

Construction slowed

The new sports practice facility will not be ready for use until this summer due to permit and budget problems

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Police identify suspect

Police identified the man involved in a standoff last weekend as a suspect wanted by Grants Pass on several charges

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TODAY

A smoking cessation workshop will occur at 4 p.m. in the Student Health Center medical library

WEATHER

Today
Mostly cloudy
High 51. Low 38.
Wednesday
Rain
High 55. Low 44.

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ASUO eliminates staff position

The decision to cut the executive coordinator position is part of next year's proposed budget

By Doug Irving
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The ASUO's proposed budget for next year divided student government by releasing one staff member, inviting an outside organization into the ASUO and changing the structure of the ASUO.



Those changes — and miscommunication within the ASUO — almost ground student government to a halt last week. Miner estimated 75 percent of his time was spent dealing with controversies growing out of the budget.

"Things are finally starting to come back together," said ASUO communications director Autumn DePoe. "We're finally getting some work done. Last week, everything came to a stop — people were upset."

Much of the controversy cen-

ters around Cheryl Hunter. She's line item 10101 on the budget, scheduled to be zero-funded next year.

Hunter is the ASUO's executive coordinator, whose job description runs to two pages. She has advised and trained ASUO staff, linked the ASUO and University administration and researched and helped organize the office since 1989.

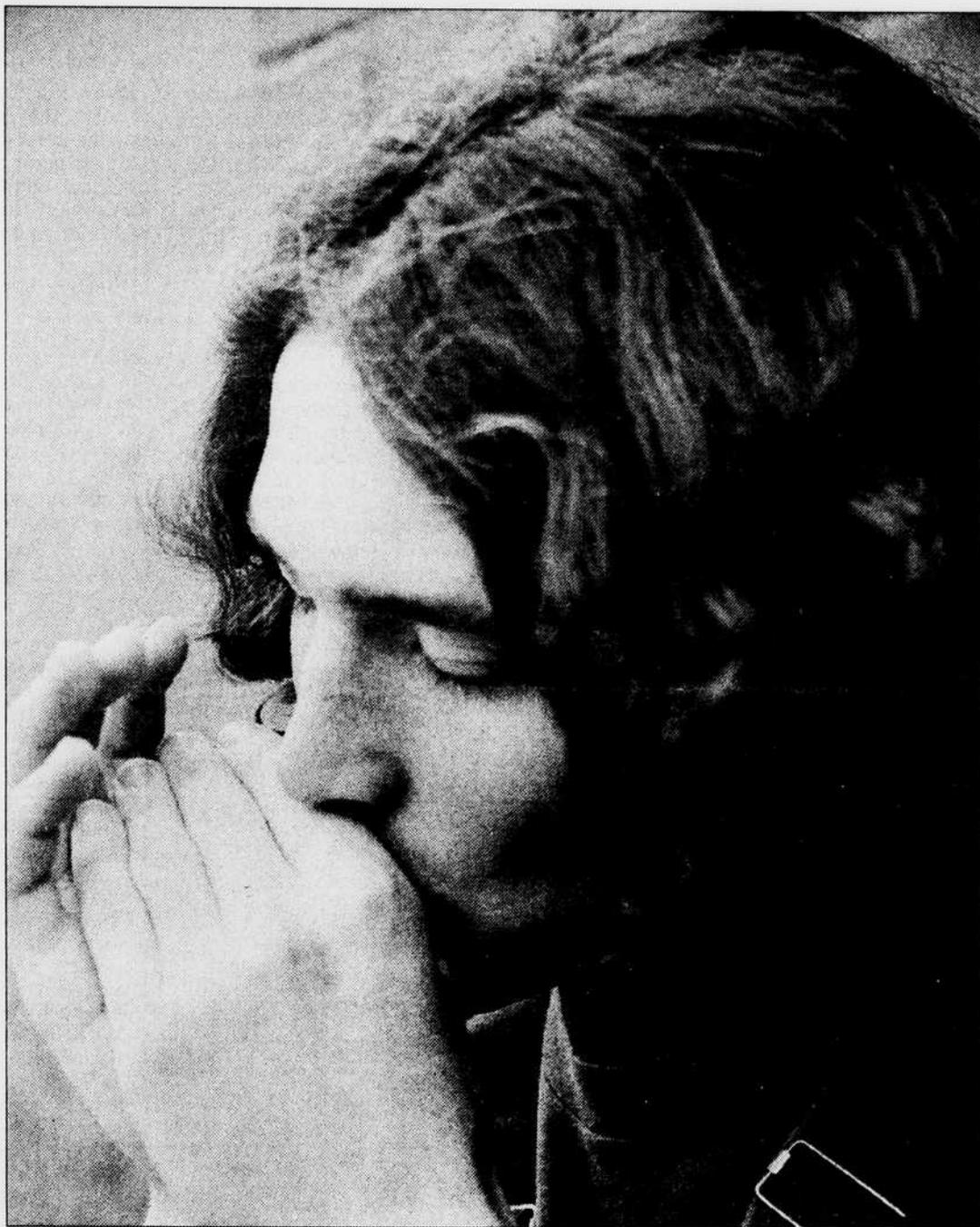
One of her most important duties is to maintain a sense of continuity between ASUO administrations. The president, vice president and most of the staff change every year. Hunter helps hold the thread that links the different administrations.

