

Hide-and-seek



Spencer Meeker, 11, peeks from behind the backboard to see if his brother, Ross, 9, left, and Alex Bender, 7, are done counting to 100 in a game of hide-and-seek. The boys were playing next to the University Student Health Center.

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Senate approves group's revised goal statement

Meeting: Group's original statement may have infringed on First Amendment rights

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After an hour of legal debate, the Student Senate voted Monday night in favor of approving a revised goal statement written by the University's Students for Choice organization.

The group's previous goal statement was rejected at its Jan. 17th budget hearing by the ASUO Programs Finance Committee on the grounds that the objectives of the group may infringe on some student's First Amendment rights. A group cannot receive funding unless its goal statement has been approved.

"It is important to keep in mind that this is not about abortion or the right to choose or the merits of Roe vs. Wade," wrote Martin Fisher, Senate President Pro-tem, in a

memo to the Senate. "Rather, this is about compelling students to financially support an ideology they disagree with, which is a direct violation of those students' First Amendment rights."

Fisher's memo cited several U.S. Supreme Court cases, which ruled that the state cannot compel a person to hold or support a particular belief or ideology.

Fisher and Senators Justin Good, James Boyd and Jessie Talarsky were the four out of 17 senators to reject the goal statement.

Many who voiced that the statement should be approved referred to the 1985 Attorney General's opinion regarding the use of student incidental fees.

"Martin's memo is well thought out, but not a statement of current law in Oregon," said Marlene Drescher, director for the Office of Student Advocacy. "We are bound by the Attorney General's opinion."

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Survey: Americans uninformed about sexual disease transfer

Lifestyles: Many University students' attitudes put them at risk of contracting AIDS, STDs

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A national survey released last week found that Americans are naive about sexually transmitted diseases. According to a peer health educator at the University Student Health Center, college students are no exception.

"The majority of people here at the University don't see the negative effects of STD's, and especially HIV, because it takes

a long time in many cases for symptoms to appear," said Jess Knox, a University student who specializes in HIV education. "There is always a problem with people knowing the facts about STD's, but still not following a safe lifestyle."

The study was conducted by Burroughs Wellcome Co., best known as the developer and distributor of AZT, the drug most commonly prescribed to fight AIDS.

The survey found that American's attitudes about sex were complicated and often contradictory. For example, 76 percent insisted they are in monogamous rela-

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GOOD MORNING

► CHICAGO (AP) — A 50-year-old stockbroker attempting the first solo balloon flight across the Pacific is bracing against freezing temperatures and a looming storm front halfway through the journey.

Balloonist Steve Fossett crossed the international date-line Sunday night, marking the halfway point of his South Korea to California trip, said flight manager Timothy Kemper, who was communicating with Fossett by computer.

"He's in good spirits, and we're still on track," Kemper said.

Although the temperatures at 16,000-feet froze his drinking water and the propane heaters broke, Kemper said Fossett remains confident.

"He's done extensive mountain climbing, he's done the Iditarod...He can last," Kemper said.

The 150-foot-high white balloon, encased by another balloon with heated air, lifted off from South Korea early Saturday. He planned to travel 6,090 miles to San Francisco.

If successful, it would be the

first solo balloon flight across the Pacific and set a world distance record.

Sunday night, Fossett sent Kemper an e-mail message that he was nearing the Midway Islands, traveling 75 miles an hour at 16,000 feet where the outside temperature was 22 below zero.

He also was approaching his first serious weather challenge, a front that meteorologists said could develop storm clouds to 18,000 feet, said Kemper, a longtime friend of Fossett's and an assistant vice president at Loyola University Chicago.

The balloon can rise to 30,000 feet. Kemper said Fossett would need to don an oxygen mask at that altitude, where the temperature is about 42 below zero outside and about 20 below inside the gondola.

The joint U.S.-South Korean effort is being made to mark the 50th anniversaries of the U.S. victory over Japan in World War II and South Korea's independence from Japanese colonial rule.

Some campers find housing

Living: The camp's social service advocate has found stable homes for many residents

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Centennial Car Camp resident Rick Aquizap will have to leave his temporary home because his 90-day stay limit is coming to an end this Friday.

He is one of the lucky ones. With the help of Steve Amundson, the camp's new social services advocate, he has found a place to live.

"Steve is doing everything possible to get people into houses or trailer parks," Aquizap said.

Amundson has managed to find stable and permanent housing for 14 of the 19 residents whose stay limit ends Friday.

Tensions were running high at the camp last week before the city granted a five-day extension due to the snow, Aquizap said.

"People are like, where the hell are we supposed to go?" Aquizap said.



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For some at the Centennial Car Camp near Autzen Stadium, their 90-day limit on camping is coming to an end this Friday.

The 90-day stay limit is designed to encourage residents to look for alternative housing and to allow other homeless people an opportunity to stay at the camp.

Aquizap said he was grateful

to be able to stay in the camp even for only 90 days.

"In this camp you don't have to sleep with one ear open," he said.

Amundson, who has been the

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