

## IFC asks for funding freeze

**Audit:** USSA charged with mismanagement, conflicts of interest

By Edward Klopfenstein  
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The Incidental Fee Committee officially requested Monday that the ASUO freeze funding and begin an audit on the local branch of the United States Students Association at the University, citing alleged mismanagement and conflict of interest concerns.

It is now up to the ASUO to decide whether USSA accounts will be frozen or not.

According to the IFC complaint, USSA overspent several thousand dollars on a conference last fall by using funds budgeted for other expenses, then requested another \$5,795 from the IFC to cover further expenses.

The IFC approved the request, but Liu added that there was no information available at that time to show that USSA was involved in mismanagement.

Such expenses are illegal under ASUO rules, said Jian Liu, chairman of the IFC, because Incidental Fee money must be spent according to the budget the group submitted in the previous year.

Only by petitioning the IFC can changes be made. Liu said USSA never made a petition.

In a more serious charge, the IFC also says that the ASUO didn't correct the situation through internal audits because many members of the ASUO Executive Committee were also members of USSA, according to the request.

The conflict of interest charge is especially serious, said Liu, because then ASUO vice president Diana Collins Puente was an active member of USSA.

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## For the birds



Dustin Roller, a senior at Sheldon High School, throws bread in the air for the seagulls in the park by the Millrace Monday afternoon.

## UNIVERSITY

## Alternatives for Amazon investigated by officials

**Decision:** Administrators must choose between four ideas for Amazon's fate

By Eric Buckhalter  
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Incorporating tenant, student and community input into the Amazon housing situation, University Housing administrators are currently reviewing four alternatives before making a decision on the fate of the community.

"I believe that we have worked well and productively with student leaders and the Amazon community as a whole," said Mike Eyster, director of University Housing. "Upon the request of the students, we agreed to the Endex evaluation of Amazon, which concluded that renovation was too expensive, and agreed that it was a well done study."

"As of right now," he said, "we are looking closely at four alternatives."

The alternatives are: 1) replace Amazon housing, which would be done during this spring's construction season; 2) the cooperative proposal, which would turn Amazon into an independent, student-run co-op; 3) maintain Amazon as university housing; and 4) the possibility that Amazon may become an historic landmark, which depends on the decision of the Eugene City Council.

Eyster said he did not believe Amazon warrants historic preservation. "But that decision is up to the city," he said.

University Housing officials have been working with the Design Advisory Group, comprised of Amazon tenants, students and community members, in order to examine architectural styles and guidelines. Eyster said the architecture class studying the Amazon situation this term will submit its recommendations to this

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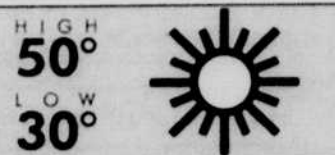
## GOOD MORNING

ATLANTA (AP) — The Super Bowl is providing some super eating for diners at the city's shelters and soup kitchens.

On Monday, a food bank collected 850 pounds of rabbit stew, beef tenderloin, buffalo steaks, stuffed peppers and apple tarts from the Taste of the NFL, for which chefs from the 28 National Football League cities create culinary masterpieces.

"It's a windfall," said Carl Jaffar, who works for the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

In the next few days, the food bank will collect a total of 15,000 pounds of leftovers from Super Bowl celebrations. That's 50 percent more than it normally collects in a week from convention centers, restaurants and institutions.



WASHINGTON (AP) — Cable and broadcast networks effectively stopped congressional efforts to restrict violent television programs by agreeing Tuesday to police themselves.

The broadcast television industry announced plans for an independent monitoring system to assess the amount of violence on the tube.

Cable television went a step farther, agreeing to begin rating its programs for violence and endorsing technology that would permit parents to block violent

shows from their homes.

The agreement has been endorsed by a large number of cable channels, including Bravo, Disney, HBO, MTV, The Nashville Network, Playboy and The Weather Channel.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the strongest evidence yet, two studies involving more than 150,000 people show that cigarette smoking can lead to colon cancer in both men and women.

The parallel studies to be published Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute also found that early smoking apparently fixes for life the risk of colon-rectal cancer, even if the smoking habit is dropped.

"With colon cancer, if you smoke in your 20s, that risk

stays with you," said Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, the Channing Laboratory and the Harvard School of Public Health. "Even if you stop at age 40, you'll still be at greater risk."

The risk is also "dose related," he said. "The more you smoke, the more the risk."

Other studies show that stopping cigarette smoking at any age, however, does lower the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and other disorders, Giovannucci said.

The colon cancer conclusions are based on a Harvard School of Public Health study of 47,935 men and a Brigham and Women's study of 118,334 women.

## Speaker focuses on harassment

**Expert:** Architect of sexual harassment code gives presentation

By Bryan Westby  
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Dr. Bernice R. Sandler, a nationally recognized expert on sexual harassment, gave a presentation yesterday at 3:00 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Sandler, who holds a degree in counseling from the University of Maryland and nine honorary doctorates, is responsible for

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