

CENTER

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lac version of the center."

ASUO President Eric Bowen, whose campaign helped to put the measure on the ballot, said he got the same reaction from students.

"We don't want to force the center on the students," he said, "but the idea of the center is broadly supported, students just did not want to pay more fees. Fees are too high. I don't blame them."

And out of what magic hat did the money get pulled from?

Half will be paid out of money in the ASUO reserve account, which contains money left over from years past as well as the interest gained on the leftover funds.

This is the same money that was "found" by the University last year when the account was reviewed and it was discovered that students had \$237,000 the administration "forgot" to tell them about.

The other half of the money will be provided by the University.

The price for the center has gone down, however. The original figure of \$109,025 was cut to \$100,000 at the end of spring term when the Incidental Fee Committee agreed to match a \$50,000 pledge from the University. The amount was further cut down to \$40,000 when the

administration found that it could get away with a less expensive model.

But even with the stripped-down version the money will only be for cleaning the place up (including the asbestos removal) and revamping it to suit the new occupants. It will not include the money to actually run the center.

Bowen said the center will be sponsoring speakers and events, studying topics in multiculturalism and conducting student services, as well as paying graduate teaching fellows to help run the center (all of which are tentative to final committee decisions). None of the money needed for these has been found.

Bowen said most of the money will have to come from the IFC and hence, fees may have to be raised, budgets cut or surplus money allocated to fund the center.

"The budget will have to be negotiated (with other sources of funds looked into) but part will be from student fees," he said.

The idea for a multicultural center was first articulated in fall 1992 by student activist Eric Ward. In a memo to the Multicultural Center Exploration Group, he said "there is a need at the University of Oregon to develop a space that contributes substantially to the overall well being of students of color ... this space should encompass the educational vision of exploring the complexities of cultural and ethnic diversity in the United States."

This vision, which had been floating around for some time, was refined by the committee and only the matter of how to fund it was left.

In Ward's memo, he does not mention that student fees should be raised to fund the center. Instead, he points to the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Council of Minority Affairs, the Office of the President, student unions and others as possibilities to help fund the center.

However, during the last ASUO election the ballot measure asking students to pay for the creation of the center offered another alternative.

The ASUO Executive campaign of Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson said "outside sources" should still be found to fund it and that students should not be asked to pay the bill. It was hardly a defining issue in the election, but the alternative was there.

When Warren/Johnson lost and the measure failed, the University stepped in to pay half of the bill and talk of "outside funding" ended.

The new Multicultural Center is almost a reality. The carcinogens have been removed and the architect has begun designing what will be the interior of the combination study area/library/lounge/information warehouse/conference room/office.

MONSON

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ated his OSN contracts, which were signed by him, as well as then-athletic director Bill Byrne and University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams. Monson's OSN income was included in his University paycheck.

Monson recalled his March 17, 1992, meeting with Byrne at which time Byrne informed him of the decision to re-assign Monson as golf coach.

"I told him that I wasn't there to be the golf coach," Monson said.

Monson, who had been a basketball coach for 34 years, said, "It was my feeling that if I accepted the job as golf coach, I was professionally dead. It was suicidal for me."

Monson's voice seemed to waiver at times as he recalled how the re-assignment would hurt him personally, as well as professionally.

"When you've been a head coach for nine years and a basketball coach for 34 years ...

and two months (earlier) I got an extension on a contract," he said, "and then they tell you you're not a coach anymore — that's an embarrassment to me."

While cross examining Monson Monday, James Casby, one of two attorneys representing the University and the state of Oregon in the case, suggested Monson was actually overpaid by the University. After his March 17 meeting with Byrne, Monson left the state and had no further contact with the University, yet remained on the University payroll until May 15.

Monson claims he is owed for 22 days of earned vacation time. However, the state contends that part of the time Monson was absent from the University was counted against his vacation time and he was paid accordingly.

Casby said the 22 vacation days were paid up on April 16, and that Monson's pay from that period until May 15 was, in fact, an overpayment of \$4,474.

In his attempt to prove the University was not liable for Monson's outside income, Cas-

by produced a copy of an unemployment benefits request form that Monson had filed in Spokane.

On the form, Monson claimed his final rate of pay as \$7,000 per month — about \$84,000 per year, which Casby claimed showed that, at the time Monson left the University, he did not consider himself entitled to benefits for anything other than his University salary.

Casby then brought up Monson's win-loss record at the University. At the end of his tenure, Monson was 116-145 overall and 42-72 in his last four seasons with the Ducks.

"Would you agree that no other team in the Pac-10 had a worse record than the University of Oregon?" Casby asked.

Monson replied, "I guess you could say that."

Casby and Eric Bloch, attorneys for the University, will begin presenting the state's case today. They are expected to call on Byrne, Monson, Williams, University President Myles Brand and assistant athletic director Sandy Walton to testify.

ET ALS

MEETINGS

ASUO Health Insurance Committee will meet in the Student Health Center Medical Library Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 346-3702.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEH Institute will sponsor a lecture by Egon Schwarz titled "Jews and Antisemitism: Vienna Around 1900" tonight at 7 in 115 Pacific. For more information, call 346-4067 or 346-4027.

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