

Asteroid will not hit

New information indicates that an asteroid will pass the Earth at around 600,000 miles rather than 30,000 miles

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Oregon women aim high

Coach Jody Runge and her team say they are not feeling relaxed as they practice to win against Rutgers in the NCAA Tournament in Ames, Iowa

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A vigil for victims of the School of the Americas will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the EMU Courtyard.

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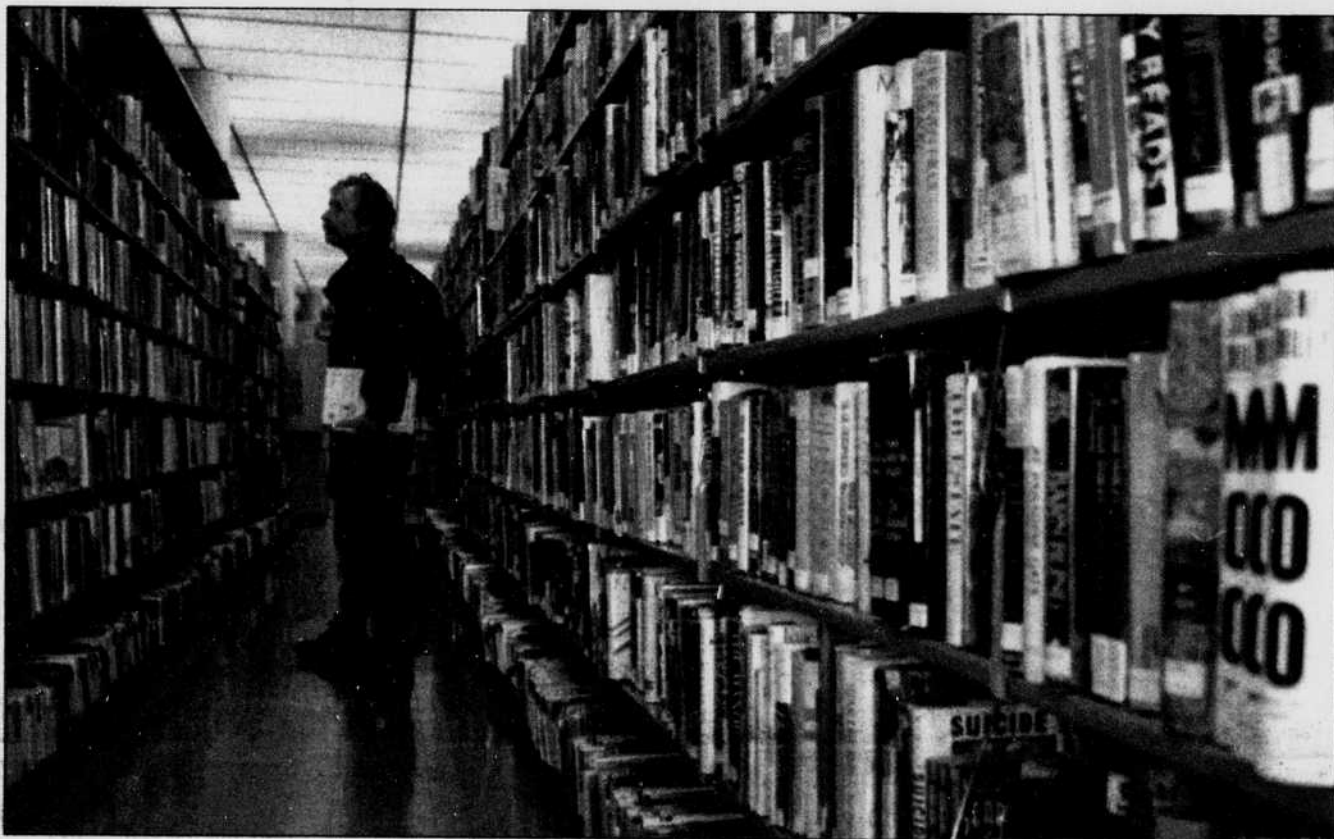
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High 60. Low 43.
Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
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Jim Wilson browses through books that are stuffed from top to bottom at the Eugene Library on Wednesday afternoon.

Public library too crowded

Despite complaints that it is too noisy and crowded, the Eugene Public Library has no plans to expand or relocate

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

It's beyond crowded. But the Eugene Public Library, 100 W. 13th Ave., has no plans to expand or relocate to a new building in the near future.

