

## Crystalizing his thoughts



Photo by Anthony Forney

Josh Moore, a fourth-grade student from Whiteaker Elementary School in Eugene, studies crystal structures at the Student Project Fair during the Student Achievement Convention going on through Thursday at the Lane County fairgrounds.

## Justice stops expulsion of IFC chairman

□ Motion to lower quota for removal would violate amendment, justice says

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During a sometimes unruly and tension-filled meeting, an ASUO Constitutional Court justice Thursday prevented the Incidental Fee Committee from considering whether to remove the IFC's chairman from office.

Justice Michael O'Leary delivered an injunction prohibiting the committee from changing two rules that would allow it to consider removing Steve Masat from office without the prior approval of the court.

In the injunction, O'Leary stated that section 9.14 of the ASUO Constitution, which was passed by voters in this year's general election, prevents any branch of student government from changing its rules without the court's approval.

"I'm going to have to prevent you folks from doing this," O'Leary told the committee. "What you're proposing here is a change in rules, so that's why I'm issuing this injunction."

The IFC cannot take any further action to dismiss Masat for seven days or until the Constitution Court meets to rule on the committee's proposed rule changes.

If the court does not rule on the changes by May 24, the present committee will not be able to consider removing Masat from office because the new committee, including Masat, will enter into office May 25.

Masat is the only present committee member who



Steve Masat

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## Researchers study U.S. campus habits

□ Students with poor grades drink three times as much

WASHINGTON (AP) — College students in the Northeast drink more alcohol and go on binges more often than their peers in other parts of the country, according to a report released Thursday.

The study, based on a survey of about 58,000 students, also found that college students under 21 drink more alcohol and suffer more hangovers, injuries and legal difficulties than those over

21. "It's clear that they're not able to handle it as well as the older students," said Philip W. Meilman, the study's co-author and director of the College of William and Mary's Counseling Center.

Researchers from Southern Illinois University and William and Mary analyzed survey results collected at 78 campuses between 1989-91.

Initial findings released in September showed that students with low grades consume about three times as many drinks as those on the honor roll.

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## Survey says students are happy

□ The student-designed survey covered both international and domestic graduate students

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University graduate students are pleased with their graduate school experiences, and there aren't many discrepancies of opinion between international and domestic graduate students about their experiences, a recent survey showed.

The survey, which sociology associate Professor Patricia Gwartney-Gibbs and her Survey Methods and Design graduate students began last term, was an attempt to find out how satisfied international graduate students are in areas, including campus services, classes, professors, housing and their social lives.

In order to balance the information given by the randomly chosen international students, Gwartney-Gibbs said domestic students were also interviewed by her and her nine graduate students. There were a total of 407 students interviewed, and slightly more than half of them were international students.

"This gives us a pretty good idea that graduate students are quite happy here, and there are few differences between domestic and international students' experiences here," said Kathleen Bowman, vice provost of the Office of International Affairs.

Following last summer's racial comment from an administrator about Chinese students, various focus groups were formed by the Office of International Affairs to gather information on international students' experiences on campus.

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## WEATHER

Get out those umbrellas and be prepared for a wet weekend. A storm situated off the coast is expected to move inland today bringing heavy cloud cover and widespread showers. Temperatures will remain near 60 degrees. Showers expected to last through Monday.

## TERMINATION OF THE TREE

PALO ALTO (AP) — The banana slug and the duck are taken, but Stanford students, known for their creative minds, should come up with a suitable alternative in no time.

The esteemed institution of learning is looking for a new logo because the stately tree adopted in 1975 apparently didn't cut it as a marketing tool. "You can't make a ferocious-looking football shirt with a tree," said Maria Gladfelter, who directs the licensing of Stanford's logos to producers of jewelry, pillows and dozens of other products.

This will not be the first time Stanford changed its logo. In 1972, the school replaced its bi'l Injun mascot with the tree because American Indian groups found the former offensive.

## SPORTS

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Central Michigan University basketball coach fired for exhorting his losing team to "play like niggers" was criticized Thursday by a national civil rights group.

Officials with Jesse Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition said former coach Keith Dambrot degraded black players and students in a Jan. 20 post-game pep talk.

But what most angers Dambrot's critics is his lawsuit seeking \$25 million in damages and reinstatement.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Bay City. It contends Dambrot was wrongfully fired for using the term "nigger" in the "positive, reinforcing sense" in which blacks use it.

