

# Student incidental fees buy sports event tickets

Students contributed \$1,009,982 to the University Athletic Department in exchange for football and men's basketball student tickets for the 1995-1996 academic year. Student incidental fees subsidized the dollar amount. The incidental fee is \$119.50 per term and approximately \$23 goes to the AD. Thus, a full-year student could contribute \$69 a year to the AD.

This money provides Oregon athletic programs with more student support. Although the money goes to the football and basketball revenues, it can only be used to support the non-revenue generating sports. Therefore, students are able to attend all these other athletic events free of charge.

The ASUO Executive, Student Senate and AD negotiate the terms of the contract's funding allocations. The negotiation process begins winter term and is completed spring term for the following year's contract. The contract states the amount of money to be allocated, the amount of tickets purchased, the seating agreement and student representation in the Athletic Department. The Athletic Department Finance Committee, which consists of three finance senators and a team council appointee, proposes the budget allocation to the Student Senate. The Student Senate then votes on the budget proposal.

Students receive 6,048 student tickets plus 50 child tickets for football, and 3,651 tickets for men's basketball (per home game). Student tickets that have not been picked up three working days prior to the games can be purchased by the general public.

Students have specific sections reserved at the games. If students don't fill these sec-

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tions, the general public is allowed to fill the sections 15 minutes before the game starts. If students used all tickets allocated to them, we would be paying less than 60 percent of the fair-market value of the tickets.

During winter term, the AD processes the budget proposal from each sport. The ADFC is involved in voicing student opinions during this process. Currently, the ADFC is involved at the beginning of this budget process, as well as the contract negotiation.

We would like more student input to help us in the decision-making process that lies ahead. How do you feel about the process of ticket allocations this year? Do you think we purchased too many tickets? Would you prefer to buy tickets at the fair-market value and attend only the games you choose so that no incidental fee money is used? How do you feel about the Athletic Department and its influence at the University?

We are students who negotiate on behalf of our fellow students. We would like to get the best deal out of the negotiations this year. We will do our best, but without more student input, the democratic process isn't complete.

Please visit us at the EMU in Room 26, or contact us through e-mail:

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## LETTERS

### Yummy food

To us at the Faculty Club restaurant at Collier House, the "lack of healthy food on campus" editorial (ODE, Feb. 6), indicated that the *Emerald* must be unfamiliar with our menu.

The Faculty Club restaurant is open for lunch every weekday while school is in session, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. We offer homemade soups, fresh sandwiches and salads, burgers, falafels and desserts.

In addition to the regular menu, we have daily specials. We invite people to stop by and see our menu. We have many healthy, satisfying offerings at modest prices.

A bonus is that we provide full table service — and the historic building is a beautiful setting.

We welcome the campus community to come in for lunch and see for themselves that "real, healthy food" is available in their midst.

Eva-Lise Carlstrom  
Faculty Club

### Increase helps all

It's no wonder economics is called the "dismal science" when it's represented by amateur practitioners like Kay Krautscheid (ODE, Feb. 12).

She presented a half-baked analysis intending to prove that a higher minimum wage would actually hurt the working poor. In fact, her pseudo-economics, including the warnings of unemployment and inflation, have been thoroughly discredited by 60 years of minimum-wage history.

Here's the real story. The current minimum wage pays barely \$800 a month to a full-time worker before taxes and other deductions. Rents in Eugene and the state's other urban areas start at about \$500. It is simply not possible to make ends meet on a minimum-wage income. As a result, thousands of minimum-wage earners have to get assistance from the taxpayers in the form of food stamps, housing sub-

sidies and the like.

This is nothing more than a taxpayer subsidy to employers who refuse to pay living wages — a license to exploit the most desperate and vulnerable people in society.

More important, increasing the minimum wage increases workers' self-respect and self-reliance. People will have more money to spend, so they spend it and create jobs.

Raising the minimum wage to \$6.50 will help everyone — the working poor, taxpayers, even the corporate greed heads whose agenda Krautscheid is promoting.

John Gever  
Staff, E. Asian Languages

### Unresolved issues

I feel strongly that your editorial (ODE, Feb. 14) made fun of Citizens for Public Accountability efforts to clarify the Hyundai issue. The information in the editorial seemed incomplete and one-sided.

We are not a bunch of wild-eyed, long-haired nuts who throw monkey wrenches into the path of the city's legal development, nor a group that can't take a little night-time excavation noise.

The city made some disastrous decisions with our tax money and keeps groveling before Hyundai as if it were the sole bread-giver on the horizon.

Why put a heavy polluter in the wetlands? The company will put toxic pollutants into the air, and chemical spills are bound to happen.

Also, we are dealing with a plant that will use 2.5 million gallons of water a day (clean drinking water) just to dilute its poisons so it can spill them into our river.

Please reconsider your stand. Attend one of our weekly public meetings at South Eugene High School, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Learn more about who we are and the quality of life we are defending.

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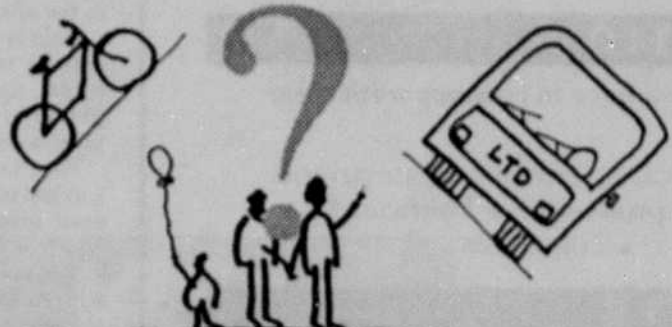
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**Alternative Modes of Transportation Forum**  
February 22, 1996, 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
128 Chiles Center

The Alternative Modes of Transportation Forum will gather information, in open forum, about the latest thinking surrounding transportation alternatives for people who drive alone to the University.

**What strategies should be explored as alternatives to expensive parking facilities?**

- More incentives for carpooling?
- Better, faster, more convenient buses?
- Safer, drier, more plentiful areas to leave bikes?
- More and better places to live close to campus?
- A guaranteed ride home if you walk, ride the bus, or ride your bike?

Short essays by each panelist on the above topics are available at <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~uplan/transpo/AltforumHomePage.html>

Sponsored by: UO Campus Planning Committee, Lane Transit District, and the Associated Students of the UO.

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