

Senate OKs Banfield for Constitution Court

The former ASUO vice president has also served in a variety of other student organizations

By Kristina Rudinkas
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The Student Senate voted last night to approve Glen Banfield, a first year law student and previous 1996-7 ASUO vice president, to the ASUO Constitutional Court.

Banfield has also served as an assistant to the dean of student life, a representative on the race task force, co-director of the MCC, Coalition Against Environmental Racism conference organizer and ASUO State Affairs Coordinator.

"Student government has been very very good to me and a positive influence on my experience at the University of Oregon," Banfield told the senate. "I really care and would like to give back to the organization and community that benefited me."

Banfield knows what it is like to be on the other side of the firing line. During his term in the executive, impeachment proceedings were enacted against him.

"I know the system. I've been in the system and I know what relationship the senate has with the executive and with the Constitutional Court."

Banfield said he thought it was important for the constitutional court to be aware of the history and politics of student government and student groups on campus.



Student Senate

Senate allocations

SOLAR INFORMATION CENTER: \$4,570 for speaker fees and expenses for the Sustainable Business Symposium.

THE CRISIS CENTER: \$3,043 to pay for half of a salary for a new assistant director position.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER: \$1717.09 to pay for several 1996-7 fiscal year expenses. \$900 transfer from payroll to fund a work study position.

In other business, the senate approved the Solar Information Center's special request for \$4,570 from the surplus fund to help pay for speaker fees and expenses for this weekend's second annual Sustainable Business Symposium.

The Crisis Center was allocated \$3,043 to hire an assistant director to assist director Jarrett Horibata.

The Women's Center's made special requests to reimburse the program for three late pay orders: \$336.49 for the office coordinator salary, \$82.60 to pay for a work study stipend and \$12198 for a director search. The payments were not budgeted for this fiscal year and were supposed to come out of last year's budget, but the funding had already rolled into this year's surplus fund.

The Women's Center also transferred \$900 from a payroll account to fund a work study position.

The senate entered into executive session to discuss a censure motion made by Senator Autumn De Poe. The Senate decided not to take any action on the motion.

University briefs

University study wins research prize

The Social Investment Forum, a national nonprofit organization that promotes environmentally friendly investing, has awarded its 1998 Moskowitz Prize for outstanding research to a University study.

The study, by University management professor Michael Russo and graduate student Michael Fouts, examines how a group of Fortune 500 companies were able to increase profits by embracing green environmental strategies.

Their work was published in the Academy of Management Journal after a rigorous peer review process.

Russo and Fouts examined the economic and environmental performance of 243 companies over a two-year period. Their re-

search found that companies with superior environmental performance had higher returns on investment compared to their competitors, even after accounting for sales growth and market position.

The Moskowitz Prize, named for financial analyst Milton Moskowitz, is awarded annually by a three-judge panel. Moskowitz, along with co-author Robert Levering, wrote the 1994 best seller "The 100 Best Companies to Work For in America."

Improvisation troupe performs tonight

The Jewish Student Union is hosting a night with Absolute Improv, a comedy troupe that involves audience participation, tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Ben Linder Room.

Absolute Improv has been en-

tertaining audiences throughout Oregon for the past three years. A collection of theater arts students play off the audience, creating comedy on the spot.

An open mic will also be available for any students who want to bring their poetry, songs or prose to share with the community.

Writing professor earns fiction award

Peter Ho Davies, author of "The Ugliest House in the World," received the H.L. Davis Award for Fiction at the 12th Annual Oregon Book Awards in Portland on Nov. 10.

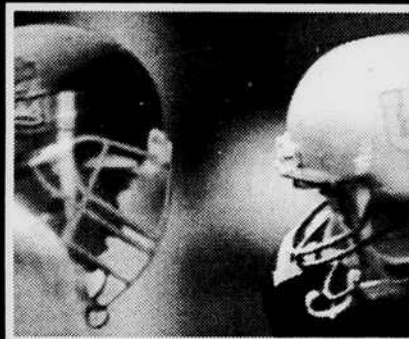
Davies is an assistant professor in the Creative Writing Program at the University.

He is also one of 20 winners of the 1998 O. Henry Short Story Award.

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Benchmark for 1998-99 sought by committee

EMU Board members were encouraged to go to their groups to describe the budget increase

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The EMU budget committee met Wednesday to discuss its aims for setting the 1998-99 benchmark.

The committee resolved that individual board members need to meet with their programs to better understand the EMU's budget increase.

"I think it would be great if we could make a 0 percent benchmark," said Committee Chair Campbell Kidd. "I want to drive revenue and at the same time at least keep our incidental fee budget from increasing."

The benchmark is the EMU

board's annual recommendation for a budget increase. The budget committee must present their benchmark to the Student Senate by Nov. 21.

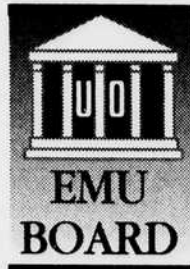
In discussion, Finance Senator Wylie Chen stressed the importance of the board's commitment to students and their expenses.

"One stroke of a pen by us and [Student Senate] increases the fee \$5 each term," Chen said, adding that working students need their representatives to work to keep their fees down.

"They're not even participating in the non-profit organizations that they're putting their money into," he said.

The committee also heard the year's first monthly report from EMU food services from EMU director Dusty Miller. Miller projected that food service's projected expenses exceed its projected revenues by \$11,454.

"Theresa Coleman-Kaiser [EMU food service manager] and I are confident that we will not lose money in food service this year," Miller said.



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