

It's a bird, it's a plane ... OK, it's a bird



Photo by Michael Shindler

This local woodpecker spent its afternoon Tuesday working on a tree outside the Collier House on the corner of 13th Avenue and University Street.

Officials dispute origin of \$337,000

□ Administrator says money may be from discretionary account

By Chester Allen
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A \$337,000 University account may not be interest from student incidental fees as previously thought, and the University is planning an audit of the account to determine where the money came from and who should get it, a University official said Tuesday.

"We're going to keep an open mind and try and figure out the sources of these funds," said University vice-provost Gerard Moseley. "These funds may be interest income from various accounts, but I'm not going to make a hurried prediction about this matter."

University officials previously said the money was interest earned from student incidental fees, but Moseley said a conversation with former Budget Director Ralph Sunderland into the origins of the account revealed some of the money was from a discretionary account controlled by the University president's office.

However, student government leaders said they still believe the money was earned from student fees, and they plan to keep asking the University for control of the money.

Incidental Fee Committee Chairman Steve Masat said the University's budget office learned the \$337,000 was

earned from student fees.

"The study in the budget office says the money is in an IFC account, and it is from interest on incidental fees," Masat said.

Masat said he believes the University is in no hurry to distribute the money and student government may have to file a lawsuit to get the money.

"I don't think there is any internal pressure in the University administration to give money to students," Masat said. "People are being very territorial about this money. There's the possibility of a lawsuit, but that hasn't really been discussed yet."

ASUO President Bobby Lee said he's requesting the IFC, ASUO and EMU Board form a committee to investigate the origins of the \$337,000.

"I'm appalled by this confusion," Lee said. "The idea that the University can lose track of a \$337,000 line item is hard to believe."

Sunderland said the account was originally created to be a holding account for various sources of interest income, and some of the money was used for National Merit Scholarship recipients.

"Frankly, when the interest income first started coming in, students used the money to reduce incidental fees, and I don't think there's a lot of money left," Sunderland said. "The University should be able to trace all the money with a great deal of accuracy."

King festivities begin today

□ Poet Essex Hemphill and activist Mary Francis Berry help celebrate MLK week

By Mandy Baucum
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The highly acclaimed speakers for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, writer, poet, Essex Hemphill and Mary Francis Berry, a renown civil rights activist, are two good reasons to attend this year's celebration.

Black Student Union member Ericka Warren expressed how important the event is to her and many Americans,

whatever their color.

"It's an important week because this country celebrates rapists and murderers. But to celebrate an African-American, man or woman, is not as widely accepted," Warren said. "Martin Luther King celebrates the rights not just of black people, but the rights of all humankind and I think his memory should be recognized."

BSU President Leslie Warren said the celebration is an important event for everyone.

"We hope people come out and show their dedication to Martin Luther King

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Saferide on the road again

□ Snow-safety concerns temporarily close the women's shuttle service

Saferide is up and running again after four days off because of poor driving conditions. The on-campus van, the off-campus van and the off-campus car ran Tuesday night.

Saferide Co-director Keri Levine said the primary reason the vehicles didn't run Friday through Monday was concern for the drivers' safety.

"A lot of drivers haven't driven be-

fore in snow," Levine said, "especially the ones from California."

All three of Saferide's vehicles are now outfitted with chains, said Saferide Co-director Amy Noel. Noel put up a sign above the Saferide desk in EMU Suite 3 cautioning Saferide drivers: "When driving vans with chains, stay below 30 mph, and pump the breaks when stopping. Take it slow and easy."

The service is especially busy in bad weather, Noel said.

WEATHER

The mercury should begin to creep up slightly over the next few days.

Some light snow is still possible today, but by Friday most of the moisture should be in the form of rain.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service today for two University students killed in an auto accident will be at 8 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room. Donald Howard Leff, 19, and Charmaine Tiara Joslin, 20, were killed in a collision Friday afternoon on Highway 99 south of Corvallis. Leff, a native of Long Beach, Calif., and Joslin, who was originally from Beaverton but had recently transferred from the University of Maine, were returning from Corvallis when the car Leff was driving slid into oncoming traffic and hit a tractor-trailer rig head-on.

SPORTS

PORTLAND (AP) - The Portland Trail Blazers activated Clyde Drexler and said he would play against Denver Tuesday night.

The all-star guard missed seven games because of soreness in his right knee. He was placed on the injured list Dec. 30. Drexler underwent arthroscopic surgery on the knee six weeks during games, aggravating the soreness and leading to a decision to rest him for several games.

To make room for Drexler, the Blazers placed reserve guard Delaney Rudd on the injured list. The team said Rudd had tendinitis in his left knee.