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Diversity programs get booklet

The 'Diversity resource booklet,' containing details on programs that support diversity, will cost \$8,000

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Next fall a comprehensive guide of all diversity-promoting programs on campus will be available to students.

ASUO Multicultural Associate Katie Howard is putting together the \$8,000 project, tentatively called the "Diversity resource booklet." The project's aim is to collect information about every program and service offered to students that promotes diversity on campus.

Howard said there is no central location a curious person can get information about the different programs the University has to offer. "There isn't a set list," she said. "There's not awareness of what other people are doing."

The book will provide quick access to the number of members, the source of funding and the year a group was established.

In addition to contact information, which students can find in other guides, the booklet will include information specific to the different colleges on campus. It will also include descriptions of what groups are and their mission statements.

Jason Mak, ASUO recruitment and retention coordinator, proposed the project. Mak was a diversity intern for the University president's office this summer. The internships were offered in response to student demands on administration for a more proactive approach to diversity issues.

Mak made the recommendation after seeing a similar publication from Washington State University. "There should be one place we go to find out what others are doing," Mak said.

Carla Gary, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said the booklet "is needed because there is a growing understanding and embrace of diversity."

Gary said the book will be used as a recruiting tool. She said it is time "we see through new eyes

that [diversity] is not about serving a handful of people of color. It's about looking at the diversity we [all] are."

This term Howard is targeting student groups. She mailed questionnaires to all student groups, and groups can fill out the form on-line.

"It's really inclusive to all groups," Howard said. "Everyone's welcome to submit information."

The estimate of \$8,000 will cover printing for about 1,000 copies, which will be available throughout campus. The cost comes from the large number of pages the book will contain.

Howard is doing most of the fund raising. The ASUO has limited funds for the project so she will ask student groups, department and administrators for financial support. "I feel it is important the administration and faculty be involved," she said. In spring term, the ASUO will offer an internship for a student interested in helping complete this project. To sign up, visit diversity.uoregon.edu or call 346-0631.

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colony report might not be available for another few weeks. He also said there has been no further progress on the case regarding the cause of Atteridge's death.

Leavitt said Atteridge's death will be investigated on two levels. The administration will examine

whether the incident constitutes a violation of the Student Conduct Code. Then Leavitt, Club Sports officials and Club Sports student coordinators will look at ways to improve adherence to Club Sports rules and regulations, Leavitt said. Although all students participating in Club Sports sign forms pledging to refrain from alcohol and drugs, they do not always adhere to all regulations.

"The Club Sports people, of course, are quite anxious to know how they can make their program better, stronger and safer," Leavitt said.

Club Sports offers students 42 different clubs ranging from baseball to skydiving. The program aims to offer students the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level without necessarily having varsity level skills. Clubs are coordinated by students, and coaches for many teams are outside the University system.

Sandra Vaughn, Club Sports recreation coordinator, said the incident will definitely whether hockey team members violated Club Sports and conduct code rules, but considering that the hockey season is over, she saw no reason to rush.

Once Club Sports launches an investigation, the Club Sports executive committee will conduct a review of the incident and the hockey team, Vaughn said. This will not be the first time a team from the program has come under scrutiny for alcohol-related problems.

"A number of our clubs have some situations and problems, and it gets reviewed and consequences dulled out," Vaughn said.

Typically a review results in consequences such as revoking a team's travel privileges, requiring a team to participate in and pay for workshops on substance abuse or leadership or as in one recent case, requiring a team to travel with and pay for parent chaperones, Vaughn said. In some rare cases,

she said, individual students have been banned from the program.

"We have had several students over the past few years that have not been allowed to participate in Club Sports any further," she said.

Will Middleton, a junior general science major and coordinator for the men's Club Sports rugby team, said the rugby team has been reprimanded and sanctioned for alcohol-related incidents in the past but adheres to all rules now.

"Club Sports got on us pretty hard, and ever since we've been good," Middleton said.

Senior economics major Mike Grippi was on the rugby team when beer bottles were found in a state-owned van some team members were driving. As a consequence, the team lost all privileges of using state-owned vehicles and had to travel to away games using private transportation for the remainder of the season.

Although others schools, such as Oregon State University, have not seen such severe infractions in the past years, teams have been caught breaking laws and school rules.

Amy Midgley, OSU coordinator of sport clubs and special programs, said incidents such as program participants getting a speeding ticket while driving a state-owned van occur a few times every year. "We've had incidents, but there's been nothing like a death," Midgley said.

The consequences Atteridge's death might have for the hockey team are uncertain at this point.

As long as the final police report, including the toxicology report, remains unavailable the University administration and Club Sports officials will wait, Leavitt said.

She said also said that because Club Sports is a student program funded by the incidental fee, student leaders in the program will definitely be involved in the review. According to the EMU accounting office Club Sports received \$196,950 for the current fiscal year.



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