

Under the bridge



Photo by Anthony Forney

Randy Hoskins and Dave King of Hamilton Construction repair the Ferry St. Bridge after it was damaged by a back hoe on Centennial Road Loop.

IFC asks chairman to resign

□ Controversy erupts over legality of meeting scheduled for tonight

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Three current Incidental Fee Committee members sent a memo Wednesday to the committee's chairman asking him to resign or face removal from the IFC.

Committee members Ed Carson, Efreem Mehretab and Anne Wagoner sent the memo to Chairman Steve Masat, saying if he did not resign they would "explore any options ... including the possibility of removing (Masat) from the IFC."

The three members said they were asking Masat to resign in order to protect student control of incidental fees.

"The 92-93 Incidental Fee Committee has been in conflict with other branches of student government and with the U of O administration," the members said in the memo. "This conflict has at times been self-defeating, as student control of the incidental fee process has been placed in jeopardy."

The members were referring to University President Myles Brand's proposal to remove the IFC's role in funding the EMU because of conflicts that have arisen between the two groups.

"(Masat's) impinged on the whole notion of student government," said Mehretab. "Everything he's done this year is to lessen the IFC's credibility."

The members asked in the memo that Masat respond to their request at the IFC meeting scheduled for tonight at 6:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room A.

However, Masat said tonight's meeting would not be legal because he had not approved it.

Although Masat claimed former ASUO President Bobby Lee, who was confirmed to the committee Tuesday, called the meeting, the five other members of the IFC, including Vice Chairwoman Lydia Lerma, distributed memos Wednesday saying the meeting would take place.

Masat said as chairman of the committee he is the only person who can legally call a meeting. He said the rest of the committee members' call for a meeting was irrelevant, according to the ASUO Constitution.

Masat also requested the removal of an Et Al from the *Emerald's* meeting notice section Wednesday.

The memos say that a number of groups' special requests will be heard, including

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Ashland chooses to ban discrimination

□ Council votes to protect homosexuals

ASHLAND (AP) — The city of Ashland has become the second in Oregon to protect homosexuals from discrimination in housing and employment.

With little discussion and no public testimony, the City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to add sexual orientation to a policy barring discrimination that already includes race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, disability and family status.

"It is a statement about what our philosophy is as a community," council member Pat Acklin said after the meeting. "It's very consistent with community values when 75 percent voted

no on Measure 9."

Measure 9, defeated by Oregon voters last fall, would have declared homosexuality perverse and abnormal and prohibited governments from promoting it.

The City Council will now explore extending city employment benefits to partners of gay men and lesbians, said council member Steve Hauck.

City Manager Brian Almquist said he knew of no other city in Oregon but Portland that has adopted similar protection for homosexuals.

The action came the same day voters in the small farming town of Cornelius voted to adopt a toned-down version of Measure 9 promoted by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

It's Dusty in jail



Photo by Paul Mansfield

EMU Director Dusty Miller does time in the American Cancer Society Jailathon at the Rockin' Rodeo bar Wednesday. Miller was judged and sentenced to serve time raising money for local cancer patients.

WEATHER



The weather is deteriorating rapidly as a large but stationary storm off the coast will continue to bring clouds and showers today. The storm is well out at sea, so showers are expected to be light. The storm may move inland Friday bringing more showers throughout the weekend. Highs today near 70 degrees.

ECLIPSE NO BIG DEAL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The moon will partly eclipse Friday's rising sun from Alaska to Baja California, Mexico, but don't expect a spectacle.

"There's not going to be much to see. The sky is not going to get dark," Griffith Observatory astronomer John Mosley said Wednesday.

The moon will appear to take at least a tiny bite out of the sun anywhere in North America west of a line running from Ottawa to west Texas. The best way for Americans to see it will be to visit a planetarium or science center equipped with projecting telescopes, Mosley said.

The best views will be from Alaska, where about two-thirds of the sun will appear eclipsed. Only one-third of the sun will be blocked as viewed from the Pacific Northwest.

SPORTS

HOUSTON (AP) — Florida businessman Lew Alexander increased his offer from \$81 million to buy the Houston Rockets from Charlie Thomas, but part-owners of the team still may try to block the sale.

Thomas, who controls the teams, said the latest offer from Alexander nullified a chance for his current partners to purchase the team. Tilman Fertitta, who has joined businessman John Moores in an attempt to match Alexander's offer, isn't so sure.

"I don't believe this is over yet," Fertitta said. "Something will happen in the next few days. You can't change the rules in the middle of the game, and that's what is being attempted."