

BILLS

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ing because no money was paid directly to USSA, but to Stickel for travel expenses.

Stickel is the USSA's Northwest regional representative and a member of the board of directors. In this capacity, Oberson claimed the money given to Stickel was essentially given to the USSA.

Bills argued Stickel was representing the ASUO interests at the January meeting; Oberson argued Stickel was representing the USSA.

"The intent was not to violate the constitution," Bills said. "The intent was to maintain our membership." This year's ASUO membership was paid for with student fees prior to the court's ruling.

"As I understand the ruling, IFC funds are currently banned from going to the USSA and payment of funds to people going to USSA conferences ... is aiding USSA's organization, which has already been ruled as discriminatory," Oberson said.

"Thus the action does, I believe, violate the intent and good faith of this ruling."

In his original complaint, which led to the December ruling, Oberson successfully argued that the USSA discriminates against white, heterosexual males in its hiring policy for the position of Affirmative Action officer.

The court found that this policy conflicts with criteria for receiving student fee money. Until USSA changes its discriminatory hiring policy, the court ruled: "ASUO can remain a member of USSA only if no IFC funds are paid to

USSA on behalf of ASUO."

Oberson also took issue with the request of future IFC funds for USSA membership and participation.

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Bills was somewhat inconsistent in her response to this part of Oberson's complaint.

First she told the court she had nothing to do with submitting the USSA budget request, but had delegated the responsibility to Stickel.

However, Bills later explained the ASUO's rationale in submitting the controversial budget.

"We submitted the budget under the assumption that we would pay our fees

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— Henry Oberson,
Constitution Court complainant

after this is all cleared up," Bills said.

At the January meeting, the USSA Board of Directors passed a resolution to change the discriminatory policy. However, that change cannot be implemented until the full USSA congress votes on it at its summer convention.

"I have not authorized the payment of any IFC money to the USSA," Bills said.

HOUSING

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Sen. Bill Dwyer.

The Amazon construction will be completed in phases, ultimately adding as many as 60 units.

In a Friday press release, University Architect for Planning Chris Ramey said the Amazon plan will "create a vision of what the Amazon complex would look like when it is entirely rebuilt, including increases in unit density, parking, day care, laundry and other amenities that one would expect to find in a residential complex."

If necessary, the University will seek additional bonding authority to complete replace-

ment of the Amazon units.

University officials had stalled construction plans in November, expressing concern that a shrinking student body would make filling new housing difficult.

Because the bond money is a loan to be paid back by tenants in the form of rent, low occupancy could mean bond payments would not be met.

To alleviate this concern, University officials are considering allowing single graduate students to rent some of the new units. Only married students and students with children are currently allowed to rent family housing.

"It's a reflection of our desire to be responsive to the commu-

nity leadership," Williams said. "We pay a lot of attention to their input because they are our elected representatives."

Over the past few years, several state and local leaders have pressured the University to address student housing needs, including those of single graduate students, who are largely excluded from existing University-owned housing.

Tenants and others have raised concern that rent for a two-bedroom apartment at Amazon, now \$142 a month, will jump to as much as \$425, 10 percent below market rate but still a significant increase.

"Basically we're afraid that students won't be able to go to school if rent goes up as high as

\$425," said Andrea Lafayette-Fisher, a graduate student in journalism who lives in Amazon housing with her daughter and her husband, a graduate student in architecture.

"Our intention will be to develop a rent structure that's fair," Williams said. "We're not anxious to increase the cost of going to school for our students."

"It makes sense to replace Amazon, even though a rent increase is a consequence," he said.

Lafayette-Fisher said the tenants generally accept that Amazon needs to be rebuilt but are concerned that unnecessary "perks," such as garbage disposals, will be included in the

construction plans, raising costs.

Another concern tenants have is how much involvement they will have in the planning process, she said.

Students will have a role in a state-mandated housing advisory group that was supposed to be formed last fall, but is now scheduled to be in place by the end of this term.

Plans to build 22 new units at 19th Avenue between Pearl and High streets have been scrapped.

"That site has the potential for new student housing," Williams said. "But we want to complete construction on the other sites before we entertain building more student housing."

ET ALS

MEETING

Men Against Rape will have its weekly meeting tonight at 6:30 in the EMU Century Rooms. Call 346-4206 for more information.

Jewish Student Union will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. Call 346-4366 for more information.

Alpha Phi Omega will meet tonight at 6 in EMU Cedar Room C. Call 346-9911 for more information.

Kultura Pilipinas will meet tonight at 7 in Room 242 Gerlinger. Call 983-3625 for more information.

GMAC Mentoring Program will meet tonight at 5:30 in EMU Century Room D. Call 346-3248 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

Forest Canopy Community Structure and Organization will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Tim Schowalter today at 9:30 a.m. in Room 331 Klamath.

OPPORTUNITIES

A Smoking Cessation workshop will take place today from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the medical library of the Student Health Center. Call 346-4456 for more information.

A free Macintosh Orientation covering basic operations will take place today from 3 to 5 p.m. in Room 185 of the Computing Center. Call 346-1750 for more information.

Bidding for the following companies will begin today:

- Georgia Pacific
- Frito-Lay, Inc.
- E&J Gallo Winery
- Microsoft Corp.
- Payless Drug Store
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- American Pacific Wood Products
- Sears

A Career Planning and Placement office orientation session will take place today at noon in Room 100 Hendricks. Call 346-3235 for more information.

RELIGION

A Bible study focusing on the Gospel of Mark will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. Call 346-4468 for more information.

Part two of a series on Christian morality and forgiveness will take place tonight at 7 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. Call 346-4468 for more information.

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Exhibition:

3:30-7:30pm - EMU Ballroom

Dinner:

5:30pm - EMU Dining room

Show:

8:00pm - EMU Ballroom

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