

Jones suit dismissed

A federal judge threw out Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Clinton, citing a lack of evidence

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The winning pitch

Jennie Cook, in her third year on the Oregon softball team, has begun to feel comfortable in pressure situations

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TODAY

A lecture on ritual bathing will be held in 333 Gilbert Hall at 3:30.

WEATHER

Today

Mostly cloudy
High 55. Low 38.

Friday

Showers
High 56. Low 38.



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Senate approves budgets, sets measures

Senators passed the EMU and Athletic Department budgets but delayed action on the PFC

By Chris Kenning
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Student Senators approved the budgets for the EMU and the Athletic Department in a marathon session largely regarded as the most important of the year by many in the Senate. The Senate also approved several ballot measures that will be decided by student voters this spring; those measures included increasing computing center hours and expanding Designated Driver Shuttle days.

The Athletic Department, which request-

ed no increase in funding, was approved for a total budget of \$1,075,000 for 1998-99. The money, which comes from student fees, helps subsidize inexpensive tickets for students. Currently, each student pays \$23 a year for access to all sporting events.

"It's a great deal, and we were lucky to have it work out this way," said Michael Price, a member of the Athletic Department Finance Committee.

Also approved was the EMU budget, which will total \$2,469,702 for 1998-99. The EMU

board, which was given a benchmark that included a 5.5 percent increase for 1998-99, came in exactly on target. The increases, attributable to mandated repairs, staffing increases and deposits into the building reserve fund, were \$128,752 higher than 1997-98.

"My big quest was to minimize the pork in the budget and not waste student incidental fee money," said EMU Budget Committee chair, Jenna Wasson.

The Senate postponed approving the

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Give and go



LAURA GOSS/ Emerald

The women's lacrosse team practices on the high field Wednesday. They will play in the Western States Tournament at Stanford this weekend and will host a home game in two weeks.

Conference will address labor issues

Participants will have the chance to give their input on a labor studies program

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Students, faculty and community members have the chance to create a curriculum covering the global economy, environmental degradation and racism and multinational firms at the Race, Work and Economic Justice Conference on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4.

During a series of guest lectures and workshops, an educational forum will be created to address a University curriculum aimed at increasing awareness of globalization of labor problems, said Carnet Williams, conference coordinator for the Student-Faculty Task Force on Labor, Race and Economic Justice.

"[The conference] is important because of the globalization over the last six months, with such a focus on the Asian crisis, Nike and sweatshops," Williams said, "and it's good for students to see what's going on. We're on the Pacific Rim and everything around the world we see, and it affects us. When we graduate, we have to pay attention to where we go to work, so students can listen to some of these great leaders and get an idea what to look for."

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Fewer discrimination, sexual harassment grievances filed in 1997

Forty-one grievances were filed at the University in 1996, but only 24 were filed in 1997

By Chris Kenning
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The number of discrimination and sexual harassment grievances filed with the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity declined sharply in 1997, according to a recent University report.

According to the annual statistical report released by the office, 18 people filed formal informal discrimination complaints during 1997. Sexual harassment grievances totaled six in 1997.

The statistics contrast with those from 1996, when the office recorded 27 discrimination grievances and 14 sexual harassment grievances.

Mark Zurich, a human rights investigator for the office, credits diversity-training programs as one reason for the decline.

"There's been a lot of emphasis on diversity training in recent years; training that focuses on how to prevent and avoid discrimination," he said. "It's good to see our educational efforts paying off."

Cris Cullinan, a human resources training administrator who heads the program, said more than 500 administrators and professors have gone through the voluntary training.

"I think diversity training has had a significant impact on the number of grievances, often times because problems get dealt with before they get to the grievance level," she said.

Grievances filed in 1997 included discrimination relating to disability, age, race, national origin, sexual orientation and gender. They also included sexual harassment and retaliation.

Some complaints were resolved by investigation, counseling or mediation, while others were forwarded to the Student Conduct Code coordinator, Elaine Green, for resolution.

The number of grievances initially skyrocketed in the early 1990s because of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Zurich explained. He also cited a rise in the awareness of discrimination that followed Bob Packwood's resignation and the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill controversy.

"We had some real busy years back then," Zurich said. "Many felt the University wasn't adequately responding, but things are much more under control now."

Despite the lower number of grievances, Zurich said the rate is still not acceptable. "It's lower, but it's not low enough."

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