

Students lose representation in senate; 13 seats deleted

■ **ASUO:** Poor attendance results in failure to block legislation that reduced assembly positions.

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Beginning in January 1996, the ASUO will have 13 fewer seats on the University senate leave that will students with less representation in the senate, student senators announced Wednesday night at a University Senate meeting.

The University Senate, a body made up of faculty, other university staff and student government representatives, held its first meeting of the academic year on Wednesday. It approved bylaws that will restructure the University Senate. The bylaws, which were voted on by the

University Assembly last spring, will reduce the number of student senators serving on the University Senate from 18 to five. They will also reduce the total number of senators from 54 to 48.

The new senate will be able to approve issues that were previously voted on by the University Assembly.

"Everything this senate does can be turned over by the assembly," University Senate President Paul Simonds said during the meeting. "Now we're moving that power to the senate."

The assembly is made up of faculty and 18 student senators and has more than 1,000 members. In the past, the assembly has voted on curriculum issues, but its meetings are not well attended, and often fewer than 100 members attend, Simonds

said. This prevents the assembly from reaching a quorum of 50 percent that would allow it to officially pass legislation, he said.

The student senators in attendance were hoping that nine students would serve the new University Senate, said Student Senator Kanealii Osorio.

"We want nine senators and we're going to fight for that," he said before the meeting.

Nine out of 18 student senators did appear at Wednesday's meeting, but they failed to block approval of the bylaws by five votes. If more student senators were in attendance, the issue would have to be presented to the new University Senate when it meets in January, said Martin Fisher, a student senator who represents law and graduate students.

Any chance that the number of student senators will be increased in the near future is slim, he said.

Only faculty members can change the number of students in the senate, and student senators are not permitted to vote on their representation in the senate, Simonds said.

Student senators are concerned that the student body will not be adequately represented with only five student senators. Several departments will not be represented by the changes, said student senator Michelle Summers-Thompson.

"We need to have representatives from every school," she said.

Summers-Thompson believes the battle for more student representation is not over. "The students need to know that

they are losing rights right now, and that this is something that is not over and that we can do something to change it," she said.

Concerning other issues, the University Senate also approved officers selected last year. It added an amendment to the Student Conduct Code prohibiting "discrimination, discriminatory harassment and sexual harassment."

University President Dave Frohnmayer spoke to the senate about a plan by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to restructure Oregon's system of higher education into a two school system. The new plan would turn the state's seven smaller schools into extensions of the University and Oregon State University.

Violence ends when TV is turned off

■ **PEACE:** Crime Prevention Month promotes day free of trouble-causing entertainment

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

The Springfield Police Department is asking children, teens, and adults to turn off violence today by not watching television programs, not listening to music, not viewing movies or videos and not reading print media that are violent.

"Turn off the violence" is a nationwide plea to Americans to stop observing violence, said Pam Shelton of the Springfield Crime Prevention Unit.

"It's a request for you to look at what you watch, read or take part in," she said.

The department wants people to create more constructive, educational and positive ways to be entertained.

People don't have to turn on the television or the radio, people can do something else like read a book with a nonviolent subject, spend time with

friends and family, do volunteer work, help someone in need or just take a walk, said Loretta Wilson of Springfield's Crime Prevention Unit.

"We don't need constant media to entertain us," Wilson said.

The department is handing out book marks to Springfield schools. When students sign their names on these, they are pledging not to listen, read or watch violence. On the other side of the bookmark are positive suggestions for everyday alternative activities.

"This is a way kids can get involved," Wilson said. "They can make a difference in a small way. Kids are like sponges, they absorb all of this in."

Wilson gave the example of the influence of cartoon such as "Power Rangers", whose characters change into violent machines to resolve conflict. Preschool children observed on playgrounds have copied these often explosive and harmful characteristics when they get angry or work out problems because they see it on TV and

think it's normal.

We are trying to raise the level of awareness to everyone, including toy makers and radio and TV stations, Wilson said. Some students have written letters to these places asking them to stop using violence.

Adults can then learn from the children. They can see the bookmark and understand that there are other ways to be entertained, settle arguments or blow off steam without physically hurting each other, Wilson said.

The campaign is part of October's National Crime Prevention Month, which focuses on two goals: making people aware of nonviolent ways to deal with anger and conflict, and helping both adults and children realize that violent entertainment creates a climate that fosters the acceptability of violence, Wilson said.

Free materials such as "Turn off the violence" bookmarks, pledge forms and television tips handouts are available by contacting Springfield's Crime Prevention Unit at 726-2324.

Committee keeps campus current, color coordinated

■ **AGENDA:** Campus Planning Committee announces agenda for coming year

By Nicole Turley
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The Campus Planning Committee will launch a busy agenda at today's 4 p.m. meeting, but director Chris Ramey said, "It's just an average year."

The committee, whose meeting will be held in Century room D of the EMU, is an administrative committee that advises the University President on long-range campus development. This includes the issues of transportation, building design and landscaping.

Members of the committee work with user groups composed of students, faculty and staff from the areas on campus that are in need of either building or remodeling. The committee examines these areas, and advises the president and user groups on solutions.

Coordination is an essential part of the committee's work with the user groups. The committee has set up general guidelines that are flexible but create continuity among campus structures.

"You can't have some people building blue houses and other people building yellow

ones," Ramey said.

Along with serving its coordinating and advising purposes, the committee hires architects and aids in gathering funding.

After acquainting new members with these functions, discussing a work plan and anticipating future issues, the committee's attention will shift to the Transportation Systems Analysis. For this project, the committee will look at commuter patterns, where students are living and problems with the current transportation system.

"We want to see how much we should change if any," Ramey said.

A Private consultant from Portland will research transportation on campus, and present a report to the committee. Ramey said the report is scheduled to be finished on January 4, 1995.

The consultant's findings will be combined with students' perspectives. The committee plans to set up a forum with ASUO and Lane Transit District to discuss transportation issues.

"The goal is to engage the University in a discussion about transportation issues," Ramey said.

Future projects for this year include remodeling of the University law school and EMU Kitchen.

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