

DDS budget altered during the summer

The program's funds were frozen in July amid questions about spending and payroll

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While many students were taking a well-deserved summer break, the ASUO, the summer student senate and the Designated Driver Shuttle were hard at work trying to resolve a budget situation that resulted in part from the spring elections.

In early July, the ASUO Executive froze DDS' budget after Brandon Smith, the group's director, attempted to buy a \$16,383 van. By the time the group's \$50,000 budget was fully released in mid-August, however, new concerns had surfaced within DDS about ballot measure interpretations, pay rate changes and the legality of stipends for non-elected student positions.

Smith said he plans to take

some of the issues to the ASUO Constitution Court as well as the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry.

The problem began shortly after the 1998 spring elections, while the previous ASUO Executive was preparing the budget for the 1998-99 school year. DDS had been originally allocated \$26,212 by the ASUO Programs Finance Committee in order to operate four days per week, but the group later decided to ask campus voters for \$50,000 in order to operate seven days per week. That ballot measure passed in the spring.

Although both Smith and former ASUO President Bill Miner agreed that the \$50,000 ballot measure money would replace the \$26,212 PFC allocation, both sets of money were inadvertently included in the final budget signed by University President Dave Frohnmayer and Oregon University System officials. Legal-

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A I think they provide a window on the University. That has been a positive window.

One of the surprises that I had, and it was a pleasant one, was the intensity of the bonding to the University of our alumni friends and community supporters on the occasion of our Rose Bowl a couple of years ago. And that intensity has not lessened. It was as though someone just physically rejuvenated people. The University of Oregon became all of a sudden something in which people were tangibly proud. And it had not just an impact on the athletic program; it had an impact on the academic program.

We attracted more students. People began giving private donations not merely to athletic endeavors, but to academic ones and really stood up for the University in a wide variety of ways.

For the athletes who participate, my sense based on their overall academic performance is that they do academically as well or better than the average student who is not a participant. So this isn't a place where we're just elevating physical strength and agility over the central purpose

of the University. People are treated first as students and then as athletes.

Q Can you think of your favorite day as president?

A I can think of one — just a vignette. A couple of years ago, on an uncommonly bright and sunny February day, a couple of students just walked into the office.

They'd been walking through campus. They were a sophomore and a freshman, and they just wanted to meet the president. And I was not only happy to meet them, but I was flattered that anybody would feel that I was approachable enough that you could just between classes stop by the office, say hello and exchange views, understandings, ideas about what the University was.

For me to find out first hand by rubbing shoulders with our students what the quality of their educational experience was like — that's the kind of experience that made my day.

I can't tell you it was the best day, but I can't think of a better one right now.

Q How would you describe the relationship between the University and the City of

Eugene?

A Generally, though the years it's been very good.

We have some things in the past that have tested the relationship. Several years ago, when the city council was very strident, we had a couple members of the city council who were opposed to the renovation of the Amazon Housing Project, which is now, of course, Spencer View apartments. Basically, what we had was a couple of fire traps waiting for a tragedy to happen. So that was rocky, but we had the support of the city mayor and the city administration on the professional side.

We have in common a serious problem in the West University neighborhood, which is characterized by high percentages of absentee ownership. We and the city and Sacred Heart have been engaged in long-term efforts to ensure that we don't end up with an outright slum in that area.

I know that the beer riots of last October put pressure on our relationships with the city police force, which did its best to maintain order and prevent damage. That gave us a black eye, and I hope it is never, ever repeated.

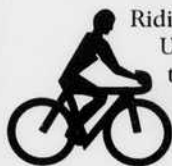
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Sidewalk Etiquette



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Riding a bicycle to and from the University campus is a great way to travel. We encourage its use, but we all need to keep in mind the equipment, rules, and regulations to make bicycle riding fun and safe.

Equipment

Make sure the bicycle you are operating is in good working order and adjusted properly.

- ⊗ Make sure the bicycle you are riding is equipped with brakes adequate to skid on clean dry pavement.
- ⊗ Starting one-half hour after sunset a headlight must be visible 500 feet ahead and a red reflector visible 600 feet to the rear. Those who fail to display the light and reflector are subject to citation and fine.
- ⊗ Protect your life, wear a helmet.

Bicycle Licensing

All faculty, staff and students who operate, store or park bicycles on the University of Oregon campus must register their bicycles with the University of Oregon Office of Public Safety.

Unregistered bicycles are subject to citation and fine.



Bicycle Parking

Bicycles shall be parked, stored or left outdoors on the University campus only in areas specifically designated by the presence of bike racks or other devices for the parking of bicycles. However, bicycles may be stored, parked or left in any area or room which has been assigned to the registered bicycle owner, e.g., office, residence hall, or student family living quarters.

Bicycles may be cited and fined or impounded if:

- ⊗ Trees, handrails, hallways, parking meters or signs are used as a bike rack.

- ⊗ Parked or stored in such a way that a safety hazard is created.
- ⊗ Bicycle is blocking a walkway.



Bicycle Use on Campus

In addition to the state laws and city ordinances governing the operation of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, the University of Oregon has its own set of rules and regulations that must be followed for your safety and the safety of others.

Bicycles involved in a collision are required to render aid as appropriate, call the UO Office of Public Safety, and remain at the scene until released by an officer.

Those who fail to observe the following rules are subject to citation and fine.

- ⊗ Bicycle riders must proceed cautiously at all times, and are not to exceed the posted speed of 15 miles per hour.
- ⊗ Walk your bicycle on sidewalks.
- ⊗ Riding a bicycle on sidewalks, walkways and landscape is prohibited, except on designated bike paths.
- ⊗ Bicycle riders must yield right of way to pedestrians and disabled persons at all times.
- ⊗ Bicycle riders shall use the designated bike lane when classes are in session.



Roller Skates and Skateboards

Skating across the University campus can be a fun and easy way to get from class to class. Remember, you share the campus with many others. Roller skate or skateboard cautiously. Here are a few facts to

keep in mind as you skate across campus.

Skaters who fail to observe the following can be cited.

- ⊗ A helmet and pads are suggested for safety, but not required.
- ⊗ Use of roller skates or skateboards within University buildings is prohibited.
- ⊗ Acrobatics or other stunts are prohibited.
- ⊗ Users of roller skates and skateboards must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- ⊗ All skaters and skateboard users must obey all campus stop, yield, and dismount signs.
- ⊗ Skateboarding or rollerblading is prohibited on sidewalks.



Citation Schedule

Bicycle, Roller-skate and Skateboard Fees

- Failure to obey "Dismount and Walk" sign \$10.00
- Blocking Violations (traffic, ramps, entrance/exit)..... \$10.00
- Prohibited Parking (no bicycle parking sign, yellow zones, landscape area, library area)..... \$10.00
- Unauthorized storage..... \$5.00
- Impound Fee..... \$5.00
- Failure to register bicycle..... \$10.00
- Failure to yield to a pedestrian..... \$20.00
- Skating in a building or structure..... \$20.00
- Acrobatic or stunt skating..... \$20.00

If you have any questions stop by the
Office of Public Safety
Straub Hall • 1319 E. 15th Ave.
or call 346-5444

Any University public safety officer or other person specifically authorized by the Director of Public Safety may impound any parked, stored or abandoned bicycle causing a safety hazard or cite any bicycle rider who violates University bicycle rules.

University public safety officers or other personnel authorized to remove and impound bicycles shall not be liable to the owner of the securing device.

University of Oregon Bicycle Regulations