

Stolen books sold

A man recognized by Eugene Police from previous incidents involving stolen books was charged with theft again

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Runge deserves respect

The women's basketball team and their coach Jody Runge deserve higher rankings and accolades for their 10-3 Pac-10 record

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TODAY

Jeff Charlebois, a wheel-chaired comedian, will perform at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

WEATHER

Today
Cloudy
High 53. Low 39.
Thursday
Rain
High 56. Low 44.

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Higher ed leaders talk to governor

Proponents of higher education ask Gov. Kitzhaber for a tuition freeze in the governor's budget

By Kari Thorene
Higher Education Reporter

"The [Oregon Student Association's] goal is to get a tuition freeze across the board," OSA Director Ed Dennis said about his Tuesday meeting with Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Dennis, ASUO President Bill Miner and Chancellor Joe Cox met with Kitzhaber to discuss the inclusion of a tuition freeze in the governor's budget for the 1999-2001 biennium. There is already a tuition freeze in place through the 1998-99 school year.

"The governor was very receptive," Miner said. "He gave it his full support. He even hinted at reducing some of the tuition costs."

The ASUO and OSA asked for the tuition freeze early, Miner said, so they could focus their grassroots lobbying power solely on increasing the quality of higher education.

But that won't happen — at least not for awhile because Kitzhaber invited the ASUO and OSA to come back with their proposal in August or September when the budget is being drafted, Miner said.

Also, before Kitzhaber can promise to include the freeze, Miner said, he must be re-elected and see evidence that the economy is healthy enough to handle it.

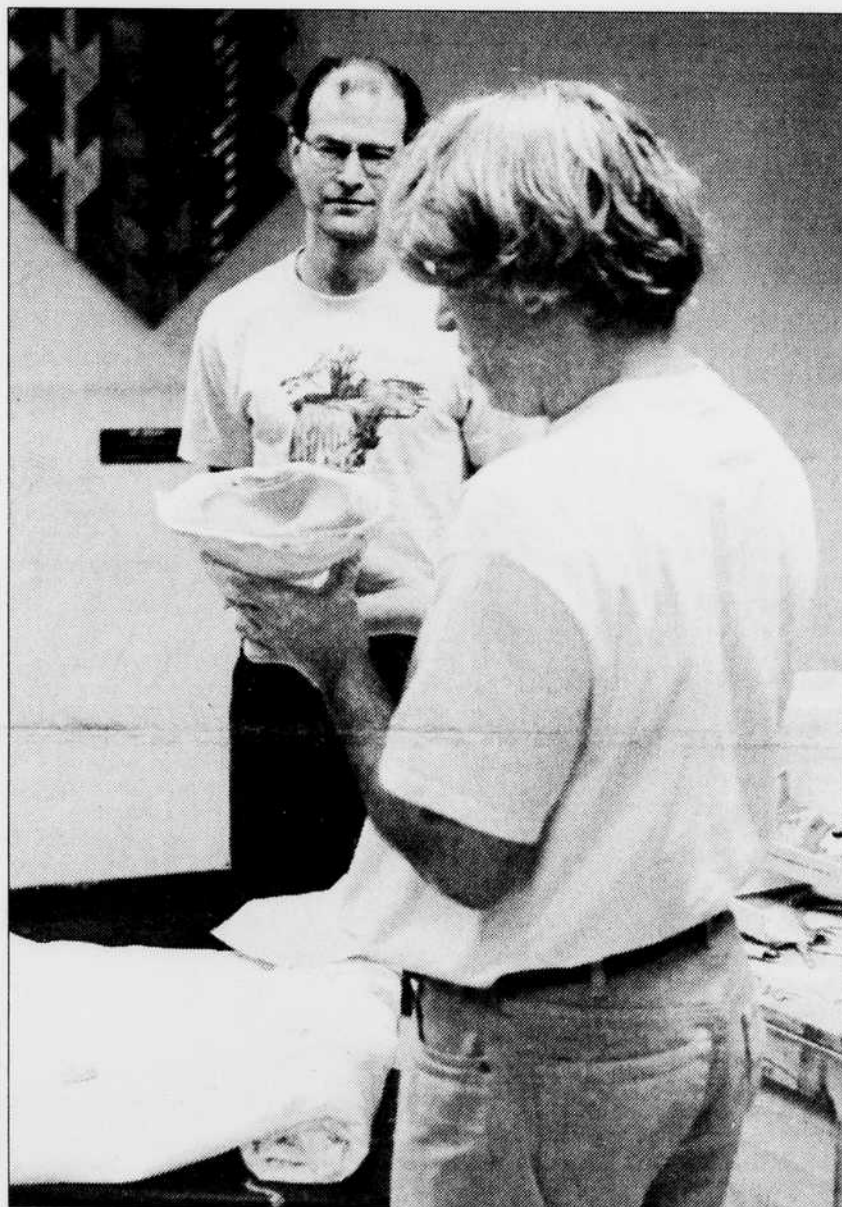
The freeze may also be competing with unfunded ballot measures for revenue. For example, a measure that reduces class size for K-12 will cost \$700 million if voted in, Miner said. Those are funds higher education will have to compete for.

