

# Media area planned for groups

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In about a month, student organizations will be able to print out their own publications without waiting for available computers along with other University students.

A new computer lab, named the Student Media Resource Center, will occupy a vacant room near the University Computing Center in the EMU basement and will serve only students involved in campus organizations.

The center's opening, which is set for late February, was made possible through the \$13,960 in reserve funds given to the ASUO from the Incidental Fee Committee.

Ross Freeman-Jones, contemporary issues coordinator for the Cultural Forum, said the center will be a place where student groups can come to produce their own newsletters, tabloids, flyers or pamphlets.

Freeman-Jones said he believes the new computing environment will benefit students.

"I never liked the atmosphere in the computing center," he said. "I also never felt they had the right tools."

There definitely won't be a shortage of tools.

Complete with two Macintosh Quadra computers, a 600 dpi printer, a 400 dpi scanner and a copy machine, the center will be able to provide most printing needs.

"This concentrates a breadth of technologies in one place," he said. "If students want to make use of it, there's a lot of potential."

Owen Brennan, publisher of the *Oregon Commentator*, said the center would be an asset. He said in the past he has had to deal with the hassles of staff members donating their own equipment for the monthly publication.

Right now the *Commentator* doesn't have a printer because its owner needs it for a class, Brennan said.

"The Resource Center will be a good resource," he said. "If it's open after hours it will be good. If it's not, it will be like the Computing Center."

ASUO President Eric Bowen said that many scheduling details still have to be worked out, but he believes the center will be available to student groups at all times.

There will be a sign-up sheet to prevent crowding in the center and after 5 p.m., keys to the center will be available at the Main Desk Store.

"We're going to have to control access otherwise the equipment will get damaged," Bowen said.

Freeman-Jones said furniture for the center will be provided free of charge from the University's recycled furniture center at the Physical Plant.

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nized because of internal problems and conflicts with the ASUO; however, this year, there has been little conflict between the two groups.

Some may say this is because ASUO President Eric Bowen nominated his friends from the ASUO to IFC positions. But some students argue that appointing friends takes the opportunity away from others.

"Eric Bowen saw how diligent I worked on USSA and Safety Affairs. He put faith in me to get the job done. I don't think that I've let him down," Cornwell said.

Cornwell said the problem isn't Bowen appointing friends to IFC and other positions but the lack of student involvement in general.

"I wish that more students would apply, but they don't. In the '91-'92 election year, we had a 12 percent (of the student body) voting turnout," Cornwell said.

"This was a voting high. Students don't realize how student government affects their lives," Cornwell said. "It's a small group of people who apply. You have seven students that are allocating a large budget. I spend 40 hours a week plus with these same students. This is why we all know each other well."

There's another surprising fact that may not be known about Cornwell — she's 19 years old. This comes at a time when most sophomores are still partying and pondering their majors, but Cornwell believes that being young has given her an edge.

"I'm young, but that puts me ahead of others. I never thought that I would be in charge of a \$4.6 million budget," Cornwell said.

But she also admits that her position isn't an easy one, especially when dealing with money.

"It's dirty work; you're always on the bad side. If you give money away, the press says that you're wasting student funds. If you don't spend the money, then the press says that you're tight with the money," Cornwell said.

But Cornwell said she receives satisfaction "when I see people using the money that I've allocated; that's great."

However, some students may question whether Cornwell has the experience to handle the rigors of IFC. Cornwell has been involved in student government since her pre-teen days in middle school. At that time, she was involved in a group that started a student advocacy group called Oregon Student Safety on the Move.

This group promoted a drug-and-alcohol-free lifestyle for students. Cornwell was partially responsible for introducing a program of this type, "the first in Oregon," she said. Also, many other middle and high schools adopted similar programs.

As unlikely as it may sound, there have been some disappointments in her life. In both her sophomore and senior years in high school she lost her campaign for class president, the latter to her best friend. But she's still able to put a positive spin on the situation.

"Even though I lost for class president, I'm still involved in student government, and they aren't. This proves that I have perseverance," Cornwell said.

When she graduated from high school, she had planned to get involved in student politics and interned for ASUO Safety Affairs for a year. This past fall, she applied for the IFC position.

"My appointment was one of the most memorable experiences in my life. It was a whole new challenge for me," Cornwell said.

Overall, Cornwell said she accepted the position to learn more about how student government works. Although the position has been easy, she knows her job is important.

"I would consider doing it again. It gets to me. But I think that people appreciate it," Cornwell said.

## ISA

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national Lounge and the annual International Week.

The Shing-Youm ticket was elected during last year's spring term. Reports about discordance between the director and the co-director surfaced in October of last year, when Youm told the *Emerald* that the two "weren't talking to each other."

Youm's resignation prompted speculations that other ISA officers would resign in sympathy with his complaints. Public Relations Manager Ayse Aksay resigned Wednesday, citing "communication problems" and lack of trust in the current ISA director.

The two remaining officers said they would decide about their employment soon, pending the outcome of an investigation of Shing's alleged misconduct.

"Clearly, the leadership of the ISA needs to be improved," said Michelle McCoy, who works as an intern at the ISA office. "If nothing happens, I don't think I'll continue to work here. I'm a senior this year, and I have plenty of other things to do."

If all of the officers were to resign, it would bring about a

total collapse of the administrative functions of the ISA. With Shing alone in the office, there would be no staff to carry out daily and long-term operations.

The resignations come after a long-lasting dispute between Shing and other ISA officers.

Youm claims that Shing mishandled funds, sometimes to his personal advantage, and failed to keep the books properly. Specifically, he maintains that Shing made personal long-distance telephone calls on ISA's account and mishandled money that he collected from the sale of a video.

The matter is now under investigation by a special committee with five members from various international organizations.

Commenting on Youm's resignation, Shing said that he had hoped he would be able to persuade him to stay on.

"His resignation means that ISA will lose an important asset," he said.

Shing said he believed Youm's resignation could be explained by a fundamental difference in working style.

When asked if he would resign from his post following the recent allegations, Shing said, "No, not at this time."

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