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Armed and dangerous

Arkansas legislators are rallying to change state gun laws after two juveniles opened fire at a middle school in Jonesboro

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Comeback 'Cats

Kentucky came back from a 10-point halftime deficit to win its second NCAA Championship in three years and its seventh overall

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TODAY

Citizens can meet one on one with the mayor beginning at 5 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

WEATHER

Today
Rain
High 56. Low 38.

Wednesday
Showers
High 53. Low 38.

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Saferide, DDS offer assistance

Because of limited passenger capacity for both programs, it can be difficult to reserve a spot

By Kristina Rudinskas
Student Activities Reporter

On a dark and cloudy night, every alley can be menacing. As the drizzle starts to hit the ground, you realize walking alone for 15 blocks doesn't seem appealing anymore.

Saferide and the Designated Driver Shuttle can help you get home safely — if you can reach them early enough.

These programs have a limited capacity, and some nights it can be difficult to reserve a spot. Saferide has room for 22 passengers at a time; DDS can accommodate 20.

Hours
- **SAFERIDE:** 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday
- **DESIGNATED DRIVER SHUTTLE:** 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday

Saferide offers women a ride to and from their homes during the evening hours. But securing a spot in Saferide's two vans and two cars can be difficult on peak nights.

"I can't give you a specific day that is the most popular or busiest," co-director Jessica Osika said. "It really just depends."

Rainy or cold weather and popular study times contribute to a booked night at Saferide. Later in the evening — 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. — it tends to be busiest.

Saferide averages about 85 riders per night and has to turn away approximately 10 women a night, Osika said. It tries to offer alternative transportation for those women, such as a bus, emergency OPS transportation, the tandem taxi and discount cab services.

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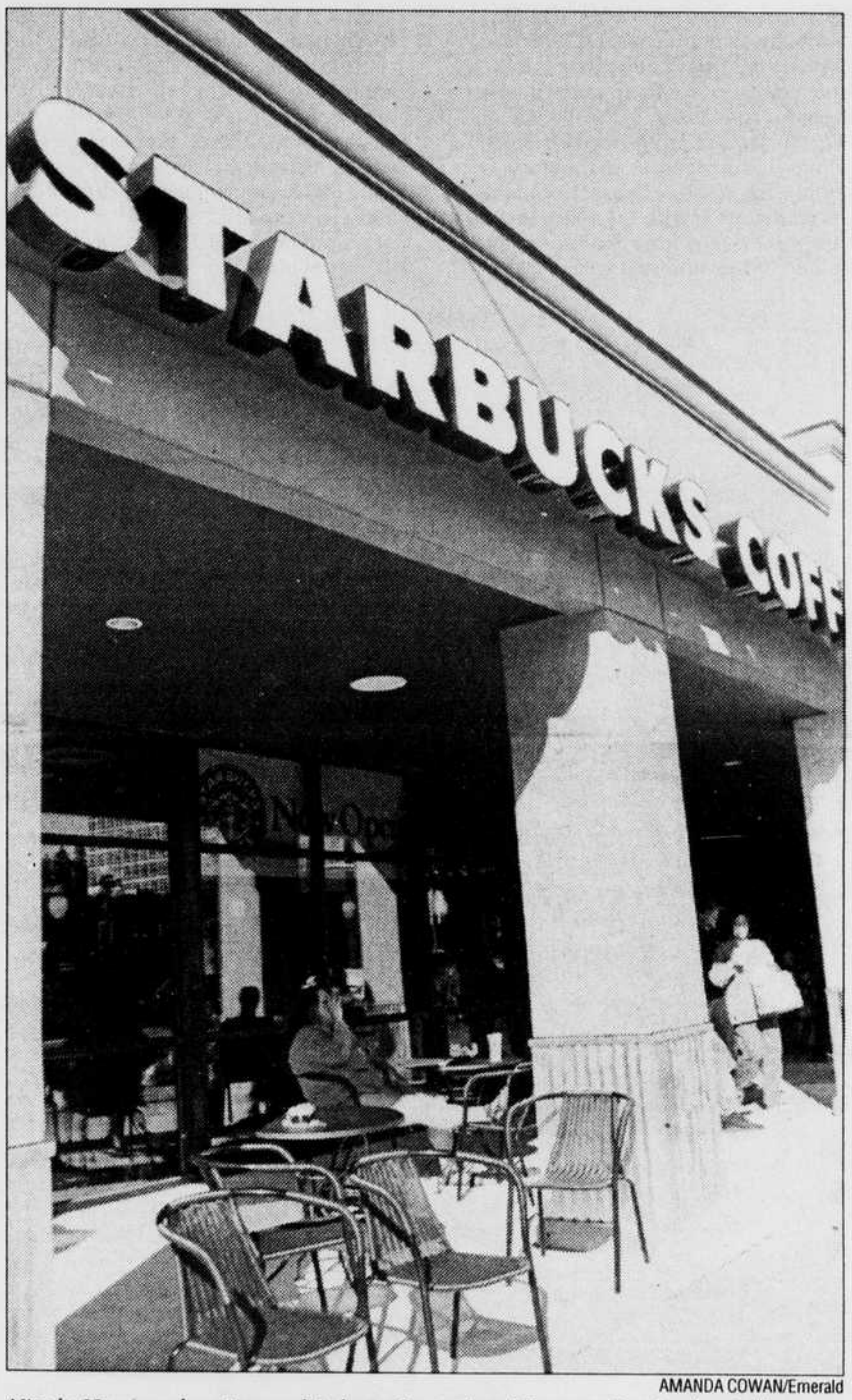
Bean me up



