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Weather forecast

Today Mostly cloudy
High 66, Low 45

Thursday Mostly cloudy
High 65, Low 48

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DDS, ASUO dispute awaits court ruling

The ASUO suspended DDS funds for a week last summer while investigating a possible constitution violation

By Kristina Rudinskas
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More than a month after the Designated Driver Shuttle filed a petition for review against the ASUO Executive, the ASUO Constitution Court has not said when a ruling is expected.

DDS filed the 56-page brief with the court after the ASUO questioned the distribution of the ballot measure money students approved in ASUO elections last spring. The money was allocated for expanding DDS' operation to seven nights a week.

The program's funds were frozen from July 7 to July 13 by the ASUO Executive while it investigated a possible rule violation regarding the use of the ballot measure money.

"The relationship during the summer was fragile," said ASUO Vice President Morgan Cowling. "I'm hoping as soon as this is resolved it can be repaired."

The controversy stems from DDS receiving money from two separate sources within the ASUO funding process.

The first source was a direct lump-sum allocation from last year's ballot measure. The measure raised the incidental fee \$1.06 per student per term for a year to generate \$50,000 for DDS to operate seven days a week.

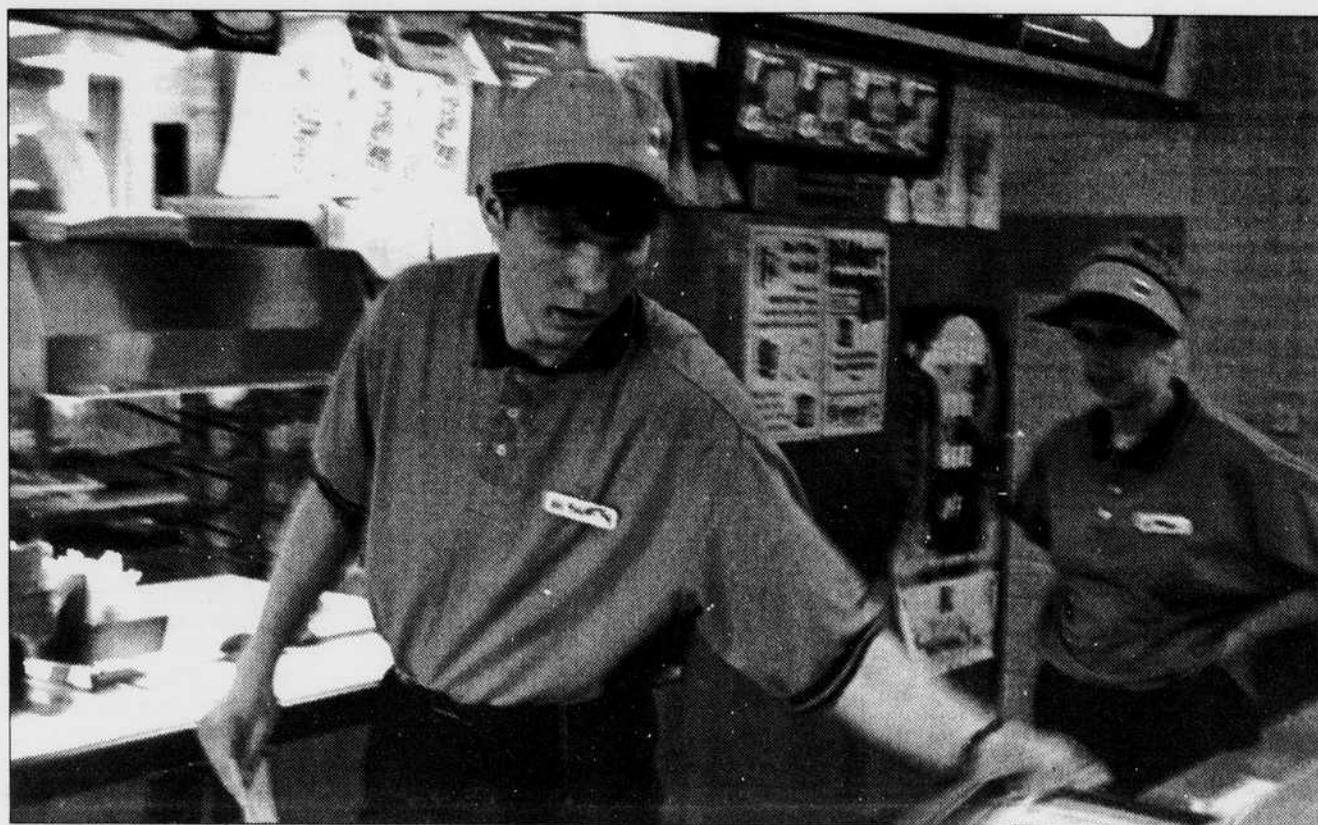
The second source was the annual ASUO Programs Finance Committee disbursement. The committee approved DDS' budget of \$26,212.

