

Conference will target males in at-risk age group

■ Teen-age males are at risk for committing violence, but program coordinators believe they can be reached

By Maggie Young
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Since February of 1996, 16 school shootings have occurred within the United States. Included in these are the highly-publicized Springfield; Jonesboro, Ark.; and Littleton, Colo., shootings.

The need for action is clear. The College of Education's Youth Enrichment and Talented and gifted Programs will host a conference today, aimed at sup-

porting boys as they transition through a difficult time in their lives, said Jayne Mickles, conference coordinator and University youth enrichment program member.

The majority of violence in the United States is committed by males aged 10 to 17, said Jeff Sprague, co-director of the Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior.

"Boys are much more at risk for being perpetrators of violence than girls," he said. "Being a boy alone doesn't define much though. There are other risk factors."

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Churchill High School

with an opening ceremony hosted by City Councilor Bobby Lee and conclude at 2:30 p.m. on the University campus with a presentation by Derrick Deadwiler, ESPN regional coordinator and former University football player.

Events throughout the day include tours of various University departments given by program mentors and a performance of "Especially for Boys" by the Eugene thespian group Encore Theater. Mentors from community schools and male members of the University Secondary Education Program will guide the boys throughout the activities.

The decision to include mentors in the program was a logical

choice for Work and Family Services Administrator and conference coordinator Karen Logvin.

"It is a well-known fact in education that meaningful relationships with adults have an impact on students' lives," Logvin said.

Mentoring programs for middle school boys are an effective way to reduce violence and dropout rates, Sprague said. Youth need to make a decision to do something different and this conference can create motivation, he said.

"Having kids go to a conference is a start, but things aren't going to change overnight," he said.

The hope is that boys will come

away from this conference feeling better about themselves, Logvin said.

"We want to give them a sense of ability to pursue their hopes and dreams, while supported by adults," Logvin said.

Mickles wants the community to see that boys need to feel supported and celebrated just as much as girls.

"I hope that the community will want to do more things to help our boys and continue programs like this," she said.

The last registration forms will be accepted by the College of Education until 5 p.m. today, or until the program fills.

University Senate elects professors to IFS and addresses several faculty concerns

■ Concerns about faculty and staff health benefits, workloads and staffing decisions are discussed

By Darren Freeman
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The University Senate elected three professors to the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate and discussed faculty issues at Wednesday's meeting in 123 Pacific.

The approximately 40 administrators, professors and students present at the meeting unanimously approved the nominations of math Professor Jim Isenberg, music Professor Ann Tedards and anthropology Adjunct Professor Paul Simonds to the IFS.

The professors will serve three-

year terms on the IFS, which is a faculty representative group composed of 20 senators from universities affiliated with the Oregon



University System. The IFS reports to the State Board of Education about faculty issues such as salary increases and health benefits, said Simonds, who has already served five years on the IFS.

After the IFS appointments, Sen. Greg McLauchlan read the results of a survey asking senators what the senate should address this year.

"I do have an appropriate level of cynicism of all survey results," McLauchlan said.

McLauchlan, however, said he was especially cynical about this survey because only nine senators responded.

Most of the responses addressed faculty morale. Proposed agenda items included raising faculty salaries, decreasing faculty non-academic workloads, improving faculty representation in staffing decisions, reassessing faculty and staff health benefits, providing reduced tuition to dependents of faculty and staff and increasing diversity among faculty, staff and the student body.

According to McLauchlan, one senator who advocated reduced workloads wrote, "... since our salaries are so low, perhaps our workload should appropriately reflect [that]."

During the opening discussion, Sen. Jane Grey passionately

voiced concern about faculty not having access to legal advice on campus.

Grey said faculty should have access to a legal council for "the day-to-day questions that might arise in response to our obligation to our colleagues and our students."

Though the University does employ General Council Melinda Grier, Grey said Grier only answers questions referred to her by the president's office.

"In other words," Grey said, "I'd have to crawl on my knees to [Provost John] Mosely to get answers to my legal questions."

"In my mind," said Grier, who was present at the meeting, "I work for the president."

Grier said the workload doesn't allow her time to answer faculty

University Senate

Action: The senate elected math Professor Jim Isenberg, music Professor Ann Tedards and anthropology Adjunct Professor Paul Simonds to represent the University on the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate.

The IFS is a faculty-representative group composed of 20 senators from Oregon universities.

questions.

"If I could clone myself, it would be great," Grier said.

Grey said she wasn't certain whether or not she would propose a motion addressing the issue.