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Nicole Herzmark enjoys a drink on the patio of the new Starbucks Coffee store that recently opened on 13th Avenue.

ASUO may fall under revised sanction rules

Currently, the Student Senate and the Constitution Court can only punish the ASUO Executive by impeachment

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Editor

Impeachment hearings against the ASUO exposed a major loophole in the constitution: the president can only be punished with removal. Neither the Student Senate nor the Constitution Court can enact lesser sanctions.

A proposed ballot measure would change that.

Senate President Michelle Johnston will forward the final draft of the proposed measure to the Constitution Court this morning. It would give the court and Senate the ability to sanction the ASUO Executive short of impeachment.

Although the proposal was not finalized Monday night, Johnston said it would likely divide the responsibility for sanctions. The court would determine whether the defendant was guilty of nonfulfillment of duties; the Senate would determine the punishment.

The Constitution Court and Senate must approve the measure before it reaches the ballot. Students would vote on it in the general election later this month.

The oversight in the constitution came to light last term during removal hearings brought by Scott Austin against ASUO President Bill Miner and Vice President Ben Unger.

Miner had failed to fill a Constitution Court position within the required 30 days. Austin also argued the ASUO had discriminated against law students in its appointments.

The court decided law students are not a protected class and, therefore, are not covered by anti-discrimination laws. But it agreed Miner had failed to fulfill his duties.

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New plan allows state universities to keep their tuition dollars

Tuition revenue will no longer be pooled and then redistributed among institutions

By Amalie Young
Higher Education Reporter

The Oregon University System and its seven public universities have agreed to allow each institution to keep the revenue they collect individually from tuition and will work cooperatively to establish fewer principles to guide the distribution of state funds.

Currently, all revenue is pooled and then funneled back to the institutions after a complex series of equations are used to divide it.

In the new model, which is still in development, some of the criteria used to determine the allocation of state funds would be the needs of special programs and the individual performance of each institution.

Only a small percentage of state funds would be used as incentives based on performance, said William Anslow, vice-chancellor for finance and administration for the Oregon University System.

"It's a movement toward a more entrepreneurial model," he said. "Campuses will be more responsible for the collection of revenue and encouraging students to attend."

While the current budget provides universities with a steady source of income, the proposed model would mean institutions could face a hole in their budget if enrollment decreases, he said.

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The board has said that they will continue to supervise setting tuition rates in the future, Anslow said.

The current budget, which has been in place since its inception in the mid-1980s, uses over 200 variables to determine allocation of funds between schools.

But planners for the new model are wary of eliminating too many variables. There must be enough variables to make accurate comparisons between institutions, said Lisa Stevens, director of communication for the Oregon University System.

The state Legislature will vote on the amount of funding it will provide to higher education institutions in its next session. The board will follow that with a vote to determine how those funds will be divided among the institutions.

Higher ed revenue

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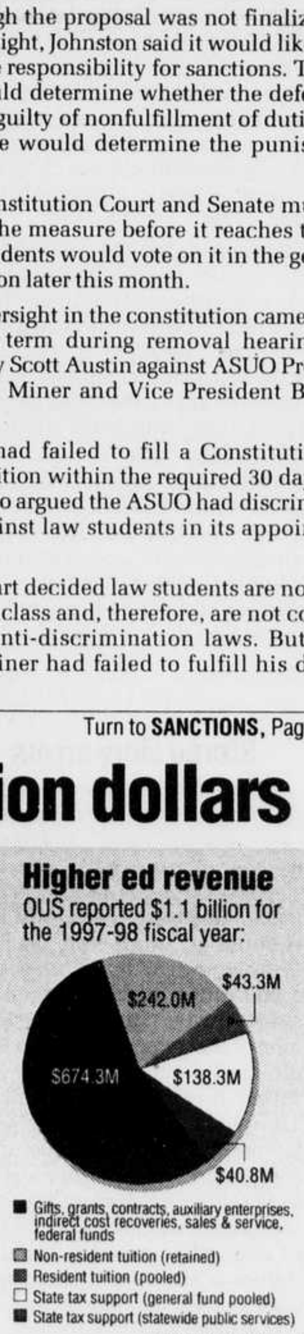

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