And after that, the budget has to make it through the legislature.

"As it stands, we have two timelines [for

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Face off



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Jason Dilley (right) examines the mold of David Niles' face that was part of a demonstration on how the masks in Project Face to Face were made.

ASUO, court not sure how to proceed

Chief Justice Joel Corcoran described the current political situation as a 'circular paradox'

By Michael Hines
Student Activities Reporter

It's an ASUO in turmoil.

The Constitution Court has two of five justice positions open. It also has two impending grievance hearings against the executive branch. And President Bill Miner has the job of appointing the two new justices.

A "circular paradox" is how Chief Justice Joel Corcoran described the situation at the Feb. 11 Student Senate meeting.

Questions about procedure arose in a politically busy week. Scott Austin, an ASUO intern, filed a grievance Feb. 9 against Miner and Vice President Ben Unger for improper hiring practices for what was then an open court justice position. ASUO communications director Autumn DePoe filed an unrelated grievance Feb. 10 against Miner citing nonfulfillment of duties. Finally, Dan Vergamini, who was in his second year on the court, resigned Feb. 13.

"We are essentially being asked to state what the powers of the Constitution Court are," Corcoran said.

Meanwhile, Miner will head a hiring committee for the two new justices. The committee, which will include a student senator, is not required.

According to the ASUO Constitution, new justices need only be appointed by Miner and then approved by the Senate. The committee is not a required step in the process.

Applications were due at 5 p.m. Tuesday, and the ASUO had received five. The constitution requires that only two of the five justices be law students, and Corcoran and

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Speaker to discuss 'Paths to Peace' in Middle East

Historian Mahmoud Ayoub will address ways to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

By Laura Cadiz
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Shiite Muslim and religious historian Mahmoud Ayoub will share his views on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict today at the University.

"I want to convey the message that Arabs and Jews come from the same culture and ethnic stalk," Ayoub said. "It's possible to revive a Judaic-Islamic culture in the Middle East if there is good will on both sides."

In his speech "Paths to Peace: An Islamic Perspective on the Search for Peace in the Middle East," Ayoub said he will discuss Islamic perspectives of peace and provide a framework of what it would look like.

"I sort of want to give an idea of whether peace is possible and what one can do to make it possible," he said.

Ayoub's trip to the University is partially sponsored by the Wilberta Ripley Savage

Endowment on International Relations and Peace. The program's mandate is "finding ways for solving international and national problems through reason, dialogue and peaceful methods," said Diane Baxter, co-chair of the Carlton Raymond and Wilberta Ripley Savage International Relations and Peace Committee.

"Clearly we needed to find someone who fits that [mandate], and Mahmoud is an example of someone who believes in solving through reason and dialogue and not through violence," she said.

Ayoub, a professor of Islamic studies at Temple University, attended a Christian missionary school for the blind during his childhood. After that experience, he began to strive for peace through studying the similarities between Islam and Christianity and between Islam and Judaism.

"He appears to me to be a very gentle and

reflective man who is really dedicated to the sanctity of human life," Baxter said.

Baxter said she hopes those who attend the lecture will walk away with an increased hope of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, especially in light of recent events.

"I hope with a speaker like Mahmoud, we should see reasons that we shouldn't feel as pessimistic as we feel," she said.

Ayoub's lecture is part of a year-long series of campus events that deals with the conflict in the Middle East. The program is partially sponsored by the Savage endowment. Chaim Seidler-Feller, a Hillel rabbi at UCLA, will lecture on Jewish perspectives on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict on Feb. 23. Three more lecturers are expected to visit during spring term.

"Both of these scholars are people who are committed to justice and peace," Baxter said.

Ayoub's lecture is free and open to the public. It takes place today in 100 Willamette from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.



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Springfield prosecutor reviews charges

Charges against Oregon quarterback Akili Smith and former running back Saladin McCullough for their suspected involvement in an attack on a bouncer at a Springfield bar have been forwarded to David Logan, the city prosecutor, a Springfield police detective said Tuesday.

Springfield Police Detective Tom Rappe said the police department has completed its investigation of the incident, and Logan is now reviewing the charges.

Rappe said if charges are to be filed, he expects Logan to do so by the end of the week.

The Mill Camp Saloon is pressing trespassing and disorderly conduct charges against Smith and McCullough for their suspected role in the attack on bouncer Steve Underwood. Underwood has also filed assault charges against Smith and McCullough.

— Ryan Frank