The ASUO's budget proposal eliminates that position but adds an executive organizer, who will concentrate more on organizing student activity and less on administration.

"I support what they're doing with the organizing," Hunter said. "But in any case of reorganizing an office, you need to look at the functions. You always need to look at what's being eliminated. You really need

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Soul break



AMANDA COWAN/Emerald

Freshman Jacob Rogem soulfully plays his harmonica between classes Monday afternoon.

Council examines evaluation process

The City Council discussed how to handle the city manager's upcoming evaluation

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

What exactly City Manager Vicki Elmer's plan is, is exactly what the public and the city council want to hear, according to Monday night's city council work session and public comment hearing.

The City Council met last night to review the city manager evaluation process and to determine the best way to approach it as Elmer's tentative Feb. 25 evaluation date nears.

After Elmer said an executive session wouldn't be necessary for her review — making it open to the public — the council debated on the details of the process and how it would differ from the previous one.



ELMER

In a letter, Councilman Bobby Lee stated four areas on which the council should focus during the evaluation. Lee suggested questioning Elmer's ability to understand what the community and council want, her ability to work with staff to articulate a vision and her ability to identify and communicate direction and approach for the organization.

A good portion of the 27 citizens who spoke at the public comment session mentioned Elmer's lack of communication and vision.

"I ask now, what her concept on community policing is. I understand management style, and personally not being a manager, you know when to leave," said local resident Joseph Bradford in reference to Police Chief, Leonard Cooke's resignation.

Consequently, communication and vision is also what those who commented applauded Cooke for accomplishing.

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Speaker to discuss love, sex in the '90s

It's important to learn how to take care of yourself in a sexually healthy way, SAPP says

By Kari Thorene
Higher Education Reporter

The positive elements of love and sex are the focus of this weekend's conference, "Positive Sexuality: Relationships for the '90s and Beyond," organized by the University's Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

"We want students to leave knowing and feeling that sex is normal and healthy," program administrator Miki Mace said. "We want them to know how to take care of themselves in a sexually healthy way."

The keynote presenter for the conference will be Jay Friedman, the executive director of the consulting firm Sex Matters. Friedman is a former director for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. For the last three years, he's been recognized as the No. 1 campus speaker in the country, Mace said.

"He speaks on messages around sex, body comfort, HIV, relationships," Mace said.

"Sex Matters is basically a consulting firm for colleges and universities."

Other presentations include "The Art of Coupling: Communication and Problem Solving" and "Fatal Attraction" or "Only You?": Attraction Patterns in Relationships," among others.

Mace said SAPP decided to hold the conference because of a pattern she saw in some students' experiences with messages about sex. "More or less, through the different courses I've taught and have been involved with, we noticed a trend: Either students are raised in a home where their parents are real open about sex, or they're not. There's not much in between," she said.

One concern with some students' lack of exposure to information about sexuality is

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