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IFC reaches latest bump in long road

ASUO president takes matter, problems to Constitution Court

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The University's system of student government is teetering on the edge of a constitutional crisis.

Concerned by the Incidental Fee Committee's recent history of canceled budget hearings and paperwork delays, ASUO President Bobby Lee asked the ASUO Constitution Court last week to disband the committee for not fulfilling its duty to students.

In a meeting last Tuesday mediated by student Senator Brian Hoop, Lee and committee Chairman Steve Masat agreed the IFC should have a chance to regain its bearings.

Lee said he had given the committee one week to "jump start itself" before asking the Constitution Court to determine if the committee is a "functioning body of student government."

The committee, comprised of seven students who decide how \$4.6 million of student fees is spent, usually operates in relative obscurity.

However, several of the committee's actions, or lack of action in some cases, have convinced some student leaders and University administrators that the committee has failed to serve student interests.

These actions include an attempt to control how the EMU spends student fees, members' inconsistent attendance at scheduled meetings

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Kindergarten 'copter



Photo by Anthony Forney

Cadet Jeremy Adams looks on as four-year-old Travis Foster works the controls of the Lane County sheriff's helicopter. Adams said preparing the helicopter for its Saturday exhibition at Costco took six hours.



A demonstration at the Federal Building last April resulted in more than \$10,000 damage to the building.

LA verdict brings time of reflection

Community prepared for violent protests, but efforts not needed

By Rebecca Merritt
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Saturday was just another average day for members of the Eugene community. Except for minor outpours of rain, nothing seemed to interrupt the weekend schedules of University students and area residents.

And just from looking at the faces around the city, it would have been hard to guess that earlier that morning in Los Angeles a verdict to the civil rights trial involving four LA police officers was announced.

A similar case nearly a year ago not only provoked chaos in LA, but also led about 350 students and Eugene residents to protest and cause more than \$10,000 in damage to the Federal Building.

The main difference between this year and last year's response to the verdict is obvious. Two of the previously acquitted police officers were found guilty of violating King's civil rights.

But University student Brian Hoop, who was convicted in a federal trial for participating in last year's local protest, said a big difference this year is that many peo-

ple have learned that violence can't be used to stop violence.

"I believe any rally this year will be peaceful because people are more aware that change will not come through violence alone, but through dedication to the day-to-day struggle for justice," Hoop said.

Hoop was arrested May 13 last year for breaking windows of the Federal Building at the April 29 rally. The protest began as a peaceful rally at the EMU but turned violent when protesters marched to the Federal Building.

Hoop and former student Carlos Alejandro Arias were found guilty of destruction of federal property last September. Both face a 60-day jail sentence, which Hoop said he will serve this summer.

Hoop said he and other students participated in the rally because they believed acquitting the four police officers "showed there were fundamental flaws in the justice system."

Hoop said violence is wrong but is not sorry for participating in the protest.

"In reflection of the events last year, I have no regrets for what I did because I know that on a personal level I have made a strong commitment to fighting for racial equality," he said.

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WEATHER

Partly sunny today after some morning low clouds and patches of fog. High near 60 degrees. Areas of rain developing on Tuesday. Highs increasing to 65 degrees.

Today in History

In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began.

FROM THE PAST

Sculptor A. Phimster Proctor used a clay model of the Pioneer Mother to erect the final bronze statue. The sculpture was shipped from New Jersey to be placed on campus in 1932.

SPORTS

PORTLAND (AP) - Rod Strickland scored 25 points against his old teammates as Portland took a giant step toward homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs Sunday by holding off San Antonio 105-101.

The victory left the Trail Blazers two games ahead of the Spurs with four to play in the battle for the fourth-best record in the Western Conference.

The Blazers also evened the series with San Antonio 2-2 and, because they have a better record against Western Conference opponents, would have the homecourt edge in the playoffs if the teams finish the season tied.