

Fee: Bill opponents fear program loss

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grams, and I don't think it is worth the nominal savings."

Advocates for the bill said the incidental fees for students have gotten too high, and at some universities the incidental fee costs are between 9 and 21 percent of the students' tuitions.

According to the bill, costs of certain programs deemed necessary to the school would be included in tuition, while the costs for other groups would rely on funds raised by its members.

It would be the responsibility of the University administration, with input from student government, to decide what programs will receive a share of the tuition fees, Moss said.

Kirk Bailey, director of legislation for the University, said the fiscal impact is the big issue.

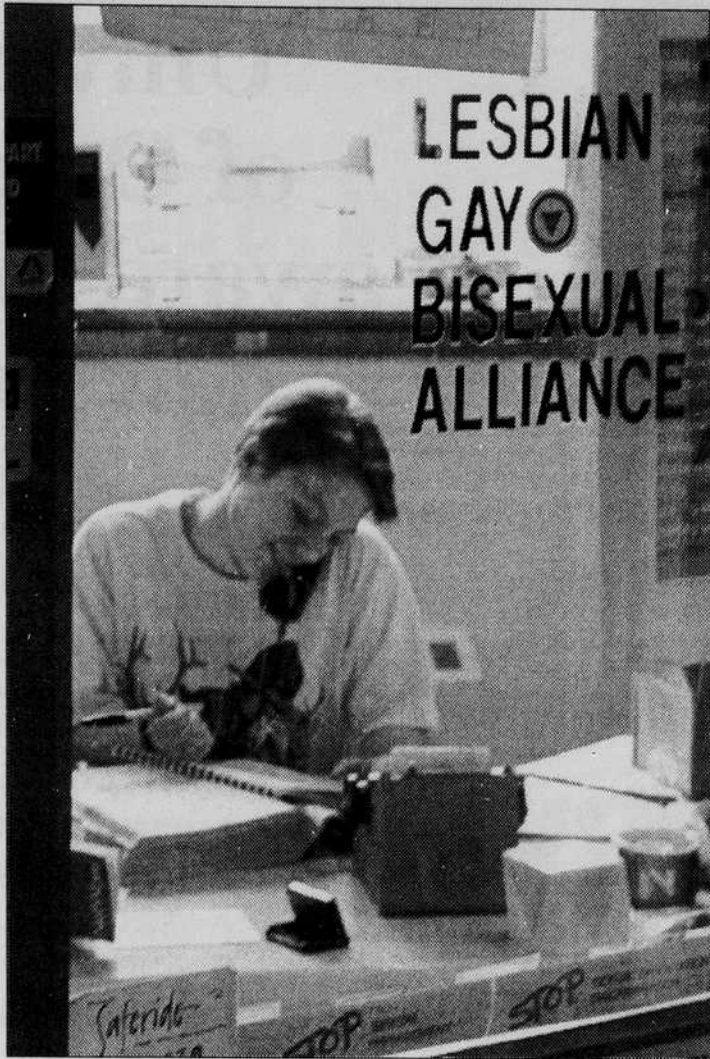
Currently, the University receives approximately \$1.5 million in resources that it can use for staff and programming.

"We are being told to take a cut with no replacement revenue," Bailey said. "While this is not a severe cut, it is significant and will have an impact."

Opponents to the bill said they were afraid student programs would be destroyed.

"These programs offer education that can't be duplicated in class," said Glenda Marshall, ASUO outreach director. "Programs like OSPiRG that offer internships provide opportunities to work in the community and still earn credit."

Eugene city councilman Bobby Lee said many of the programs funded by incidental fees provide a different type of edu-



■ The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance is one of the student groups that could be affected by cuts in student incidental fees. State representatives debated the topic Monday morning in Salem.

cation that is not always obvious.

"Incidental fee-funded programs provide real-life experience in developing leadership,

management skills and networking skills," Lee said. "They are all a part of the University's hidden curriculum that would be lost."

UO continues to seek 'gender parity' in school athletics

■ **RULE:** The University will add another women's sport within the next five years

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to free Brown University from rulings it discriminated against women athletes will likely not affect Oregon's two largest universities, spokespersons said Monday.

The Supreme Court rejected an appeal in which the Providence, R.I., school's lawyers said lower court rulings could require schools nationwide to offer varsity opportunities for women based on a "stark numerical quota."

Those rulings said the law known as Title IX requires schools to have "gender parity between its student body and its athletic lineup" or show steady progress toward that goal.

The University of Oregon added women's soccer last year and plans to add another as yet-unnamed women's sport within the next five years, said Dave Williford, co-director of sports information at the University.

"The University was headed in that direction anyway regardless of the outcome of the decision," he said.

Still, a study last October showed the University of Oregon had the same level of participation as Brown — 37 percent of intercollegiate athletes were women from a student body population that was 51 percent

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Oregon State University is in "full compliance" with Title IX, said sports information director Hal Cowan.

"We had a review, and we passed with flying colors. We probably are in better shape than anybody in the conference," he said, adding the federal Office of Civil Rights conducted the review for the last academic year.

The school has 64 percent male and 36 percent female athletes from an undergraduate student body of 56 percent men and 44 percent women, he said.

By state mandate, no more women's programs can be added because the University is running on a budget deficit, and no men's programs can be cut without falling below NCAA limits, Cowan said.

Both Oregon and Oregon State have eight women's sports and seven for men.

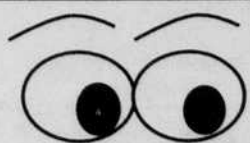
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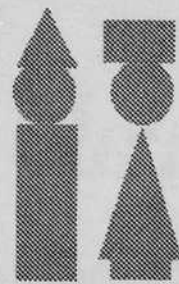
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