

Women's hoops coach gets four-year deal

Agreement: Jody Runge's salary would nearly double

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The University and head women's basketball coach Jody Runge entered into an agreement Wednesday that nearly doubled her salary after a year of debate.

The agreement, which is not yet signed, provides Runge with a four-year contract and an annual base salary of \$80,000. Runge's

beginning salary in 1993 was \$42,000, and \$48,000 last year.

Runge, who last fall threatened to sue the University for sexual discrimination, said she is pleased with the agreement.

"The issue for me personally was that we want to build a nationally prominent program,

and you need a 4-year coach here for marketing and recruiting the program," said Runge.

While part of the agreement includes the University's promotion of women's basketball, Runge said she is waiting to sign the agreement to ensure she is satisfied with the terms of the promotion plans.

"For our program, the agreement means we can demonstrate the kind of program we've been talking about in terms of being competitive and performing well in the NCAA tournament," Runge said.

Runge's attorney, Alan Manheim, said that the pivotal point in the deal was Runge's desire for the University to promote her program.

"That was one of the things that Jody has absolutely insisted upon," Manheim said.

The deal was struck Wednesday in a phone conversation between Manheim and the University's attorney, Peter Swan.

"We have reached an agreement in principle, but until I have seen the actual contract, it's not done," Manheim said, adding that he believes the deal is as

good as done but doesn't want to take any chances. "I feel like we can hammer this out, I just want to be sure there aren't any last minute surprises."

Interim athletic director Dan Williams said on Thursday that he had planned to talk to Runge about her contract after her team's season was over, and was pleased with how the proceedings went.

"We have been very conscientious and timely in our work," Williams said, adding that signing the contract is just a formality. "It is just a matter of everyone agreeing on the language."



RUNGE

Committee funds OSPIRG, meets fee benchmark

Budget: OSPIRG receives small budget cut from the Programs Finance Committee, but meets its funding goal

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The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group emerged from its second appearance before the Programs Finance Committee Thursday with a \$134,950 budget, and a new lease on life at the University.

Thursday also marked the final meeting of the budget committee, which has met its zero percent increase benchmark by \$4,481. The committee's package of \$1,736,922 in student fee allocations will now be sent to the Student Senate, which will vote to either accept the budget package, or reject it.

The \$2,825 cut in group's budget marks what should be the final chapter in the OSPIRG funding saga, which started in early March when the committee rejected its goal statement. Disappointment that the group received the 2 percent budget cut was matched only by relief that the group's budget battle is finally over, volunteers said.

"We are happy with the outcome," said Katy Anthes, OSPIRG's University chapter chair. "It was definitely a victory for

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Ready for rain, Ben Vaughn lays down compost to prepare his group's plot for planting. The Urban Farm allows University students to learn gardening skills.

Students growing own vegetables, prefer gardening

Produce: More people are realizing the value of growing their own chemical-free foods

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Many students these days associate fresh vegetables and fruit with the produce section of their local grocery stores.

To these students, "gathering" vegetables means walking down an aisle pushing a metal cart and plucking greens from orderly stacks. The vegetables are washed, waxed and sometimes chemically treated. They are placed in plastic bags, whisked over the grocery store scanner, then carried home for consumption.

Other students, however, have chosen to do their own gardening and to participate in a process of nature that few in modern society experience.

Sophie Bello, a University student who lives in Lorax Manor, a cooperative housing project, said many of Lorax's students help with the four garden beds at the house.

"I like gardening because it is a satisfying way to watch time go by, watching plants grow," she said.

Bello also works on garden plots in her Urban Farm class. Two days a week, and on

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GOOD MORNING

WANTED!

The FBI is looking for this man in connection with a bank robbery at the US Bank on 17th



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and Oak streets. The robbery occurred on April 6, 1995. If you have any information about the robbery or this man, please call the FBI at 343-5222 or (503) 224-4181.

► More than 900 high school students from around Oregon will be on campus this weekend to decide the fate of Palestine and how to end the violence in

Bosnia during a three-day Model United Nations State Conference.

The conference involves 34 Oregon high schools, representing more than 100 countries. Model U.N. committees vote on resolutions dealing with topics ranging from violence against women in Muslim countries to ending fighting in Bosnia.

If these resolutions pass the Model U.N. General Assembly, they may be sent on to U.N. headquarters in New York.

Not all the conference's activities are as serious as debating resolutions, however. In addition to a dance and other events, previous year's conferences have included a "terrorist take-over" of the General Assembly.

Candidate seeks informed student body

ASUO: Kenya Luvert says students need to learn about, use resources on which tuition is being spent

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If there is one thing that presidential candidate Kenya Luvert wants to bring to the ASUO, it's the motivation to get others involved and make a difference.

"I've been involved on campus for two years and I love helping people and I love making a difference," said Kenya Luvert.

Luvert would like to involve as many different people in the student government as possible. She wants to see students be bet-



Kenya Luvert is running for ASUO president. Currently she is running without a vice presidential candidate.

ter informed and have a voice in decisions that affect them.

"You let students know that they're voice matters, to motivate them to get involved," she said.

She said students need to know about the resources on campus, everything from the Career Center to the library. She is frustrated to find students on campus who don't have e-mail accounts and don't understand that part of the \$50 technology fee students pay every term is to fund access to the Internet.

"There are a lot of resources out there and students need to know what they are because their fees are paying for them," she said.

She would also like to see the ASUO Executive take a more active role in soliciting concerns

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