

Earth song



Rick Venturi plays the bass marimba with the percussion group Kudana during the first day of Earth Week festivities in the EMU Courtyard Monday.

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IFC approves salary increases

ASUO: Student leaders will receive 18 percent more IFC money

By Amy Columbo
Oregon Daily Emerald

The ASUO Executive Committee was granted salary increases by the Incidental Fee Committee Monday. The ASUO Executive was allocated \$223,739 for the 1994-95 school year, an

18.1% increase.

ASUO President Eric Bowen said the ASUO Executive is currently paid less than minimum wage. He said ASUO stipends have not been raised in at least five years, despite the fact tuition has been raised 50 percent.

Bowen said compared to other colleges, student government positions are underpaid. "LCC

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New weight room's opening marks new era of facilities

Equipment: Harry Jerome Weight Room is 'big improvement'

Eron Witzel
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

New weight machines and a stereo system are now available in the recently renovated Harry Jerome Weight Room, which celebrated its grand opening Monday.

The weight room carries a \$105,000 price tag. A one-time \$40,000 grant from the ASUO

last year paid for the new equipment, and Physical Activity and Recreation Services funded the renovation and remodeling. Though the facilities were free for students and staff in previous years, a \$15-per-term fee is now assessed to help pay for maintenance and supervision.

"It is my hope that the \$15 assessment will be lowered. Since it is a new facility, we don't know how much it will cost to maintain it," said Lois Youngen, director of PARS.

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UNIVERSITY

Students will decide fate of top seats

Vote: University election begins today

By Edward Klopstein
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Student body elections start today with 18 seats on the revamped Student Senate and the top seats for the ASUO Executive at stake.

Ten candidates are competing for the ASUO president and vice president spots and 31 students are competing for 18 Student Senate seats and other positions.

Poll booths are located by the Hamilton Hall cafeteria and Chapman and Condon Halls, according to ASUO representatives.

The outcome of several seats will remain hazy until the general elections next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Seat one on the ASUO Programs Finance Committee and Seat 13, a position to be filled by an arts and letters/journalism major, could be filled by this week's elections. Then those candidates could be forced to resign by next week's Ballot Measure 81.

The ballot measure, proposed by ASUO President Eric Bowen, asks students to allow Incidental Fee Commit-

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GOOD MORNING

► A public hearing to discuss revising Eugene's non-discrimination laws to include civil rights protection for homosexuals will be at 6 p.m. tonight in the Council Chamber at Eugene City Hall, 777 Pearl St.

The hearing is the second of two, and will shape the Eugene Human Rights Commission's recommended code changes next month.

During the hearing, citizens will have an opportunity to provide oral or written testimony on the proposed changes to the non-discrimination code, which has not been revised since 1975. These changes include prohibiting discrimination against people based on their sexual orientation, age or source of legally obtained income — including government assistance.

Forty people attended the first public hearing Feb. 14, with only nine giving oral testimony. Of the nine, eight supported the proposed changes.

"What someone does in the bedroom should have no effect on whether they should be able to obtain employment or housing," said University junior Sharisse Howard at the forum.

Others at the Feb. 14 hearing, such as Dr. Paul Wilson, expressed regret that such an anti-discrimination code would be necessary.

The only negative testimony at the hearing came from a speaker who said the Civil Rights Act of 1968 was too vague in its definition of Native Americans.

The Human Rights Commission plans to forward its recommendations to the City Council by May 23. The City Council will have its own public hearing on the changes on Monday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Copies of the proposed code changes and citizen comment forms are available at the Eugene Public Library or at the City of Eugene's Human Rights Office, located in Room 105A at City Hall.

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Soto selected as 1994-95 'Emerald' editor

Editor: Kaly Soto chosen by board to lead 'Emerald' next year

By Tasha Eichenseher
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Emerald Board of Directors announced Monday Kaly Soto will be editor-in-chief for the 1994-95 school year.

"I was really surprised that they picked me out of all those people," said Soto, a junior majoring in sociology and journalism.

Soto was up against three other Emerald staff members. Richard Rofsky, chairman of the board of directors, said he was impressed with all of the candidates this year.

"To have four strong candidates was a pleasant surprise," said Rofsky. "We thought all four were excellent and well qualified."

The board, which is comprised of community members, faculty, students and Emerald-staff, chose Soto as the next editor because of her outgoing personality, Rofsky said.

"We thought that she had really strong people skills and is

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