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Snow Club plows into debt, forcing group to dissolve

■ **SKIING:** Founder Brett Mitchell says lack of leadership caused Snow Club to plummet

By Jennifer Carter
 Student Activities Reporter

About 150 students went skiing last year with the Snow Club to Telluride and Sun River. This year, the Snow Club isn't taking students anywhere.

The recreational program is no longer on campus because of its failure to pay more than \$1,400 in bills from last year's ski season.

The debts were covered by the Snow Club's founder, Brett Mitchell, although he left the University fall term and was not affiliated with the group when the debts were made.

Mitchell said he paid the debts out of a sense of personal responsibility.

"I took personal responsibility for starting the group, so I took personal responsibility for ending it," Mitchell said. "I just wanted to make sure it ended on a semi-happy positive note."

He said he believes the group's financial misconduct was probably related to leadership problems.

Usually the Snow Club elected a new board of directors at the end of the ski season, but after he left and the ski season ended, the group disbanded, Mitchell said. He said no one was accountable for the group.

"After I left, everything just fell apart," Mitchell said. "It was a case of everybody wanting to go out and party, but no one wanted to work for it."

Mitchell said he was not aware of the unpaid bills until August when he was contacted by Matthew Scotten, ASUO summer programs coordinator.

The ASUO became aware of the group's financial wrong-doings in June when it received one of the Snow Club's unpaid bills. Scotten said the ASUO believed it was responsible for the Snow Club's debts and paid the first bill of \$381.

The money came from the ASUO surplus account, which is money student groups never spent during the year.

"This was really a precedent-setting event and through it, we had the idea that maybe we are responsible for the financial debts of registered programs," Scotten said.

But when other unpaid Snow Club bills arrived, the ASUO decided to change its policy on paying program

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Reading and rays



NATALIE MONTGOMERY/Emerald
 Marie Uhtoff a sophomore Biology major enjoys the sunny weather and studies outside of Gerlinger. The nice weather is expected to continue through tomorrow, with highs in the 60's.

Speaker addresses civil rights, ignorance

■ **MORALES:** The Mexican-American blames corruption, language barriers for his prison stay

By Jennifer Carter
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Santiago Ventura Morales has been leading discussions about indigenous people's rights since he was let out of prison for a crime he did not commit.

A founding member of the Indigenous Oazaquena Binational Front, Morales discussed his experiences and the problems indigenous peoples have had trying to assert their rights Thursday at the National Indigenous People's Day celebration.

When Morales was convicted in Oregon of murder in 1986, he did not speak English. He said language barriers and the corruption of the justice system kept him in prison for more than four years before a lobby from the Mexican-American community brought a pardon from then Gov. Neil Goldschmidt in 1991.

"It's not easy to share [my experience] like this because four and a half years of my life were taken away for the simple reason that the system didn't understand my language and I didn't understand the [system's language]," he said.

Morales is from the Mexican state of Oaxaca (Wahaca). His state is home to 17 different ethnic groups and 56 different languages, including Mixtec, Morales' native language.

Although he now speaks Eng-

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Eugene residents concerned about low-income housing plan

■ **HOUSING:** Citizens air concerns about Planning Committee's revisions

By Kari Hastings
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It's an age-old question. How do the wealthy, the poor and all the classes in between coexist peacefully in the same city?

The Eugene Planning Commission tried to answer this question Tuesday night at a public hearing to discuss revisions to the Housing Dispersal Policy Plan. The commission's recommen-

dation will be sent to the Eugene City Council for final approval at a later date.

The plan, drafted in 1974, regulates where publicly assisted housing can be built and encourages dispersal throughout the city. The existing plan needs to be revised because it's based on 1980 census data.

It is the proposed revisions that are causing controversy among Eugene residents.

As the housing policy stands now, housing projects may contain no more than 80 units, they must be built within a half mile

of social services and cannot be built where more than 20 percent of the current housing units are low-income.

If the Planning Commission's revisions pass, there will be two major changes concerning housing dispersal.

Location criteria involved with low-income housing will be eliminated, making it possible for housing projects to be built in all areas of Eugene, regardless of how close they are to the transit system or schools.

Also under the proposed revisions, these projects could be

built in areas where no housing currently exists. This is not possible now because a low-income housing project would constitute more than the 20 percent limit.

About 40 citizens attended the hearing Tuesday, bringing a number of disapproving as well as supportive statements to the floor.

Eugene resident Rudy Herr said he is astounded that low-income housing might be built on the outskirts of Eugene, away from all social services.

"If you were living in a house in these areas," he said, "you

would not want projects next door."

Richie Weinman, Housing and Community Development Section manager, responded to this concern, saying it is almost impossible to find large lots to build projects on unless people go to the city limits.

David Cohen of Eugene, asked, "When you ask a neighborhood to accept a large housing project that will change the whole atmosphere of the area, how can you expect anyone to

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