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Meet the press

Oregon cross country runner Lucy Nusrula is swarmed by the cameras after finishing first Saturday in the women's Jeff Drenth Memorial Cross Country race at Alton Baker Park. See Page 8 for the story.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

Athletic bailout angers some

By Dennis Fitzgerald
Emerald Reporter

Not everyone at the University is cheering the State Board of Higher Education's proposal to bail out deficit-ridden athletic programs at three Oregon colleges.

A number of student leaders appeared at the board's hearing on the University campus last Thursday to berate the plan, which calls for permanent state subsidies for athletic departments at the University, Oregon State University and Portland State University.

The proposal also includes nearly \$3.5 million in cash payments to help relieve a total of \$6 million in athletics budget deficits at the three schools.

The University's athletic department is approximately \$1.7 million in debt. Oregon State University owes about \$3 million, while Portland State owes close to \$1.6 million.

The deficits accumulated because the schools' policy of using income from football and men's basketball to pay for non-revenue generating sports has been a failure, according to the board's statement.

ASUO President Jennifer Bills testified against the proposal, saying it is inappropriate to subsidize sports when academic programs are being reduced or eliminated.

"Education — the reason why we all come to the U of O — should be the first priority, not athletics," Bills said.

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ASUO restructures, overhauls comptrolling system

By Daralyn Trappe
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In an effort to stop deficit spending by student groups, the ASUO is enforcing stricter guidelines for groups to follow and is restructuring the way financial records are kept.

The ASUO comptrolling system — which groups must go through before spending any of the money they get from the Incidental Fee Committee — was in need of overhaul, said ASUO President Jennifer Bills.

"In the past the comptrolling in this office has been awful,"

IFC money will be monitored more closely

she said. "Comptrollers are supposed to keep track how much money groups have, but they haven't kept the records up to date. There have been really loose spending practices."

If students groups want to place an ad in the *Oregon Daily Emerald*, or get copies from the Campus Copy Center, they must get estimates from them before the comptrollers will give them a purchase order.

The ASUO also plans to im-

plement the policy for EMU services, including room rental, food or technical services, and use of the computer lounge.

"Essentially, you're going to have to have the books checked to see if you have enough money to do it before you do it, unlike in the past where you could just do it and we'll see if you have money after the fact," Bills said.

"The books are being kept up to date, day to day ... so groups know exactly how much mon-

ey they have," she said, adding the ASUO is being held to the same standards as other programs. "The comptrollers have really made a commitment to treat all programs equally as far as spending and spending limits."

In the past, the comptrolling system has consisted of four comptrollers who essentially worked independently. This year, a head comptroller, Tracy Naber, has been designated to oversee the entire process.

Three other comptrollers are also employed.

Naber and Bills said that when groups have overspent in the past and been in deficit by the end of the year, the money was recovered through the IFC's unallocated reverses.

Naber, who is a former ASUO finance coordinator and was a comptroller last year, said most years ended with a fairly even financial balance, with some groups having surpluses and some having deficits. If a group ends the year

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Arab-Israeli conflict topic of speech tonight

By Daralyn Trappe
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Shimona Sharoni and Mohammad Abu-Nimer, both peace activists from the Middle East, will speak at the University tonight about the possibility for a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and their efforts in that cause.

Sharoni and Abu-Nimer will speak in the EMU Fir Room at 7:30 p.m. Both are Israeli citizens currently working on doctorate degrees in conflict resolution at George Mason University in Washington, D.C.

"This is about two sides coming together — Arabs and Jews," said Phil Zuckerman, director of the Jewish Student Union, one of the event sponsors.

"These speakers are in the forefront of Arab-Israeli peace," he said. "They will be the leaders in this struggle in the future. The chance to hear and meet these people is a great one, as these two hold

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Sharoni is an Israeli feminist peace

activist who has taught courses on Arab-Jewish relations at Israel's Haifa University. During the past decade, she has been involved in coordinating and facilitating encounter groups of Israelis and Palestinians in Israel.

She is also a founding member of Women in Black, a women's group that protests the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Since January 1988, women dressed in black have been holding vigils throughout Israel. More than 30 groups of women are now involved.

Abu-Nimer is an Arab who was also raised in Israel. He has worked as a senior counselor at Israel's Institute for Education toward Jewish-Arab Co-Existence.

He co-authored a book that was the first curriculum designed and written in Arabic to help Arab teachers in Israel deal with and discuss Arab-Jewish relations in classes.

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Scott Leius and Chili Davis both homered to power the Minnesota Twins to a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves Sunday night in Game 2 of the World Series.

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