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University alumnus Matthew Hasek, 31, who has cerebral palsy, works with his fiancée and caretaker, Tyra Bramlett, to open a subpoena delivery service in Eugene. Bramlett said she regrets that many employers cannot see past Hasek's disability and offer him a job.

Limited capacity, limitless success

Former University student Matthew Hasek hasn't let his cerebral palsy interrupt his ambitions

By Brooke Ross
Oregon Daily Emerald

University alumnus Matthew Hasek's 31 years of life have been filled with challenges, but today he is busy preparing to start his own business, spending time with his fiancée and helping other people with disabilities live more comfortably.

Hasek, who has cerebral palsy, graduated from the University in 1997, double-majoring in history and political science.

During his time at the University, he served on the ASUO Student Senate and the EMU Board of Directors, and because of his efforts, a ramp was installed in the student section of Autzen Stadium.

Determined to succeed

Hasek's determination was evident by his time spent at the University. He put himself through school with the aid of student loans, and despite hav-

ing to rely on notetakers to assist him during class, he did not struggle academically.

"Learning wasn't difficult," he said. "It was just about trying to apply myself and study."

In addition to studying to complete requirements for two majors, Hasek was also involved in campus activities, such as the EMU board.

Jim Long, senior instructor in chemistry, worked with Hasek
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Student Senate approves increase for EMU, but cuts 'growth' projects

Senators dole out a 6.4 percent increase in the EMU budget, minus \$11,433 of the requested amount

By Emily Gust
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In its longest and most confusing meeting of the year, the ASUO Student Senate passed a budget for the EMU, giving it a 6.4 percent increase over this year's funding — but it was still \$11,433 less than what the EMU wanted.

The senate budgeted the EMU \$2,866,416 for next year, but math questions spurred a lot of confusion and argument.

There were two numbers that the 6.4 percent increase approved for the EMU earlier this year could have been based on, and the question was which one it was.

The EMU received \$2,694,000 from the senate last year but later realized the amount was not enough to maintain its current service level. It returned to the senate last fall and asked for \$10,745 from surplus.

Budget increases for one year are generally calculated off of what a group received the past year.

Several senators said the original \$2,694,000 was the appropriate number to work from because that was included in

last year's budget packet.

The EMU believed that because the special request in the fall was for maintaining current service level, that it should be added onto the EMU's original budget for the 2000-2001 school year — essentially allowing for a larger increase of 6.82 percent.

Some questions were posed regarding the fiscal responsibility of the EMU, with the senators divided over such responsibility. But those questions were only a small part of the larger debate over whether the EMU should receive a 6.82 percent increase, or whether it should stay at its 6.4 percent benchmark as recommended

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New bill aims at giving guns to DPS officers

■ The University's Department of Public Safety, the state education board, a vice president at OSU and ASUO President Jay Breslow are all opposed to the Oregon Senate bill

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Both the head of the University's Department of Public Safety and the ASUO Executive oppose a bill introduced into the State Legislature which would give campus security officers the same privileges as police officers.

Senate Bill 135, introduced at the request of a group of campus officers, would allow the Oregon University System to commission officers to carry firearms and also make arrests. The University plans to commission some of its officers in April, but currently the commissioning would only allow officers to make probable cause arrests and stop and frisk suspects.

Tom Fitzpatrick, director of the University's Department of Public Safety, said he could not support the way in which the bill was introduced into the Legislature.

He said he supports campus security officers carrying firearms, but not the manner in which officers have broached the subject.

"This was not the time and the place to approach this issue," he said.

Fitzpatrick said he did not support the idea of employee groups imposing their will on their employers, and he couldn't understand why officers persisted with the issue when the OUS has repeatedly shown it is opposed to changing its campus' security-officer status.

Campus safety officers from Portland State University went to the State Board of Education last year with the same request but were voted down, and the OUS has shown no intention of supporting the recent bill.

In light of this, Fitzpatrick said he would wait to support arming campus officers until all the university administrations decide to make the move.

"I'm a team player," he said.

ASUO President Jay Breslow said the bill didn't have much of a chance of passing without the support of the education board, but despite not expecting the bill to pass, he said he was still concerned about the concept behind it.

"Something like this should definitely have student input," he said. "It would be really dangerous, [and] it would really affect the way public safety officers work with students."

He said there was an "intimidation factor" that would increase with officers carrying firearms that could make situations more dangerous than they need to be.

While Breslow understood that officers at PSU are in a more urban environment that could be more dangerous, he said their desire to carry firearms could induce a "domino thing" that would result in officers carrying

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In memorium



Separate memorials in Milwaukie, Ore., and Eugene are planned for freshman Jill Dieringer, who died Feb. 9. of meningococcal disease.

The first service will be 11 a.m. Feb. 17 at Christ of the King Catholic Church in Milwaukie. The church is located at 11709 SE Fuller Rd. A reception will follow next door at La Salle High School, which Dieringer attended.

University members are also planning a service in Eugene, although the date has not been set.