The bookshelves are packed, and from now on every new book in means another book must be either checked out or given away.

"We are at the point where half of the collection has to be out," said Nadine Williams, head of adult services for the library. Williams said the materials the library does give away or recycle wouldn't necessarily be discarded if the library had more space.

"When we buy new materials, we end

up getting rid of things that probably wouldn't go," she said. "A lot of the things are those that don't get checked out as often."

Another difficulty the library has had to battle is the separation of work areas that would normally be in close proximity. In addition, most of the library's seating was given up a long time ago to make room for more shelving.

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Court decides not to remove Miner, Unger

The Constitution Court ruled that failure to fulfill one duty did not warrant removal

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

The Constitution Court announced Thursday it would not remove the ASUO president and vice president from office.

It had heard arguments Wednesday from Scott Austin, who brought the case; and ASUO President Bill Miner and Vice President Ben Unger.

Miner and Unger had failed to appoint a justice to the Constitution Court within the 30 days required by the ASUO Constitution. They had also said they preferred an undergraduate for that position.

Austin's case revolved around two claims: Miner and Unger should be removed because of nonfulfillment of duties; and they should be held responsible for violating anti-discrimination laws because they discriminated against law students.

The court issued its decision unanimously. Justice Emily Lerma could not be reached before the court made public its decision, so her name was not included in the decision, Chief Justice Joel Corcoran said. Corcoran issued a concurrence to the majority decision. A concurrence agrees with the decision but highlights or clarifies different points. The court dismissed Unger from the case, saying he had no appointment duties and could not be held responsible for Miner's failure to appoint a justice in time.

"It's like getting a call from the doctor after getting checked for cancer, saying it's benign," Unger said.

The court found that Miner's delay had "caused unnecessary problems for the court" and could not be considered a "harmless error."

Miner had argued that only the Student Senate could impeach the president. But the court said it has the power to act on violations of the constitution and could remove a

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PFC grants additional money to three groups in special session

Only the Model United Nations did not receive additional funding in this appeals session

By Chris Kenning
Student Activities Reporter

In its last official hearing, the Programs Finance Committee heard appeals from three student groups that claimed they were granted insufficient funds.

The Jewish Student Union, the International Students Union and the ASUO Executive were all granted extra money during Thursday's special session.

ASUO President Bill Miner and Vice-President Ben Unger argued for additional funds to pay consultation fees to a company known as Student Empowerment Training. Unger and Miner were granted \$1,050. The money will help ease the transition between ASUO governments by providing a professional consultation service for next year's student leaders.

"It's hard to get off on the right foot when you get a new student government because they're often a little green," Unger said.

Although they were already granted \$4,200 for transition costs earlier this year, they said the extra money was necessary to

complete the program.

"If you're going to drive a car, you need the whole thing," Miner said. You can't go for a drive without the wheels. This part of the program is like the wheels."

PFC member Mark Hemingway opposed the extra funds, saying the benefits of the program were untested.

"It's a lot of money, and we don't know if the wheels work — they may be square," he said.

Also contesting earlier PFC decisions was the Jewish Student Union. The JSU was granted a \$20 increase in their directors' monthly stipend — half of what they asked for. JSU representatives claimed that despite putting on over 50 programs a year, their directors were paid comparatively little.

"I'm upset because we put on so much good programming," said Angela Favero, director of the JSU.

JSU member and ex-director Rachel Stevens was disappointed with the decision: "We're used to being disappointed with the PFC."

The group receives nearly \$11,000 a year.

The PFC also granted the International Students Association \$433 to pay for additional programming. The increase raised the total ISA budget to \$15,119.

"The amount [the PFC] gave us [initially] just wasn't fair," said ISA director Amita Malakar.

The Model United Nations was the only group that applied for an appeal hearing but did not receive one. Of the \$16,000 it requested, it was granted only \$4,575.

"It's pretty obvious the PFC doesn't like us. Plus, it's ridiculous and ludicrous that you have to appeal to the same board that denied you in the first place," said Dave Kellett, director of MUN.

ASUO Programs Advocate Courtney Kroupa determined their appeal brought no new information, and therefore did not warrant further action.

PFC members said the total budget still came in under the 2 percent increase benchmark, set in 1997.

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