

IFC members remove chairman from committee



Steve Masat

Members say Masat brought the committee into conflicts

By Chester Allen
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The Incidental Fee Committee voted Friday to remove its chairman from the committee during a meeting marked by emotional outbursts and name-calling.

Saying they believed Chairman Steve Masat's actions during the past nine months had severely reduced student control of incidental fees, IFC members Anne Wagoner, Ed Carson, Efreem Mehretab and Bobby Lee voted to expel Masat from office.

Masat attended the committee's meeting but left the room when it became apparent the IFC planned to discuss his removal from office.

"The issue here is whether I'm being screwed," Masat said. "This is an utter joke and complete insanity."

The door was opened for Masat's ouster when the ASUO Constitution Court met Friday and lifted an injunction filed by Justice Michael O'Leary that prohibited the IFC from suspending its own internal rules in order to remove Masat from office.

The committee members said Masat's leadership of the IFC had brought it into unnecessary conflict with other branches of student government, causing University President Myles Brand to remove the committee's control of \$2.2 million of student fees allocated to the EMU each year.

"Actions taken by Masat have lessened student control of student fees," Mehretab said. "I believe we have to lessen the damage

that could be done next year if Masat remains in office."

Masat was the only member of this year's committee whose term extended through the next school year.

Committee members Ed Carson and Bobby Lee said Masat's conflicts with other branches of student government amounted to a serious dereliction of duty and justified his expulsion from the IFC.

"This is not a politically motivated act," Carson said. "People from a wide spectrum of political beliefs have problems with Mr. Masat's work as chairman of this committee."

Masat supporter Jason Moore, associate editor of the *Student Insurgent*, angrily denounced the committee's actions as unde-

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Committee studies 3-cluster system

Chairman believes system needs to be more understandable for students

By Jackie Larson
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

It is imperative that the University drop its cluster requirement system, the chairman of the Academic Requirements Committee said Thursday.

John Nicols said the University's general education requirements need to be more comprehensible for students, especially because academic advising offices will be cut back.

Professors don't even know all the requirements and rely on the academic advisers to explain the difficult system, Nicols said.

Nicols said the cluster system is a problem for the Academic Requirement Committee, which hears more than 700 student petitions per term, mostly relating to miscommunication about cluster requirements.

One professor will tell students they are set for graduation, but when those students apply to graduate they are told by another staff or faculty member that certain courses that would fulfill clusters are still missing, Nicols said.

"Whether or not a course fulfills department cluster requirements is arbitrary, depending on who you ask," said Teresa Nash, a history peer adviser for a year.

Although Nicols is one of the major proponents of the cluster system, he said all discipline has left the current system and change is vital to the sanity of students and staff.

Nicols is asking the curriculum committee to propose the change next spring.

