

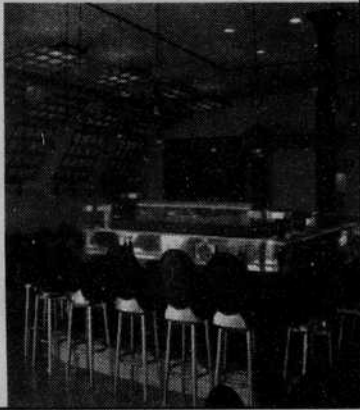
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News brief

Technicality halts group's financial request

In a meeting that lasted about four hours Wednesday, the ASUO Student Senate gave more than \$4,000 in special requests that significantly dip into its allotted budget for spring term, spent well over an hour debating a single agenda item and listened to an outspoken community member speak about his opinions on funding a certain student group.

Grupo de Capoeira, a Brazilian Martial Arts student and community group that seeks to promote Brazilian culture, came to the Senate with a request for \$300 to help fund a traditional Brazilian ceremony they are hosting called a Batizado. Group members ended up engaged in a frustrating, confusing and lengthy deliberation with the Senate in

an effort to determine the group's eligibility to receive funding from student incidental fees. A major part of the discussion was whether a group can be funded with incidental fees if it charges members to participate in activities, which Grupo de Capoeira currently does. There was also a technicality that led to further confusion about whether the group could be funded by the ASUO Senate at all.

Senate Ombudsman Andy Elliott cited the rule that showed the group was not eligible to receive the \$300. ASUO Vice President Ben Buzbee said he was extremely disappointed that the senator who signed the special request did not realize it was clearly against senate rules, and subsequently wasted a significant amount of both the Senate and the group representatives' time.

The Senate also approved a request for \$4,150 from the representatives for

the law school's Land Water Air conference that starts today. The money covers the traveling expenses incurred in bringing one of the keynote speakers from Africa to participate in the conference.

The senate confirmed three appointments: senior biology major Abolade Majekobaje filled seat 16, which is for science majors. Freshman Michelle Rose is the new elections director on the ASUO Elections Board and sophomore Laura Jenkins is an elections board member.

One of the more interesting items in the meeting's agenda was a statement from community member Bruce Miller. He spoke in support of defunding student group OSPIRG because he said it does not do anything that significantly benefits fee-paying students.

"The money just goes down the drain," Miller said.

— Kira Park

Voting

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he said. But, "I would not trade this year for anything."

Pilliod said students should realize that running for a political position is a lot of work.

"While the position has a lot of professional benefits, there are tons of sacrifices that people will never know about that are part of the position," she said.

She added that students should only run for office if they're serious about the experience, willing to sacrifice their personal time and can handle their personal life being placed under scrutiny.

"If I wanted to build my résumé, I would have stayed in classes, gotten straight A's and slept more," she said. "People should seriously think about the amount of personal time and private life they're giving up."

Even admitted overachiever Mike Sherman, a student senator and Programs Finance Committee member who is a triple major and still able to get almost straight A's,

Available positions for 2003-04

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ASUO president/vice president | • Business major, seat 17* |
| Student senate: | • Graduate student, seat 18* |
| — Finance senators: | Associated Students |
| • PFC, seat 1 | Presidential Advisory Council |
| • PFC, seat 2** | • 1 two-year term |
| • PFC, seat 3* | • 1 two-year term** |
| • EMU Board, seat 4 | Student Recreation Center |
| • EMU Board, seat 6* | Advisory Board |
| • ADFC, seat 7 | • 3 two-year terms |
| • ADFC, seat 8** | ASUO PFC |
| • ADFC, seat 9* | • 1 one-year term |
| — Academic senators: | Building Fee Committee |
| • Undeclared major, seat 11* | • 2 two-year terms |
| • AAA major, seat 12** | *Denotes two-year term |
| • A&L or journalism major, seat 13* | **Denotes two-year term that is being filled halfway through the term; the student who wins this position will serve one year before his or her term expires. |
| • Social science major, seat 15* | |
| • Science major, seat 16* | |

said students should realize taking part in student government is something of a tradeoff.

"I really enjoyed my work on

PFC," he said. "I just don't eat and sleep — it's as simple as that."

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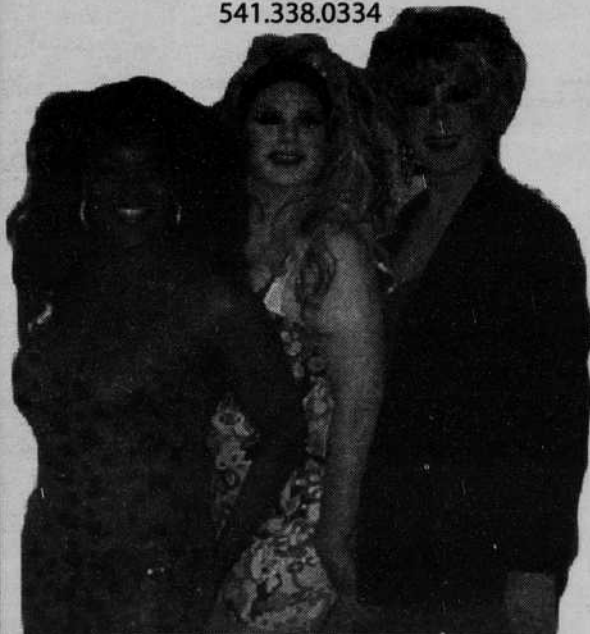
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- Art exhibit (metals, fibers and sculpture), 10 a.m.-3 p.m., LaVerne Krause Gallery, Lawrence Hall, free.
- "African Brain Drain" (humanities work-in-progress talk), noon-1 p.m., 159 Campbell, free, 346-3934.
- "Breaking the Bonds: 20th Century American Women Demand Change" (Learning in Retirement lecture, Elizabeth Reis), 1:30-3:30 p.m., Alaska/Mexico Rooms, Baker Downtown Center, 975 High St., free, 346-0697.

- "Is India an Asian Country?" (critical theory and transnational studies lecture, Ravi Palat, Binghamton University), 4 p.m., 375 McKenzie, free, 346-1521.
- "Hai shang hua" (International Resource Center Winter Film Series), 7-9 p.m., International Lounge, EMU, free, 346-0887.
- "I Am a Window, I Am a Door: Swedenborg and Strindberg on Science and Religion" (Scandinavian Studies lecture, Michael Stern), 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 3925 Hilyard St., free.
- UO Choral Ensembles (concert), 8 p.m., Beall Concert Hall, \$3 adults, \$2 children and students, \$5 families, 346-5678.

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