

Law school could lose funding

■ **MILITARY:** Because of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the school refuses to allow recruiters, risking lost dollars

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The University Law School is on a list of schools that may lose federal funding, but University officials say they are confident that funds will not be taken.

The Defense Department is creating regulations for the Solomon Amendment, which denies federal funding to any school that prevents federal military recruiters from recruiting on campus.

The law school prohibits military recruiters from their campus because of the United States Army's "don't ask, don't tell" rule concerning homosexuals. The rule says that the Army can discharge homosexuals who are open about their sexual orientation.

As a member of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS), the University's law

school must bar all recruiters representing employers who discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, race, religion, gender or disabled status.

"The policies that we follow here are no different than the policies followed by all other major law schools in the country," said John Moseley, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The law school was recently targeted as one of the institutions in violation of the Solomon Amendment. The administration feels the school was unfairly targeted, however.

"I feel like the law school was singled out," Moseley said. Other law schools belonging to the AALS also bar military recruiters, but many of those schools were not included on the list of institutions targeted by the Solomon Amendment.

The University administration has written the military a letter to explain its position.

"It is our hope that they either decide to go after everybody ... or else take us off of the list," Mose-

ley said.

The amendment now says any institution that bars recruiters for Reserve Officer Training Corps or the federal military will be denied all access to federal funds. Whom the Amendment will affect and in what ways will remain unclear until the Defense Department decides how to implement the law.

"I think in the end justice will prevail; they're not going to stop funding to all the law schools in the country, and I think they will see that our policies are the same as the others," Moseley said.

Although the University is not facing any definite threat at this time, the issue has raised some moral questions.

"The commitment of the University to its non-discrimination policy is going to be called into question," said Joel Corcoran, co-director of the Lesbian Gay Law Student Association. Moseley says the University is advocating non-discrimination. "Many of us do not appreciate some of the discriminatory policies of the military," he said.

Forensics team finds national success

■ **DEBATE:** The team was recently honored with the Founder's Award for earning a high number of points in cross examination debate

By Sarah Keech
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From their office in the University Annex, the University's forensics team keeps busy practicing for debates, going to tournaments and participating in activities on campus.

"Last weekend we held a seminar for high school students. Other than that, we do a lot of research and practice for competition," said Katie Bauer, a junior majoring in political science.

Just last month the team was honored with the Founder's Award at the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) National Championships in Wichita, Kansas. The Founder's Award is given to the team that has accumulated the most points nationally.

"This award proves we are a competitive and strong team, not only regionally but nationally," said Danielle Endres, a team member and a senior majoring in history.

There are currently 20 to 25 students involved with

the forensics team, and this year there was an increase in involvement from incoming students.

Even with so many fresh faces in the forensics program, the University remained strong against the competition.

"We had a lot of novice debaters who were successful this year. We also sent two teams to the national competition in Wichita, Kansas," said Paul Bruch, a freshman team member and a political science major.

The two senior teams that went to the national competition included Bauer and Kevin Kerwien, and Isaac Gottesman and Endres. Both teams placed in the top 64 in a field of more than 200 teams.

Although the program is open to all students, some students find it difficult to get involved, Bruch said.

"The forensics course that students can take is offered through the Honors College. Even though it is open to all students, some people might expect that it has restrictions," Bruch said.

The class is offered every term and is not required to participate in the forensics program. For more information about the forensics program, members can be reached in their office in the basement of the University Annex or by phone at 346-4186.

TODAY'S NEWS

BRIEFLY

Senate approves conduct code

The updated version of the University conduct code changes won an endorsement from the Student Senate on Wednesday night. The senate also met to hear a joint special request from the Native American Student Union and the Jewish Student Union.

ASUO University Affairs Coordinator Jenna Wasson and Mandi Hood, chair of the student conduct code committee, approached the senate with minor changes in the student conduct code. According to student senator Ben Unger, Karl Bybee of the University Senate asked that conduct code changes be approved by the senate once again because the proposal had been revised.

The code was altered to not rely upon an Oregon Revised Statute involving the mental state of an alleged rape victim. According to Hood, the new conduct code changes would state if a person were under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they may not be in a consenting state of mind. Current statutes do not recognize alcohol or drugs as a factor in an alleged rape victim's state of mind. A section involving unwanted sexual behavior was also removed because it was deemed repetitive.

Senator Doug Baker abstained from voting to endorse the codes and the rest of the senate voted to support the changes.

Members of the Jewish Student Union approached the senate for a special request of \$2,700 to cover various expenses of hosting an International Day of Cultural Reconciliation in coordination with various other student groups. Members from NASU did not attend the meeting, but the JSU members said that the money would also go to NASU.

Senator Baker motioned to re-

duce the item to \$1,700 because he felt unsure of what specific items the money would be going towards, but the motion failed. The senate approved the request at \$2,700. The money will be taken from the surplus fund and will be put into the JSU's cultural line item.

Tandem Taxi will expand service area

The Tandem Taxi Service will be expanding its free services beginning this Thursday. A new Duck's/Chase Village shuttle has been added, and the taxis will also operate one hour later, from 8:30 to 11:15 Sunday through Thursday. The tandem bikes will leave once a night from the kiosk at 13th Avenue and University Street at 8:30 p.m. and can accommodate four people. No reservations are necessary, and those in need of a ride can flag down taxis during operating times. For more information, call 346-5995.

OSA set to sponsor organizing weekend

The Oregon Student Association will be sponsoring the Grass Roots Organizing Weekend this Friday and Saturday on campus. The two-and-a-half day program is designed for active student participation and is open to the public. The weekend was founded in 1985 by the United States Student Association with the purpose of developing students' organizational skills and leadership abilities in order to successfully identify political targets and win political battles.

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