EMU Board to up budget by 5 percent to cover increases in salaries, utility rates

■ The \$136,416 in part will fund a full-time marketing coordinator and three-quarter time grant writer

By Simone Ripke
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The EMU Board approved the EMU budget benchmark proposal Wednesday after the budget committee concluded that a 5.3 percent increase in incidental fees is necessary for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The budget increase will cover such mandated increases as a 2 percent staff salary increase, pending reclassifications, in-

creased medical contributions for all staff and utility rate increases in the building.

A 5.3 percent increase in incidental fees is equivalent to an increase of \$136,416, based on current enrollment.

Campbell Kidd, finance chair of the EMU Board, said committee members met with EMU programs to find out exactly what funding is needed, how much is used and what can be done without it. The benchmark amount of 5.3 percent was the result of the committee's research and represents the maximum amount the EMU Board will be able to use for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, if the proposal is approved by the Stu-

dent Senate.

"Our benchmark sets up a parameter that we can work within," Kidd said. "I do realize that this number sounds and looks huge,"

But he emphasized that the amount will be necessary to maintain and expand existing services and help draw students into the EMU.

Certain specific expenses for Child Care and Development, Club Sports, Facilities Services and the Cultural Forum will remain at the same level and amount to a total of \$15,842. But

Child Care and Development will receive an additional \$4,000 to subsidize 1 percent of the rate increase.

Administrative expenses will increase by \$21,005 to cover the cost of making the marketing coordinator a full-time position and the grant writer a three-quarter time position. Furthermore, marketing funds for various programs and funding for outreach will be covered by the increase.

Bryan Myss, house chair of the board, said his committee has been working on looking at the room distribution in the EMU. Myss said the committee feels that some rooms might not be used to their full potential and

might be reassigned to new applicants.

Dennis Reynolds, EMU child care coordinator, asked the board to support a budget proposal for new child care facilities that would include eight classrooms and allow the addition of infant care and after school programs. Reynolds said two of the three current facilities are old and were built for residential use and not made with child care in mind.

"We feel it is long past due time to really reflect the commitment students on this campus have made to child care," Reynolds said. The board voted unanimously to support the project.

Jackson drops demand for immediate reinstatement of students

By Christopher Willis
The Associated Press

DECATUR, Ill. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson on Wednesday dropped his demand that six students expelled for a fight at a football game be allowed back in school, saying he would support moving them into alternative education classes.

Earlier, Jackson had rejected a school board offer to cut the students' two-year expulsions to one year and put them in alternative school for the year. He said he wanted them re-enrolled immediately.

"If alternative school is part of a grander scheme in getting the kids back into the school system, that's acceptable," Jackson said Wednesday. He said he wanted those eligible to graduate this year to still be able to do so.

Six students were expelled for allegedly taking part in a brawl in the stands at a football game at Eisenhower High School on Sept. 17. A seventh student was threatened with expulsion but withdrew from school first.

The three high schools in this blue-collar city were closed for security reasons Monday and Tuesday as Jackson led protests on behalf of the expelled students. The schools reopened Wednesday, with police checking students' ID. No incidents were reported, but 41 percent of students stayed home.

The expelled students are all black, but Jackson has said fairness is more at issue than race.

Jackson said he met with state school Superintendent Glenn "Max" McGee at a hotel Wednesday night, and the two talked by

phone with Gov. George Ryan. Jackson and McGee said they all agreed on a plan that could put individual students back in regular schools in less than a year if they did well at the alternative schools.

Jackson said the plan included the creation of an outside review board to determine the students' ultimate punishment.

Jackson lashed out at the school board for refusing to schedule a meeting on the proposal Wednesday night.

"It has rebuffed the governor and the state superintendent," Jackson said.

Schools Superintendent Kenneth Arndt said the board spent hours discussing the issue and was too exhausted to meet on the new proposal.

"I've learned never to say never, but I do not see this board getting together in the immediate future when they have spent unbelievable hours on this issue," Arndt said.

On Tuesday, four people accused in the brawl were charged with mob action, a felony, which Jackson said "will only make matters worse." The four included two of those who were expelled and the student who withdrew. The fourth was not a student at the time of the fight.

Five others were also charged as juveniles. It was unclear whether any of them were among those expelled.

Prosecutor Lawrence Fichter said Wednesday he would be open to a plea bargain. "What we

start out with may not be what we end up with," he said.

Lewis Myers Jr., an attorney for one of the students, said there will be no deal. "These charges are vindictive and brought solely to intimidate these young men and their families," he said.

A videotape of the fight made by a spectator at Eisenhower's game against MacArthur High shows a boy punching and kicking someone while someone else climbs into the stands from the track to join the melee.

Fans in the stands scatter, and some cover small children. Things calm down after less than a minute, but police said the tape catches only the last third of the fight.