In a written statement, Bill Miner, last year's ASUO President, said he had not intended the program to receive both sums of money.

The executive froze DDS' funds after the program attempted to purchase a computer printer and a new van with money not contained in a line item on its approved PFC budget.

The ballot measure money can only be

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Laura Goss/Emerald

Currently serving customers at the Franklin Street Burger King, Scott Austin hopes to soon serve District 20 constituents in the state Senate.

Student runs in state senate race

Scott Austin juggles a schedule including three majors, a fast food job and a campaign against a TV personality

By David Ryan
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Meet a hard-working guy.

Scott Austin is a 21-year-old junior and triple major at the University who works full-time hours at a part-time job at Burger King.

He is also running against incumbent and former KVAL-TV anchorwoman Susan Castillo to be the local district's state senator.

To University students who follow the politics of student government, Scott Austin is a familiar name.

Last year he attempted to impeach former ASUO President Bill Miner and

Vice President Ben Unger for poorly handling the Constitution Court.

Austin also had what University College Republicans President Jason Gathercole called a "misunderstanding between the College Republicans, Scott Austin and members of the student body."

The net effect was Austin's resignation from the College Republicans.

Gathercole also said the College Republicans could not endorse Austin's campaign officially because the group wanted to concentrate on "campaigns that have more of a chance." But Gathercole said he is not opposed to Austin's campaign.

Austin refused to comment on the issue, saying it is unimportant.

The math, political science and English major prefers to talk about how he became interested in running for Senate

Seat 20, which represents most of Eugene and includes the University.

"I've always wanted to be in politics, but basically nobody ran in my district," he said. "Actually that's not true. Debbie Gaudette [a Eugene resident at the time] did a write-in campaign."

When Austin went to cast his ballot for the state Senate primary, he found there were no Republican candidates listed. He called the Lane County Republican president, Jeff Hoyt, and was told Gaudette was still in the process of acquiring write-in votes. She has since moved out of the district.

"That intrigued me, and I threw my name in and said, 'Well, consider me, anyway,'" Austin said.

But he faced resistance from the county Republican Party, initially.

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College of Business renovation to meet school's growing needs

A surge in the number of business students and the oldest facilities in the Pac-10 leave the school struggling to accommodate students

By Sarah Skidmore
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A \$16.35 million renovation project will help the University College of Business become more competitive and accommodate more students, college officials say.

"It is time to match our programmatic quality with the physical space," said Christopher Murray, the associate dean for External Affairs and Development at the

Charles H. Lundquist College of Business.

The College of Business is among the top 60 schools in the nation, but its facilities are not, Murray said. The University has the oldest business school building of any of the Pacific-10 Conference universities. Drawing quality students and faculty is increasingly difficult when competing with other schools with better facilities, Murray said.

"Virtually everyone has moved on with the times, and we have not," he said. A 50,000 square-foot building is planned for the first of three possible phases. Significant renovations would constitute phase two, and phase three would address the

space needs not included in phase one.

"The effort put into finding out what we need was pretty extensive," said Jim Terborg, a management professor who also worked with the programming architect to help determine the school's needs.

Currently the business school occupies the Chiles Business Center and most of Gilbert Hall, which is composed of three wings. The newest wing of Gilbert was developed in 1951.

"My preference on it would be to nuke the whole building," Terborg said. "I don't hear anybody saying, 'We need nicer, plusher offices.' They just want to improve

the school."

Although the design plans are tentative, the programmatic needs are decided, according to results gathered by the programming architect. The basic outline of the school's needs includes developing technology integration in the classrooms, team gathering rooms for students and increasing the level of connectivity among students.

One of the school's needs is to meet the growing number of business students. In the past forty years the number of pre-business students has increased 237 percent.

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