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ASUO opposes fee hikes

A hearing today will address proposed special fees, among other expenses, for 2003-04

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Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

University students have been digging deeper into their pockets to pay for the increasing costs of higher education, but

today they will have the opportunity to say how much is too much.

Members of the University community are invited to attend a public hearing on proposed special fees, fines, penalties and service charges for the 2003-04 school year at 2:30 p.m. today in the EMU Walnut Room.

An 87-page packet details the special

fees that include lab fees for science classes, physical education activity fees, parking fines, room rental fees and numerous other special fees.

Hilary Berkman, director of the Office of Student Advocacy, and ASUO Vice President Ben Buzbee are objecting to several of the proposed fee in-

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Ridnour wins Pac-10 Player of the Year

Ridnour becomes the first Oregon player to win the award since Terrell Brandon in 1991

Peter Hockaday

Sports Editor

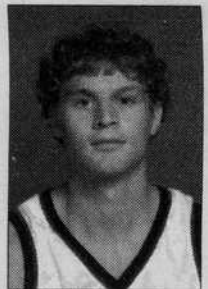
Luke Ridnour became the third player in Oregon history to be named Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Year, Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen announced Monday.

In a vote of the conference's 10 head coaches, Ridnour won the award over Arizona's senior duo of Jason Gardner and Luke Walton, among others. Ridnour was the first Duck to win the award since Terrell Brandon in 1991.

Ridnour ended the regular season second in the conference in points per game, and he easily won the assist crown. He set a Pac-10 record with 62 consecutive free throws at one point, and is the biggest reason the Ducks won 20 games on the season.

Before practice Monday, Oregon head coach Ernie Kent, who at that point didn't know Ridnour had

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Ridnour

Courage through adversity

Student Selma Mahmuljin looks to the future after growing up in a war-torn country and living through the death of her parents

Ducks in profile

Aimee Rudin

Family/Health/Education Reporter

Selma Mahmuljin dreamt about being a dentist like her father. She wanted an office next to her house so she could stay close to home, and to her family. She wanted to watch her parents grow old, wanted them to see her graduate from college, have a career and children of her own. It didn't seem like that much to ask.

Now looking back, Mahmuljin, a 19-year-old University student, realizes how much in life is taken for granted.

In 1992, war erupted between Serbian forces and non-Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina, not far from Mahmuljin's small hometown of Zozarac. Suddenly her dreams of family life began to crumble. By the time the war ended in 1995, Mahmuljin was left with only proud memories of her father, a young girl's longing for her mother, the love of her brother and the chance for an opportunity in a foreign land.

Torn by war

Serbian forces sought the creation of a "Great Serbia." In a policy called ethnic cleansing, a polite term for genocide, they terrorized the Bosnian countryside, killing many non-Serbs on site, detaining others in concentration camps and forcing thousands to move from their homes to beyond the Bosnian border.

To keep her safe, Mahmuljin's parents sent her to Zagreb, Croatia, to live with an aunt and two cousins in a very small apartment. She was eight years old.

"I left everything behind — home, family, school, friends — everything,"

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Mark McCambridge Emerald

Selma Mahmuljin left Bosnia with little more than pictures of her past, and continues her future at the University through the International Cultural Service Program.

Debate speakers disagree about necessity of war

Both speakers in the City Club of Eugene's Monday meeting shared views on President George W. Bush but differed in opinion about the effectiveness of weapons inspections and war

Roman Gokhman

Campus/City Culture Reporter

A high school teacher and the director of a major government think-tank squared off Monday in a debate at the City Club of Eugene's monthly meeting. And while the two supported President George W. Bush, they butted heads on whether the United States should wage war in Iraq.

Joseph Cirincione, senior associate and director of the Non-Proliferation Project at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., debated with Churchill High School social studies teacher Mike Sterling about the increasing likelihood of war in Iraq and its consequences.

The majority of the roughly 80 City Club members and guests came to hear Cirincione, a specialist in weapons inspections in Iraq and a frequent media commentator on arms non-proliferation. Political science Professor Jane Cramer, who is also a member of Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice, said she brought Cirincione to Eugene because of his knowledge of the efficacy of weapons inspections.

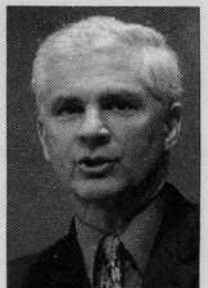
The presentation was in question-and-answer format, and Sterling opened the event by quizzing Cirincione. He based most of his questions on Cirincione's recently published report, "Iraq: What's Next."

Sterling explained that while he is not pro-war, the consequences of not acting forcefully in Iraq could be devastating. According to Cirincione's report, China, Syria and other countries are sending jet airplane parts to Iraq that could later be used against the United States.

"Are sanctions even working now?" Sterling asked. "Our hands are going to be tied in the desert while we play cat-and-mouse games."

Cirincione disagreed and said inspections are effective in deterring Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, but he added troops — and the threat of force — are necessary.

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Cirincione

WEATHER

Today: High 55, Low 48, rain at times, light wind

Wednesday: High 55, Low 48, windy, rain likely

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday

We kick off a three-part series about faith and Oregon athletics

Thursday

Women's basketball season is over, two players now look to the future

News brief

The Oregon Daily Emerald did not include a full list of available student political positions for the ASUO 2003 election in its Thursday article. Students must file with the ASUO elections office by 5 p.m. today to be eligible candidates. A complete list of political positions can be found by going to www.dailyemerald.com, selecting "News" and then "ASUO Elections." Here are the positions that were not

listed Thursday:

ASUO PFC, At-Large

• 1 two-year term **

EMU Board, At-Large

• 2 two-year terms *

• 1 two-year term **

*Denotes two-year term

**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.