

EMU, ASUO, athletics to receive \$337,000 windfall

Interest from fees found in University account

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The EMU, ASUO and Department of Athletics will be the recipients of an estimated \$337,000 windfall from at least five years of accumulated interest from a student incidental fee account, a University administrator said Tuesday.

University Budget Director Trent Spradling said interest earned on student incidental fees was apparently left in an interest-clearing account after the money

was transferred to fee recipients.

Spradling said the EMU, ASUO and athletic department will meet with University administrators to review a plan to allocate the money. The plan will distribute the money to the groups whose original revenue earned the interest.

"The best way to distribute the funds is to tie ownership of the funds to the generator of the funds," Spradling said. "The bottom line is to get the money flowing because it doesn't serve any purpose to have this large sum tucked away."

EMU Director Dusty Miller said the EMU should receive about 40 percent of the money.

"I believe the University may be accepting the general accounting practice where interest follows principal," Miller said. "If the University finds money and identifies its source, the distribution should break down into the percentage of what would have been used, which is about 40 percent for the EMU."

Cheryl Hunter, ASUO executive coordinator, said the ASUO will get some of the money, but she doesn't know how much.

In addition to distributing the money, the proposed plan will develop a new process of distribution of fee revenue to the EMU, ASUO and the athletic department, Spradling said.

"The discussions will center on a new process to place income out to the place that causes the interest to be generated," Spradling said. "This process will provide good cash management and prevent this situation from happening again."

Spradling said the money was discovered by the EMU business office last summer.

Susan Racette, EMU business director, said she began wondering last spring where the interest earned on incidental fees was going.

"We're not sure what the amount is, but it is a significant amount of money," Racette said.

Student dubbed local hero after rescue efforts

University freshman saves grad student who jumped into river

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Two years ago, University freshman Brian Wilson took a lifesaving course at the high school he attended in Honolulu because he wanted to become a lifeguard.

"I went to the beach a lot and I figured it'd be a good thing to know just in case," Wilson said. "I never thought I'd use it."

But Wilson's knowledge of lifesaving skills paid off Saturday afternoon when he jumped into the Willamette River and rescued a 29-year-old University graduate student who police say jumped off the Autzen Footbridge in a suicide attempt.

Wilson, a 19-year-old Sigma Nu fraternity pledge, said he and about 30 other men were playing in the fraternity's annual pledges vs. members football game near the river. The men ran to the shore when they saw people on the Autzen Footbridge pointing into the river and yelling "call 911."



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Turn to RESCUE, Page 3 Freshman Brian Wilson stands near the spot where he jumped into the Willamette River to save a drowning man.

Multiracial students face unique problems and benefits

Students whose parents are of different races say they face distinct set of stereotypes

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If life were a chess game, society would be pushing freshman Ayanna Moriguchi to choose sides — black or white.

"It's a fear of the unknown," Moriguchi said. "If (peo-

ple) don't know what I am, they don't have stereotypes to put on me."

Moriguchi's mother is three quarters white and one quarter Seminole Indian. Her father is African-American. She said society pushes her to decide whether to call herself white or black, but "my mom instilled in me to be proud of all my backgrounds."



Biracial and multiracial students on campus, such as Moriguchi, said they experience some problems and some benefits that neither people of color nor white people can understand.

Coco Onowen, a staff psychologist at the University Counseling Center, said biracial or multiracial people face the same issues as Hispanics she's counseled who are torn between two cultures.

"If you speak English and you speak Spanish, what's your first loyalty, or do you have to choose?" Onowen

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WEATHER

There will be scattered showers throughout the day. Highs will be between 45-50. Tonight will also be rainy, with a low between 40-45.

Today in History

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

CARJACKER STEALS BABY

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A man shot a woman in the face Tuesday and stole her automobile with her 9-month-old baby inside, the Spokane County sheriff's office said.

Lt. Norm Nickerson said the incident occurred in the parking lot of a new discount store. The woman had put her bags and baby into her Mercedes Benz and had gotten into the driver's seat when a gunman yanked open the driver's door and told her to move over.

The baby girl was found unharmed in the car after it was abandoned a short while later, Nickerson said.

The 36-year-old woman, Donna DeHart of Spokane, was treated for facial wounds at a hospital and released, Nickerson said.

SPORTS

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Olympic Committee figured all it needed was 12 corporate sponsors at \$40 million a pop to come up with a half-billion dollars. A year has gone by and the plan isn't working.

The Olympics may be a lavish marketing vehicle, but a listless economy has taken the excitement out of companies signing up for the 1996 Games' corporate partner program.

So far, only four companies have announced sponsorships. Two of the four — Home Depot and Sara Lee — still have not signed contracts and, therefore, have made no payments. Nations Bank and IBM are the other partners.