

## News brief

### Student Senate corrects \$500,000 error

At the ASUO Student Senate meeting Wednesday, the Programs Finance Committee asked for a revision to their benchmark to correct an error that would have caused the Counseling Center, the Esslinger Hall renovation, the Career Center and the Mentor Program to not receive an estimated \$500,000 of allocated funds.

"I think the PFC is doing an ex-

cellent job of making sure student groups are spending the money correctly, and I feel this correction to the benchmark should be made," ASUO Vice President Joy Nair said.

The senate voted unanimously to move the PFC benchmark from 69 percent to 80 percent to accommodate for this miscalculation.

"Without this percentage increase, we would have had to take away all of the increases we have given," PFC Chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Madden said.

The Black Women of Achieve-

ment transferred \$100 within their budget to help pay for a Feb. 10 fashion show, which will be held in the EMU Ballroom, and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association transferred \$200 into their food holding account for their upcoming Chinese New Year banquet.

On Feb. 13, the senate will discuss the University's athletic logo, the "O," which could be changed to include a Nike symbol. The meeting will take place in the EMU board room at 7 p.m.

— Danielle Gillespie

## Internships

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provides 12 to 15 students with work and experience. According to George Rede, director of recruiting and training at The Oregonian, the paper had to shelve its internship program for budget reasons.

The Oregonian is not the only Oregon paper that has recently canceled its internship program. The Register-Guard and the Corvallis Gazette-Times were also forced to cancel internships for economic and budget reasons.

"It's pretty well documented that a number of newspapers have eliminated or greatly reduced its number of available internships," Rede said.

Beth Pfeiffer, internship coordinator for the School of Journalism and Communication, said that at least 300 journalism companies were invited to attend, but only two could commit. Many companies did not want to participate in the fair because they are uncertain as to how many employment opportunities they can offer students right now, Pfeiffer said.

"It's very unusual that only two journalism companies are here.

Last year there was about 30 journalism employers who attended," Yong said.

Journalism was not the only professional field to show low attendance. Some students interested in pursuing careers in technology and software felt there was a limited number of companies.

"It's a little discouraging," said senior computer science major Phil Benton.

Companies offering positions in retail and sales were high in attendance, including Fred Meyer, Frito-Lay Incorporated, Global Imaging Systems/Konica and United Parcel Services. Other companies in attendance included State Farm Insurance, Sony Disc Manufacturing, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and College Pro.

Although there was a low attendance in comparison to previous years, Yong anticipates a better turnout for the Spring Career Fair.

"I think that some companies who are not here today are saving their resources," she said, "and will have a better chance of attending the career fair in the spring."

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## FAFSA

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13 percent of them are reported for drug use, yet 55 percent of the total (population) in jail for drug offenses is black," he said, quoting Oregon Student Association figures.

This year alone, it is estimated 60,000 students were denied the opportunity to advance to higher education because of the drug provision, OSCC board member Oscar Arana said.

Arana, a junior, said the govern-

ment should "give all students the opportunity to go to college" rather than denying aid to students who need it most.

Majekobaje said the provision punishes students twice for the same crime. First, students are punished by the judicial system, she said, and then they are punished by the Higher Education Act when they lose financial aid. Peers joined her in front of "Educate, not Incarcerate" posters outside the EMU to plead their case. They also passed out cards for students to sign en-

couraging Rep. David Wu, D-Portland, to co-sponsor HR 786.

OSCC will take the cards to a meeting with the United States Student Association in March, where students from across with country will discuss education policy issues with senators. University OSCC members' goal is to get 2000 cards signed before the event, Arana said.

By noon Wednesday, students had collected nearly 300 cards.

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## Diversity

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According to 47 percent of the people surveyed, the University's curriculum adequately represents contributions from people in under-represented groups. But 57 percent said they felt the campus leadership does not foster diversity.

As far as improving campus climate, 79 percent said the University should hold more cultural events.

