

The Cardinal goes down again

Stanford's mental mistakes in the final seconds cost it the game and drop the Cardinal into a third-place tie with the Ducks. **PAGE 9**

The Flash

Overflow campus parking flooding nearby lots

Limited parking on campus causes many people to park in local business's parking lots during school or athletic events, making the lots inaccessible to potential customers.

Because the problem is ongoing at Burger King across from campus, restaurant officials have begun ticketing vehicles that do not belong in the business's lot. **Page 3**

Student group presents chance to face Asian culture

In an effort to make people aware of Vietnamese culture, the Vietnamese Student Association will present a culture night featuring a series of performances, including a fashion show displaying traditional Vietnamese wedding clothing.

The event, "Tradition and Culture in the New Millennium," will be held Saturday in the EMU ballroom. **PAGE 4**

Doctors test new ways to zap clots that cause strokes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Doctors trying to stop a stroke in its tracks are developing some entirely new approaches that use lasers and other gadgets to blast, smash or grab blood clots lodged deep inside the brain.

The technology is still in its infancy, and the first report on one of these devices — a laser beam on the tip of skinny, flexible tube — was made Thursday at a conference in New Orleans of the American Stroke Association.

FAA orders jet inspections

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The nation's airlines are under a federal order to inspect hundreds of jetliners after two Alaska Airlines planes were found to have equipment damage similar to that on Alaska Flight 261.

The Federal Aviation Administration order announced Thursday covers all MD-80, MD-90, DC-9 and 717 series jetliners — about 1,100 planes or one-fifth of the nation's passenger airline fleet. Airlines have three days to comply.

Flight disruptions were expected, but federal officials said they believed the traveling public will understand.

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Gabbe, Larson pulled from race

After a vote indicated their violation of election rules, the ASUO Executive candidates say they don't intend to give up

By **Jeremy Lang**
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With only two weeks left before the ASUO primary election, executive hopefuls C.J. Gabbe and Peter Larson have been removed from the ballot.

The ASUO Elections Board unanimously agreed Thursday night that the pair broke election rules when they paid about \$40 for refreshments at a Feb. 4 International Stu-

dent Coffee Hour and should be reprimanded by being taken off the ballot.

However, Gabbe and Larson are not completely banned from the election. According to election rules, they are still allowed to run a write-in campaign with the usual buttons, posters and other campaign publicity.

The decisions came after Student Sen. Jennifer Greenough filed a

grievance against Gabbe and Larson on Monday. In it, she claimed that by paying for the coffee and snacks, they were offering a "thing of value" to the people at the meeting in an effort to promote the election's outcome, which is a direct violation of ASUO election rules.

In a statement given to the Emerald Thursday night, Gabbe and Lar-

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PFC budget decisions frustrate programs

Many groups that were denied budget increases or suffered budget cuts blame the Multicultural Center's 121-percent budget increase for putting other groups at a disadvantage during the budget hearings

By **Simone Ripke**
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After many long debates, laughter, frustration and tears, the Programs Finance Committee has allocated the student incidental fee to almost 100 ASUO programs and student groups. Throughout the hearings, the PFC aimed to abide by the 0-percent benchmark set by the Student Senate last fall, cutting 57 groups' budgets and increasing the budgets of 37 groups. The cuts left many groups frustrated with the process and struggling to continue their programs.

The Designated Driver Shuttle took one of the biggest hits when the PFC cut its budget by 30.18 percent from \$72,282 to \$50,876.

Brian Wise, a senior journalism major and DDS co-director, said the decrease will affect DDS patrons and employees.

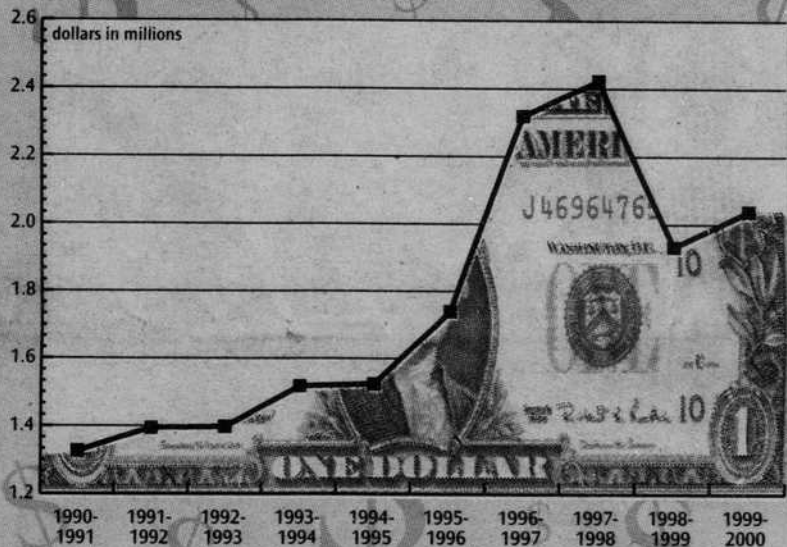
But most of all, Wise said he is frustrated with how the hearing went because he felt that the PFC decided to cut the program's budget regardless of its needs. Wise said the PFC was predetermined to cut DDS's budget to make up for the 121-percent increase the Multicultural Center received for its new director.

"When we walked into that room, I think the decision was pretty much already made," Wise said.

Shantell Rice, PFC chairwoman, said the committee made all decisions strictly based on numbers and all groups were treated equally regardless of whether they presented

Zero benchmark keeps costs down

The ASUO Programs budget has increased continually for most of the past 10 years, peaking in 1998. Many of the increases have been state mandated. To compensate, the PFC set a 0-percent goal from this year to next year's budgets.



“We are not computers. We don't spit out numbers with complete impartiality, but we do try.”

Emily Sedgwick, PFC member

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their budget before or after the MCC.

"We made cuts early on and we made increases early on," Rice said.

ASUO President Wylie Chen said he disagreed with the PFC's decision because students voted in favor of DDS when it went to the ballot last year.

"It doesn't make sense to me at all that DDS would take a hit like

that when it is one of the most popular programs on campus," Chen said.

Wise said even with the current budget, DDS has been unable to replace an old van and patrons often have to wait for up to three hours to get a safe ride home.

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Scholarship deadlines leave time to apply

Many students are unaware of their eligibility for numerous scholarships that award big dollars

By **Serena Marsstrom**
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There is still time to apply for scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. The Oregon Student Assistance Commission, on-line scholarship services and University departments are still accepting applications for the upcoming year.

"I think people would be surprised with how many

[scholarships] are available," said Joe Stone, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The college has many department scholarships with a Feb. 21 deadline for nomination. With 56 percent of the University's enrollment in CAS, many students qualify.

The awards are all faculty nominated. Students are not required to write any essays to apply. Inter-

ested students should contact their faculty advisors about being nominated, said Rachel Hunsinger, assistant director of development at the college.

The Oregon Student Assistance Commission granted scholarships to 261 out of the 850 University Students who applied last year. Awards totaled

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