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MEDIA

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African journalists who bring to the university and the community an important perspective on international journalism," said Associate Professor of Journalism Steve Ponder, who arranged the visit with fellow journalism professor Leslie Steeves.

The cultural exchange is sponsored by the United States Information Agency Young African Leaders Project. The journalists are from 16 countries in Africa.

The African journalists have crossed the nation during their six-week tour. They have visited such places as a prison in Memphis, Tenn., and a gay newspaper in San Francisco.

In Eugene, the group has toured *The Register-Guard* and will visit a radio station, a television station and a high school in the area. The group will also speak to various groups in the University community.

"This is a great opportunity for the faculty, the students and the Eugene community," Steeves said.

The foreign journalists have the opportunity to view new technologies like desktop publishing and to better understand concerns in American journalism.

Omar said he believes the trip has been a good experience.

"It is very valuable to experience a trip like this," Omar said. "I am especially lucky because I have really enjoyed it."

MEETING

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During the VSA budget hearing, the issue of IFC inconsistency in funding a budget's reference line item surfaced again.

IFC member Caitlin Twain said the committee has been arbitrarily granting requests to some student groups and not funding the line item at all for others, asking them instead to raise funds.

"I'm feeling really weird about the reference line item. I don't really know what to do about it anymore," said Twain. "Unfortunately, we weren't consistent."

IFC member Shannon Wall said, "I don't feel like I've arbitrarily decided."

Wall said that she made decisions on the reference line item based on how accessible materials were to the students on campus.

VSA received \$30 for the reference line item, the same amount of student funds currently allocated.

Men and Women Against Rape was also heard last night by the IFC. The student group was granted a budget of \$1,347 for the 94-95 year, a 1.7 percent increase.

Co-director positions were created this year as the group included women for the first time. Formerly the group was Men Against Rape. The IFC increased the administration stipend to fund two positions instead of just having one male director.

Men and Women Against Rape was not allocated any funds for the reference items. Currently it receives \$50 for the line item and asked for the same amount for the 94-95 year.

Twain said, "Fifty dollars is not unreasonable to ask for you to fund-raise." Twain also said it would be a positive way for the group to advertise its organization to students on campus.

The American Institute of Architecture Students, and Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals were both zero-funded by the IFC due to failure to attend their scheduled budget committee hearing.

But other members of the delegation have had darker opinions of the trip to the U.S.

"I have seen the heads and the tails of American society," said Martin Masai, a journalist from the *Kenya Times*.

Masai said he likes the diversity of American culture, but is appalled by what he terms as a lack of morality.

"Somethings should not be allowed," Masai said in reference to the gay community in San Francisco. Some nations in Africa consider homosexuality a taboo.

Ofege Ntemfac from the *Cameroon Post* said he harbored a negative opinion of many aspects of the U.S. tour.

"When we went to the prison it was like 'Hey, how come everyone in here is black?'" Ntemfac said.

Ntemfac also said American journalism seemed to have some problems. He said newspapers in America are driven too much by businesses.

"Whole pages are set aside for advertisements in American newspapers," Ntemfac said. "In my country, the newspapers are more focused on the news."

However, Fernanda Dias, of the *Novo Jornal* in the country of Cape Verde, praised American newspapers for being privately owned. She said newspapers in her country are controlled by the state.

"A scandal like Whitewater would never have been reported in my country," Dias said. "We would be too afraid that we would lose our jobs."

GODBOLD

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excellent teacher," she said, adding that he never sought special concessions because of his muscular dystrophy.

That Flynn sought the fewest possible concessions was something his family knew very well. He enjoyed competition, especially when it came to his academic pursuits.

According to an obituary in *The Register-Guard*, he once wrote in an essay: "Being skilled at the art of compromise means I choose my contests carefully. It's hard for me to move my wheelchair quickly through a crowded hallway, so I wouldn't choose to race you to my next class. Instead, I might want to race you to a Ph.D."

Flynn took rigorous classes and spent much of his energy on schoolwork. He was an avid reader of science fiction and followed developments in science and technology, Jim Godbold said.

Flynn was a real believer in technology because it provided him with life support — a breathing apparatus and his wheelchair, Jim Godbold said. Flynn enjoyed using his Macintosh computer and marveled at the different technological advancements in the world of computers and science.

Flynn liked to test his knowledge by way of television game shows such as *Jeopardy*, often joking with his father that he had won more money.

Family and friends knew Flynn as a brilliant, hard-working student with a keen sense of humor and a sharp wit. Jim said Flynn was like another parent to his younger sister and brother, Lacey and Hart, often disciplining them and teasing his father and his mother, Pat, about how they should raise them.

"He had a real, real up and incredible sense of humor," Jim Godbold said, "though it was a bit dark at times because of all he had to deal with. He was able to laugh at the world and at himself."

Flynn loved college and the time he spent on the campus.

"He thought the Honors College was a cool place," Jim Godbold said, "though he was a bit self-conscious about how hard it was for people to deal with him and his disability."

"I know if he were here he would like to thank all those who helped him get to college — the support of the University, state agencies and everyone involved."

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. today at Grace Community Fellowship, 989 Country Club Road. The family suggests remembrances be contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 1140 Willagillespie Road, Eugene, Ore. 97401.

MEASURE

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vation and to a new, more positive focus for opponents of the measure. Instead of running a campaign against the measure, the No Charter Amendment Political Action Committee plans to build a Habitat for Humanity house for a low-income family.

"Our group chose to turn the other cheek," she said.

The measures are described by OCA State Communications Director Loretta Neet as initiatives that prevent a city or county from granting minority status based on sexual orientation.

Neet said the initiatives also guarantee that tax money would not be given to organizations that promote or show approval of homosexuality, and that children's library books, such as

Heather Has Two Mommies, that deal with homosexuality would only be available in adult sections of public libraries.

Neet also said the city and county initiatives cannot affect the way homosexuality is portrayed in public schools.

Although anti-gay minority rights measures have already passed in 15 other Oregon counties and cities, the measures have not been enforced. The legislature passed a law last summer, House Bill 3500, that prohibits city and county governments from enacting or enforcing anti-gay rights ordinances.

The OCA has challenged the constitutionality of HB 3500. In the meantime, the OCA is working on another statewide measure, similar to the 1992 Ballot Measure 9, that would not be affected by HB 3500.