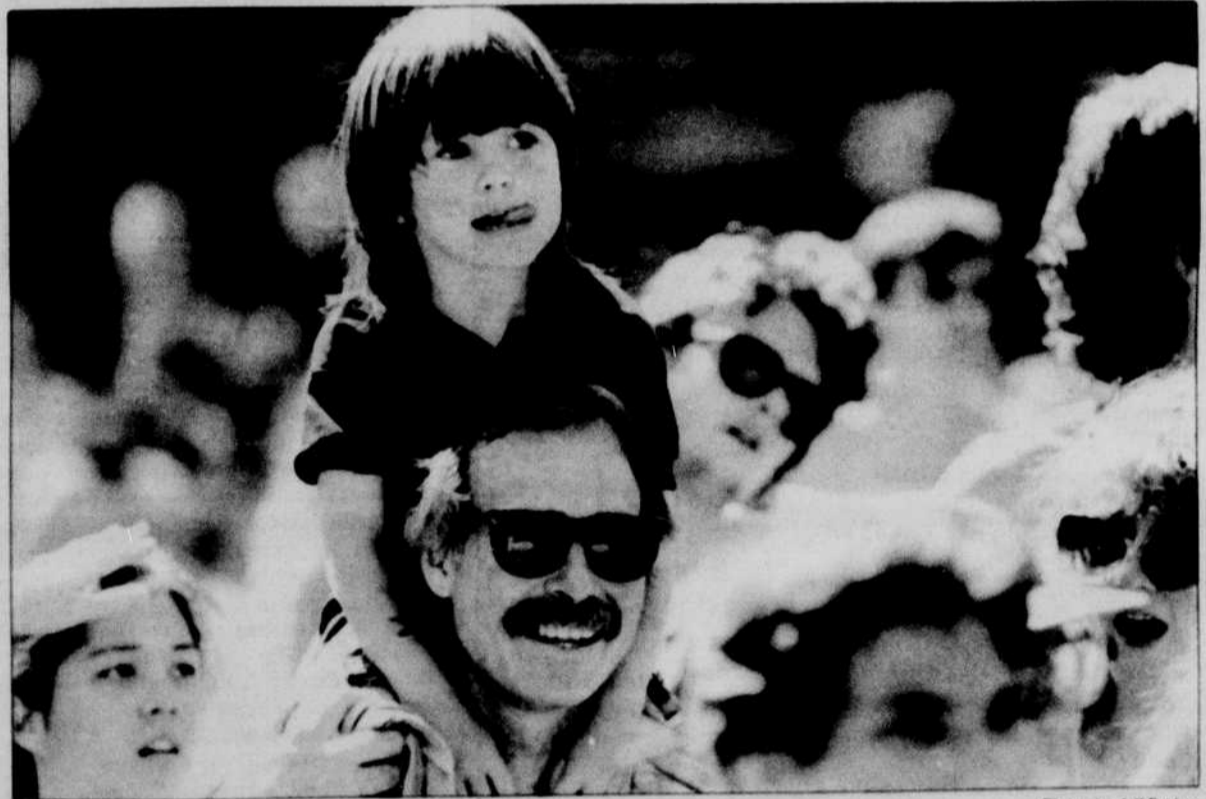
However, associate professor in telecommunications and film Deanna Robinson insisted changing the system to accommodate confused students and faculty is pure laziness.

"Students and professors must become more flexible," she said.

Robinson suggested an on-line bank of computers with

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Just folks



Photos by Jeff Paslay

Bill Dwyer and his son Jack, age three, listen and dance to the music along with others Sunday afternoon at the Willamette Valley Folk Festival, which took place this weekend on the EMU lawn.

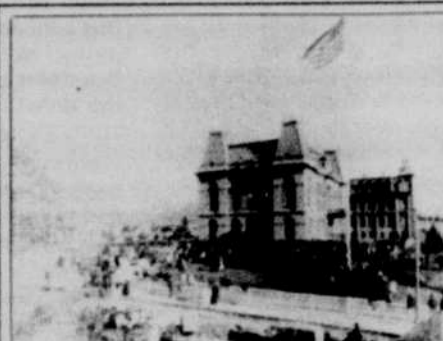


WEATHER

Mostly sunny today with increasing clouds in the afternoon and evening. Highs near 80 degrees.

Today in History

In 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought!" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.



Archive Photo

FROM THE PAST

On May 30, 1893, Memorial Day services were in Villard Hall on Campus. The building standing behind Villard Hall is Deady Hall.

SPORTS

The Emerald softball team crushed teams from the University administration and the ASUO Sunday. In the first game of the three-game round robin tournament, the administration defeated the ASUO 10-1. Then the Emerald stepped in.

The Emerald demolished both teams in the next two games, 5-3 over the administration and 20-1 over the ASUO. A team from the EMU Board failed to show up for the tournament.

Highlights of the second game included a grand slam by the Emerald's Matt Bender in the 10-run third inning. The Emerald is now 2-0 on the season, and will take any challenges. Bring it on!