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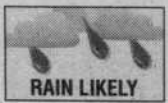
## Sun Devil split

After shutting out ASU, the Oregon softball team drops a 10-1 decision in the nightcap. **PAGE 15**

## A creek runs through it

The state PIRG joins in a lawsuit against an alleged local polluter of Rattlesnake creek in Dexter. **PAGE 3**

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## Large budget increases in the Programs Finance Committee



## Runge waits for a decision

A law firm has been hired to investigate the situation between Runge and her players

By Peter Hockaday  
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Bond, Shoeneck & King, you're not in Kansas any more.

The controversy surrounding Oregon women's basketball coach Jody Runge escalated in seriousness over spring break, as the University and athletic director Bill Moos hired an independent law firm to analyze the fragile situation between the coach and her players.

The Kansas-based firm of Bond, Shoeneck & King is widely known for its investigations into collegiate athletics. They have conducted inquiries at Florida State, Notre Dame, Minnesota and Cincinnati, among others. Moos said he expects to hear the firm's report today.

He also said he wanted to be sure of the facts surrounding the case, and said hiring the firm was "the best way to go about it."

"I wanted an independent review of the facts regarding our women's basketball program," Moos said. "They're compiling the information right now, so I hope to hear from them [today]."

The small team of lawyers has been conducting player and coach interviews since last Tuesday. However, seniors Angelina Wolvert and Jenny Mowe, along with redshirt junior Ednisha Curry, refused to meet with the lawyers.

"We didn't force anybody to be involved," Moos said. "It was strictly voluntary."

Mowe and Wolvert may have been protecting their future careers. Both players are currently preparing for the Women's National Basketball Association predraft camp in Portland. The WNBA draft will be held April 20. Neither player could be reached for comment.



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## PFC irons out kinks in process, staff

Stories by Emily Gust • Graphic by Katie Miller

The committee has waded successfully through a sea of controversies regarding its budget decisions conducted last term

During nearly two months of budget hearings, the ASUO Programs Finance Committee doled out more than \$2 million for next year — in the process almost doubling funds for the YWCA and substantially hiking the budget for the Designated Driver Shuttle. But many of the heated controversies plaguing the PFC during the hearings spree last term dealt more with issues and rules than with dollars.

Early on, PFC members noticed groups were using fee money to put on events in which they sold tickets and put the revenue into their fundraising accounts. The

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Most groups said the fee allocation process was fair, but turnover created several bumps in the decision-making road

Although election-time grievances have put a crimp in the budget process, University President Dave Frohnmayer will still have next year's ASUO Programs Finance Committee numbers on his desk by the end of the day.

Five senators filed a grievance against the Multicultural Center's ballot measure late last term, halting the general election and stopping the vote on two measures requesting funds from the student incidental fee. Until the election is over, the budget will not be complete.

But the PFC, which allocates funds to more than 100

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## Jacobson, Cook on ballot as MCC anticipates election

Bailey and Oliver got the boot last week as the remaining candidates prepare for spring term elections

By Jeremy Lang  
for the Emerald

The ASUO general election is now right back where it started, with the top two presidential vote-getters preparing to battle and both the measures approved for the ballot.

During spring break the ASUO Constitution Court settled all the grievances and complaints that halted the general election twice last term, clearing the way for the election to happen during the first weeks of spring term. Voting

dates have not yet been set.

The court first overturned a decision by the ASUO Elections Board to disqualify candidates Bret Jacobson and Matt Cook, who distributed campaign fliers outside residence hall rooms.

The court agreed with Jacobson's claim that the pair didn't break the rules because residents escorted Cook and campaign manager Eric Pfeiffer through the halls the entire time.

In the unanimous decision, Justice

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Eugene police and a federal arson team from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms spent the weekend investigating an arson that began shortly before 3 a.m. Friday at Joe Romania Chevrolet, 2020 Franklin Blvd. More than 15 new Chevrolet Suburbans and Tahoes were damaged or destroyed in the fire, police said. According to EPD spokeswoman Pam Alejandre, several "incendiary containers" had been placed throughout the lot.

Officials finished processing the crime scene Saturday having collected significant physical evidence, according to police reports. Eugene police have received numerous tips, but have yet to identify any suspects or a motive for the fire.

This was the second such incident in the last year at the dealership. In June 2000, firebombs destroyed three trucks and caused an estimated \$40,000 in damage.