

IFC to fund Black Women of Achievement

Hearing: BWA receives full funding in its first-ever meeting with the committee

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Other than a minor change in the line-item for postage, Black Women of Achievement's budget was fully funded by the Incidental Fee Committee last night. BWA was granted a budget of \$3,616.

1994-95 will mark the first year that

BWA requested funds from the IFC. Previously, BWA was part of the Black Student Association. BWA has been active on campus for the past four years.

BWA representatives stressed the importance of empowerment. "Being a black woman on campus, I am not recognized," BWA representative Kenya Luvert said.

IFC member Shannon Wall motioned to fund BWA. "I think they were being very modest in what they were asking for," she said.

"I'm a huge advocate of paring down

budgets," said IFC member Caitlin Twain, who seconded the motion. "But you're one of the most pro-active groups I've seen."

ASUO Finance Coordinator Francis Neo reserved the right not to make a recommendation for the BWA budget. He expressed that he was caught between the ASUO Executive's promotion of diversity on campus and the fiscal responsibility of keeping student fees down.

Neo said in an interview, "I would not support for the full percentage of what they ask for." When asked why he did not vote,

Neo said, "Because I felt that BWA has an agenda on campus and because my recommendation was going to be against them."

The IFC postponed the International Students Association budget hearing, stating there was not enough representation at the meeting for the ISA's various subcommittees. Each subcommittee is an organization representing students from different nations around the world. ISA will be heard Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm.

Masterpiece



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Artist Mike Randles hurts a cube of Jell-O at a 4-by-5 foot canvas at the sixth annual Jell-O Art Show and Tacky Food Buffet, which took place at Maude Kerns Art Center April 1. JELL-O ART: See Story Page 5

UNIVERSITY

Diverse students' talents integrated in pilot program

Team: 20 students from varied fields combine efforts to design businesses

By Shari Royle
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What do you get when you cross the School of Journalism and Communications, the School of Architecture and Allied Arts and the College of Business? The Design Business Collaboration.

The Design Business Collaboration is a pilot program, new to the University this spring, which integrates the talents of students in architecture, visual design, communications and business. The 20 students are split into four interdisciplinary teams that will work together for the term.

The goal of the program is to teach students how to combine business strategy, marketing and design in their future professions. Ron Kellett, program coordinator, University associate vice president for research and associate professor of architecture, said there is a challenge in figuring out how to get from a creative idea to a business plan.

On Monday afternoon, the four teams presented their first project at Dynamix, a Eugene-based software firm. For two weeks, the teams had been observing Dynamix

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Donation gives life to Christian lectures

Bequest: A graduate's generous gift benefits religious studies

By Laurie Bossi
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It was an unusual, yet rather pleasant, circumstance for the religious studies department some 10 years ago.

The department found itself, quite unexpectedly, the sole benefactor of an extremely generous sum of money left to its disposal by a recently deceased San Antonio man whom the department had never heard of.

Indeed, no one really knows why Dr. Ira Gaston, a 1918 University graduate, would have

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GOOD MORNING

► SALEM (AP) — A proposed statewide anti-gay rights initiative measure is legally flawed and not eligible to go on the ballot, a Marion County judge ruled.

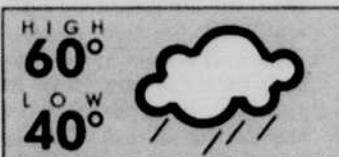
In a decision made public yesterday, Circuit Judge Rod Miller said the proposal violates the rule of the Oregon Constitution requiring initiatives on constitutional amendments to have a single subject.

It was Miller's second such ruling in the case this year. He held on Feb. 12 that the initiative sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance was ineligible for the ballot on the same grounds but later withdrew that decision because of a procedural error.

The OCA has been circulating petitions in hopes of submitting to the voters a revised version of the anti-gay rights measure they defeated in 1992.

To get the new proposal measure on the ballot, the OCA must submit 89,000 signatures to the secretary of state by July 8.

OCA Chairman Lon Mabon



said Miller's decision will be appealed to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Voters in 20 cities and counties have passed local OCA-backed measures similar to the proposed statewide law. But a law passed by the 1993 Legislature bars enforcement of the local measures.

Miller, in a letter ruling dated Friday and disclosed today, noted the proposed measure would do several things. It would forbid extending minority status to homosexuals, limit school course work and library access on homosexual issues and forbid government spending to promote approval of homosexuality and "dictate on the terms and nature of public employment of homosexuals."

Miller said those are not connected provisions of a single subject.

The OCA had argued that the sole subject of the measure is the "prohibition of minority status based on homosexuality."

But Miller said foes of the initiative "persuasively" argued that the concept of government granting minority status "has no independent legal meaning or significance."

Mabon said OCA opponents are filing lawsuits to do what they cannot do at the polls.

"It seems like the homosexual community, considering that they can't win any of these local measures, have moved into the courts to find friendly supporters to try and stop the will of the people by judicial fiat," he said.

He said Miller disregarded Oregon Supreme Court benchmark rulings on the single-subject issue.

► KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — An ex-convict dying from liver disease is spending his final days warning young people to stay away from the drugs that cut short his life.

Identified only as "Fritz" to protect his family's privacy, the

31-year-old former drug dealer and user spent more than five years in California's San Quentin Prison.

He was first sentenced at age 23 but returned to drugs and crime after his release, sending him back to prison nine more times.

"When you're young, you just don't think anything will happen to you," Fritz said. "You think it's all fun and games, but there's a price to pay."

After his release last summer, he moved to his parents' home near Chiloquin to make a new start in life. Six months later, he learned he was dying from cirrhosis of the liver caused by hepatitis he contracted during drug use.

"The people who make drugs don't really care what's in the stuff," Fritz said. "Seven different chemicals go into crank, and each one alone can kill you. I know all about crank. I made it myself."

"If I stop one child and save his life from drugs, then his life won't be wasted," Fritz said.