

Myriad issues pass before senate

Ballot measures were announced and special requests were granted

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The Student Senate hosted a parade of issues Wednesday night at its weekly meeting.

After committee announcements, ASUO President Geneva Wortman made a few announcements of her own. Wortman informed the senate of the ASUO Executive's decision to approve certain measures and deny others for the spring elections ballot.

Additionally, she updated the senate on the student incidental fees, which was set at \$1.63 per student per term Wednesday. This proposed figure will now proceed to University President Dave Frohnmayer for approval before going to the Oregon University System for final approval. The final proposal must be submitted to OUS by April 10.

Elections Board Coordinator Taylor Sturges was next to ap-

pear. She requested a transfer of funds from the ASUO budget to the payroll budget to pay for her elections committee. The matter was passed without discussion.

Several groups then filed in with special requests. No groups were denied funding.

The Solar Information Center requested an additional \$200 to fund their Renewable Energy Fair.

H.O.P.E.S. was granted an additional \$5,200 to cover the costs of its annual Eco-Design Conference.

The Model United Nations group requested \$4,783 to help with the costs of their conference in San Francisco. The student senators decided to grant the group \$3,784 and loan the group \$1,000 to be repaid by May 31.

The last of the special requests came from the International Stu-

dents Association. The group's request for a transfer of their funds to cover the cost of the events for International Night and International Week was approved.

Two student seats were confirmed: Lani Hoang for the science seat and Eric Pfeifer for the arts and sciences seat.

Jen Luck, co-chairwoman of the Student Conduct Code Committee introduced a series of policies the committee is considering adding to the mission statement. The issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

Lastly, student senators questioned former chief justice of the Constitution Court, Joel Corcoran.

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Judge drops protesters' civil charges

NEW YORK — A judge today dismissed charges against the 1,166 people who were arrested during daily civil disobedience demonstrations over the police killing of an unarmed immigrant.

Amadou Diallo, a street vendor from Guinea, was killed Feb. 4 outside his Bronx apartment when four police officers looking for a rapist fired 41 shots and struck him 19 times.

Among those arrested during the demonstrations outside police headquarters were the Rev. Jesse Jackson, former Mayor David Dinkins and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume.

Manhattan Criminal Court Judge A. Kirke Bartley Jr. dismissed the various charges today at the request of Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

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Many Oregonians remain resentful of Californians

By Lauren Dodge
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Listeners jammed the radio station switchboard to complain about "them" and their funny-talking, bad-driving ways.

"We're glad you like Oregon. Now pack up and get out!" one caller fumed.

This wasn't some fringe forum for supremacists. It was KOTK-AM Hot Talk in Portland, and the Oregonians calling in were griping about their favorite target: Californians.

Even though the much-maligned migration from the Golden State to its rainy neighbor to the north has slowed by the thousands from its peak in the early 1990s, an anti-California undercurrent courses through Oregon.

As the state struggles to absorb an estimated 1 million more residents over the next 20 years, there's a new effort under way to revive the "stay-out" sentiment made famous in 1971 by then-Gov. Tom McCall.

"Come and visit us again and again," McCall said at the time. "But for heaven's sake, don't come here to live."

Last week, state Sen. John Lim, himself an immigrant from Korea, introduced a bill to erect signs at the state line telling motorists: "You are welcome to visit Oregon, but please don't stay."

Lim said the bill is a first step toward preserving Oregon's livability, which he believes is threatened by growth.

Californians represent about a third of new residents, though the numbers have been steadily dropping as that state's economy has improved. Using driver's licenses as a rough indicator, the net migration from California to Oregon is half of what it was: 23,000 in 1993 vs. 11,000 in 1998.

Yet most of the growth-related blame remains focused on the Golden State.

"It's kind of a scapegoating thing," said John Findlay, a University of Washington history professor. "It's these outsiders coming in, especially Californians, that are forcing up home prices, clogging freeways and bringing gangs."

Findlay teaches a course in Northwest history. Over the past

10 years, when he has asked his students for words associated with California, they've consistently come up with: bad drivers, pollution, overcrowded, pushy, vain, rude, disrespectful and superficial.

"Californians learn pretty quickly when they get here to change their plates and take off their UCLA sweatshirt," he said.

Judy Combs said she became well aware of how native Oregonians felt after she moved to Lake Oswego from San Jose, Calif., in 1979.

"There was just this attitude," she said. "We were very cautious about who we would tell."

She quickly changed license plates and anxiously awaited her new driver's license in the mail.

"You just hated to go into a grocery store and have to drag out your California license," Ms. Combs said. "You could just see them thinking, 'Oh no, not another California transplant.'"

Even those from other places quickly learn the value of disassociation.

"All I need to say is 'I'm not from California' and no one gives me any trouble," said Allana Morgan, a waitress who moved to Oregon 5 1/2 years ago from Virginia.

Even Rick Emerson, who as host of the KOTK show hears his share of outrageous things, said he was taken aback by Oregonians' dislike of Californians.

"I didn't expect it to be quite so vitriolic," he said. "I've lived in a lot of places and they all have a feeling of propriety over their state. But I have never seen such a rabid fear. It almost causes them physical pain to see these Californians coming here."

Gov. John Kitzhaber himself repeatedly cites Southern California as an example of what Oregon doesn't want to become.

"On the issue of growth management, we've done it right," said Kitzhaber's spokesman Bob Applegate. "If that means pointing out that our neighbors to the south have not done it right, then our apologies."

However, the governor believes that growth and prosperity go hand in hand and has nothing against Californians who choose to move here, Applegate said: "They came to the right state."

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