Sarah Blustein, Bridges coordinator for the LGBT Educational and Support Service Program, said training faculty about diversity issues is the first step toward improving campus climate.

The junior women's studies major added that certain departments don't feel it is necessary to incorporate diversity issues into the curriculum.

"In certain departments, there is a feeling that there doesn't need to be inclusiveness," she said.

Blustein is a transfer student from Southern Illinois University — a school "bordering the bible belt," she said.

She said her previous school was "outwardly heterocentric and homophobic. It's a lot more subtle here. At first (the campus) seems open and liberal. But then you see the hate crimes."

Rankin said she could not compare the results of the University of Oregon with the other universities surveyed, but the point is for each university to use the results as a tool.

She added that many universities across the nation were resistant to the survey.

"Administrators are afraid of the results," she said.

The University is now looking at the results of the survey and working on a diversity plan, Martin said.

"When we get all our information together, we can say, 'Where do we go from here?'" she said.

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### Survey Demographics

- Male 33 percent
- Female 65.3 percent
- Heterosexual 86 percent
- White/Caucasian 66.2 percent
- Asian/Pacific Islander 24.8 percent
- Hispanic/Chicano/Latino 10.4 percent
- American Indian/Alaskan Native 6.3 percent
- African American 4.3 percent
- Middle Eastern 1.7 percent

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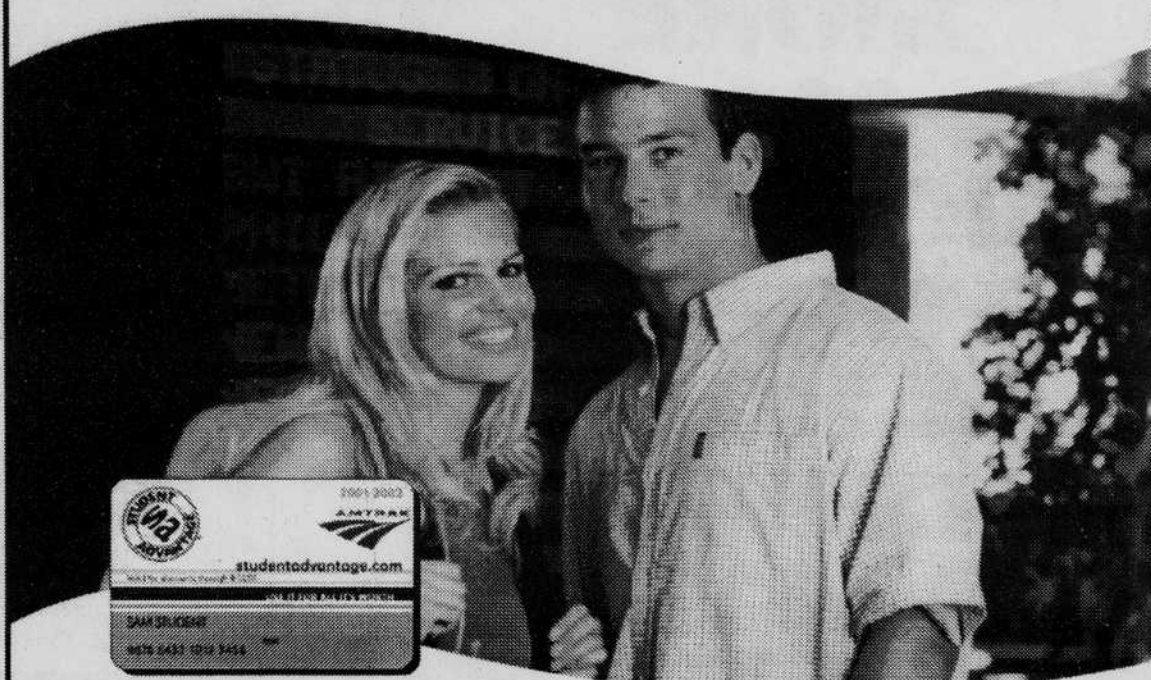
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