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## Masat accused of racial, physical intimidation

□ Former IFC chairman calls charge a "blatant lie," denies allegations

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A former Incidental Fee Committee member has charged the ousted committee chairman with racial and physical intimidation stemming from an alleged confrontation in the IFC office May 19.

Bobby Lee said former committee Chairman Steve Masat threatened to kill him, pushed him into a wall and made derogatory remarks about his Korean heritage during an argument in the IFC office. Lee reported the alleged incident to the University Office of Public Safety last week, and Masat could face charges under the University Student Conduct Code.

Masat called Lee's charges a "blatant lie" and said Lee is carrying out a per-

sonal vendetta against him because of his politics.

"If Bobby can't beat you politically, he will try to drag you through the mud," Masat said. "That is what he is trying to do with this story."

The alleged confrontation between Lee and Masat took place during a week of turmoil for the IFC.

Lee resigned as ASUO president Monday, May 17 and was appointed to the IFC the next day — despite opposition from then committee Chairman Masat. Lee said he joined the IFC to help get the committee's work done by May 25, when the committee finished its term.

On Wednesday, May 19, the day the incident allegedly took place, committee members Ed Carson, Efreem Mehretab and Anne Wagoner sent Masat a memo asking him to resign or face removal from the IFC. The three said they wanted Masat to resign because he was jeopardizing student control over incidental fees.



Bobby Lee



Steve Masat

An ASUO Constitution Court justice's injunction prevented the IFC from changing its own rules in order to remove Masat Thursday, May 20. Masat was voted out the next day at an IFC meeting after the the Constitution Court met and lifted the injunction.

Masat, who would have returned to

next year's IFC, challenged the IFC's authority to remove him and said he was still the committee chairman despite the Constitution Court's ruling.

Lee told the *Emerald* he did not want to discuss the intimidation charges until this week because he did not want anything to interfere with his work on the IFC. He said the alleged confrontation with Masat took place between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. May 19.

Lee said he and Masat were arguing over the posting of a memo for an IFC meeting scheduled for the next day when the alleged intimidation occurred. He said he posted the meeting memo four separate times, and each time Masat would take the memo down and throw it away.

The last time Lee tried to post the memo, Lee said Masat jumped out of his chair, pushed Lee into a wall, tore down the memo and threatened Lee.

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## East 13th Avenue will close for re-striping

□ Memorial Day weekend brings other changes to the University's 13th Avenue

By Colleen Pohlig  
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East 13th Avenue on the University campus will be temporarily closed over Memorial Weekend in order for contractor crews to re-strip from Agate to University streets — at a cost of \$2,800.

While motorists won't be able to use the street Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30, pedestrians and bicyclists will be able to go around the work site. The street will re-open Monday, May 31.

The re-striping completes the improvement project, which includes construction of the new Visitor Information booth at East 13th and Beech, wheelchair access improvements and re-striping.

Funding for the project, which totals more than \$48,000, comes out of the the Office of Public Safety parking fund — money generated from parking permits and tickets.

The booth, at East 13th and Beech, will be staffed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 1. The purpose of the

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## Grateful Dead may play; administration not so sure

□ University deciding fate of Autzen concert

By Rebecca Merritt  
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The Grateful Dead will be performing again at Autzen Stadium Aug. 21-22, according to the band's promoter, Double Tee Promotions in Portland.

But according to Dan Williams, vice president for

administration, the University is still considering whether the group will be allowed back at Autzen and has yet to sign an agreement with the band.

"Nothing has been decided," Williams said.

The University, he said, has had a preliminary discussion with the group's promoter and established conditions under

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## Soaking up the blues



Photo by Anthony Forney



Photo by Randy Thieben

Four-year-old Ariel Stavitsky and her father, journalism Associate Professor Al Stavitsky (left), enjoy the blues musicianship of Curtis Salgado (above) Wednesday at a concert on the EMU east lawn.

## WEATHER

Another system moves over the coast bringing a good chance of showers today with possible afternoon thunderstorms. Highs 65-70 degrees.

### Today in History

In 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif. was opened to the public.

## GRADUATION SETBACK

SEATTLE (AP) — An Oregon high school's graduation field trip to Seattle was cut short after a student was shot twice during an apparent robbery attempt at the motel where the senior class was staying.

Jereme R. Langerman, 18, of Wallowa, Ore., was in satisfactory condition Wednesday at Harborview Medical Center. One bullet tore through his left forearm. The other struck just to the left of his spine but did no nerve damage.

"I had second thoughts about ever visiting Seattle again after I was shot," Langerman said from his hospital bed. "But things happen. I'd come back to Seattle. I happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. I only hope I can make it back home for graduation Thursday."

## SPORTS

The Oregon women's golf team struggled during the first round of the NCAA Championships, shooting a 34-over-par 322, at the University of Georgia Golf Course on Wednesday.

The Ducks, playing in the national championship for the first time ever, are 28 shots behind tournament-leader Georgia. The third-ranked Bulldogs lead San Jose State by one shot and second-ranked Arizona State by five shots.

Junior Cappy Mack led the Ducks on Wednesday with a 5-over-par 77, but she was the only Oregon player who was able to break 80.

The tournament continues through Saturday with 18 holes each day.