due Monday by 5 p.m. in the ASUO office in EMU Suite 4.

The committees are an offshoot of the Student Senate,

with each senator serving on a committee. The vice-president of the Senate, along with other members, is part of a committee on committees, which makes decisions on applications for committee members. However, each committee, once formed, is free to choose its own organizational structure.

The faculty members on these committees are not appointed, but share the same responsibilities and powers as their student counterparts.

"It's a case of existing as equals and talking as equals,"

said Student Senate president Christi Drue. "It's also a great way to get to know the faculty, too."

Committee work offers a great way to become involved with student issues, said Student Senator John Thomas.

Some committees, such as the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, the Student Conduct Committee, and the ones that address environmental issues are the most popular.

"I'd recommend people who apply to pick their top three or four," Thomas said.

The responsibilities the committees have range from budgetary ones, like the Student Health Center Committee, which approves the budget and student fees for the Health Center, to advisory responsibilities, like the Ethnic Studies Committee.

In the past, student/faculty committees implemented an Asian-American studies class, and stopped efforts to reduce student rights in academic dishonesty cases.

In addition, the Campus Planning Committee, which ad-

resses campus development, like buildings, parking, and landscaping, organized a bench design contest as part of University Day last year, selected the site for the bench, and voted on the winning design.

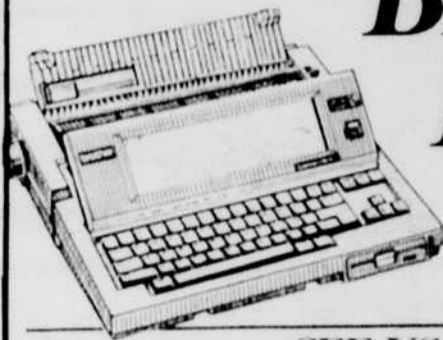
Thomas said that budgetary issues, particularly those pertaining to Measure 5, will probably be major topics in the committees, as well as other issues of interest.

Changes to the committees this year include the addition of an Environmental Issues Committee, and the appointment of a member of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, a first for animal rights groups.

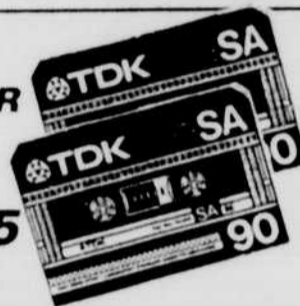
The following is a list of all the committees and the number of student positions available. For more detailed information, contact the ASUO:

- Academic Requirements — 3.
- Academic Standards — 3.
- Advising — 2.
- Campus Planning — 5.
- Curriculum — 1.
- Equal Employment Opportunity — 3.
- Environmental Issues — 6.
- Ethnic Studies — 5.
- Faculty Personnel Committee — 2.
- Foreign Study Programs — 2.
- Graduate Council — 1 grad. student.
- Intercollegiate Athletics — 3.
- Instit. Animal Care and Use Comm. — 1.
- Library — 2.
- Minority Education Council — 4.
- Museum of Art Advisory — 3.
- ROTC Advisory — 3.
- Safety Advisory — 3.
- Scholarships — 2.
- Scholastic Review — 4.
- Status of Women — 3.
- Student Conduct — 4.
- Student-Faculty Comm. on Grievances — 4.
- Student Financial Aid Advisory — 3.
- Student Health Center Committee — 5.
- Teacher Education — 3.
- Traffic Appeals Board — 2.
- University Appeals Board — 3.

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ple," Birr said. "That's real different for Eugene."

Secondly, those involved in the weekend's incidents took their problems out in the open, Birr said. When police have intervened in confrontations in the past it's been primarily at private parties.

The good weather, alcohol and a football weekend all may have played a part in the disturbances, Birr said.

Though University students were not involved in last weekend's incidents, University security were in meetings Tuesday deliberating their response, said an Office of Public Safety spokesman.

Donald Lee, OPS associate director, said OPS Director Carey Drayton would have definite plans about the University's response by late Tuesday night or early today.

The large number of people who gather on 13th Street near the University makes confrontations more likely, Birr said.

"On the street of 13th there are lots of groups and players," Birr said. "It's very unique in the mix of people we have up there. It's one place when you have students coming and going from class and open businesses. It's very different around midnight and early morning."

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