

# Budget: ASUO wants to sever ties to administration

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to make sure you're not losing something without realizing you're losing it."

The executive organizer would be hired through the Oregon Student Association. Hunter and other executive coordinators were hired by the University administration with the ASUO's recommendation. Miner decided to change that to separate the University from student government.

"I'm personally afraid of the day that we have an administration that doesn't respect the

ASUO, or we have an executive coordinator come in who doesn't agree," Miner said.

The change would give students more say in the hiring decision, Vice President Ben Unger explained.

The ASUO will also be able to coordinate its campaigns with state-wide campaigns by having an OSA representative working for it, Miner said. The proposed budget reduces other positions that might be transferred to the executive organizer.

"It's to remove the administra-

tion from student government with a goal to move forward and become more autonomous," Miner said. "We need to move into that activist role, and we're trying to have a budget that does such."

The budget was due in November, but Miner didn't begin designing it until winter break, he said. He hoped to finish last night. Any budget the ASUO submits won't be final until the Oregon University System board approves it; the ASUO can make changes until then.

The problems with the ASUO

staff came partly because the budget was so late, Miner said.

"I think they kind of thought we were trying to railroad it through," he said.

The staff was divided about whether the changes would work or whether they were even needed, ASUO outreach director Wylie Chen said. Miner and Unger met with every staff member and held several special discussions to go over the budget changes.

"It's such a big change," Chen said. "It's kind of like, this could work, but we've had this for so

long. Hopefully, we can come to a conclusion about where we feel comfortable."

But Miner said the changes are almost definite. The ASUO needs the autonomy it would get by severing its links to the administration, he explained. It also needs the ability and resources to pursue student activity.

"This is Ben and my watch," he said. "We're going to do whatever we can to slam dunk it, to do what a lot of other administrations saw was needed but couldn't do anything about."

# Council: Members agree to find facilitator for evaluation

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"It was exciting to me that after a national search [for a police chief] that Leonard Cooke has vision, for an all-inclusive city," said Misa Joo, a Eugene resident. She commented further that she thought Elmer deserved a tough evaluation. "The city deserves a visionary leader. She needs to work with what is here, and bring out the strengths in people rather than replace what you feel more comfort-

able with. I would be sad that [Cooke] has made the decision to leave, but I am frustrated."

Council Vice President Ken Tollenaar motioned that the council decide what would be the outcome of the evaluation. He suggested that evaluation should determine one of three things. Tollenaar said it should reveal that Elmer is doing a good job, that she should be given some redirection or that Elmer is not working out

should look for a new job.

Although the council did agree on these three things, it was with debate. Lee said that redirection should not be an option because "the previous evaluation already said there are some problems."

Other council members reacted differently, saying that she has only been city manager for 11 months and that this isn't enough time to judge her completely.

As of now, the council agreed to go through the process of finding a third party, as a moderator or facilitator to assist in the evaluation process, which will contain at least a survey and questionnaire portion.

Tollenaar reminded the council of the importance of the matter. "The decision we will be making next month is the single most important hunk of leverage that the council has," he said.

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# Conference: Students can attend for credit

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the increasing incidence of HIV infection in college-age people, Mace said.

Interested students and community members do need to register for the conference; students can get two credits for completing the weekend's activities. However, there are fewer than 25 spaces

available, Mace said.

Enrollment costs \$80 for students, \$40 for community members.

The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Ave.

# Iraq threatens to stop U.N. arms inspections

*The United States and Britain are the only nations to not rule out possible military action*

By Nicole Winfield  
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq could stop all cooperation with U.N. weapons experts if a military strike is launched over the inspections impasse, Iraq's U.N. ambassador said Monday.

Faced with Iraq's refusal to allow inspectors into Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces and other sites where it is suspected of hiding biological and chemical weapons, the United States and Britain have beefed up their forces in the Persian Gulf in preparation for possible military action.

Iraq is taking the threat seriously and has mobilized forces, registering all its university and high school students for military training, the country's ruling Baath Party said Monday.

"Obviously if there will be a military action against Iraq, Iraq would have to respond," said Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations, Nizar Hamdoon.

"I think it's premature to say right now what Iraq intends to do," he said, but added: "One of the options is to stop cooperation with the Special Commission."

The commission on Iraq is trying to determine whether Baghdad has complied with U.N. orders issued at the end of the 1991 Gulf War to eliminate long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

That is the main condition for the council to lift crippling economic sanctions imposed in 1990 after Saddam's forces invaded Kuwait.

Diplomats from several countries have warned there is growing concern that military force would backfire. It could prompt the Iraqis to kick out all U.N. inspectors and refuse any U.N. surveillance, leaving the Iraqis free to step up efforts to rebuild their arsenals.

Among the five permanent members of the Security Council, only the United States and Britain have refused to rule out military action. France, Russia and China have all opposed using such force.

Security Council members haven't responded formally to a report Friday by the chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, who said there had been "grave" attempts by Iraq to mislead U.N. arms experts and that there were strong indications that Iraq was determined to withhold any new information.

U.S. officials were talking Monday with other council members to come up with a united response, said White House spokesman Mike McCurry. "All options are on the table," he said.

But he insisted that a possible U.S. military response to Iraq would not be affected by the scandal over President Clinton's alleged involvement with a former White House intern. Iraqi newspapers suggested Monday that Clinton would attack Iraq to deflect attention from the controversy.

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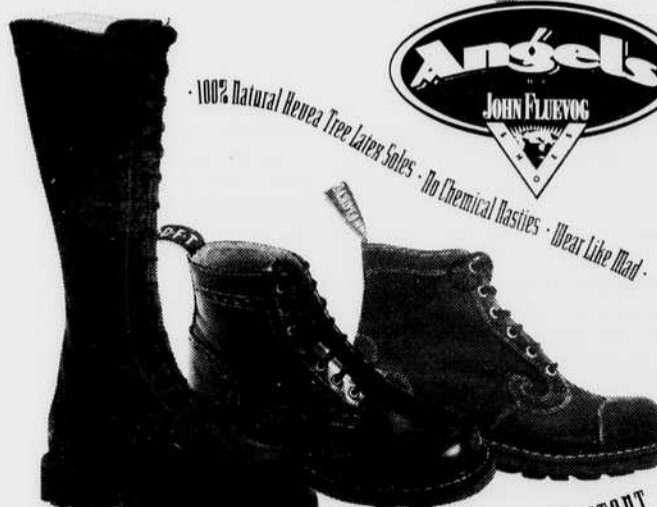
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