



Executive elections debt raises questions

The Student Senate is reviewing ASUO Executive spending after actual election spending nearly doubled the budgeted amount

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The ASUO Executive, normally held as a poster child of fiscal responsibility, is under the careful scrutiny of the ASUO Student Senate because its election account is nearly \$5,000 in the red. Taking into account that the election budget for the year was \$6,000, that means the Executive has spent almost \$11,000 in election activities.

The Executive hasn't decided on a course of action, even though there's more than a \$10,000 surplus in the spring fundraising account that could easily be used to repay its debt. Officials have given many different explanations as to how the Executive spent more money in the election than a typical student spends on a car.

ASUO Finance Coordinator Nadia Hasan said a record number of candidates in the general election, an unplanned special election in the fall and an increase in Emerald advertising rates added up to create the \$4,946.35 deficit.

ASUO President Rachel Pilliod agreed with Hasan.

"The reason we went in debt so much is not because we went willy-nilly with our spending," ASUO President Rachel Pilliod said in defense of the Executive.

To help get rid of the alarming debt in the election account, the Executive submitted a special request for \$3,845 to the Senate and was scheduled to have the request discussed at last Wednesday's meeting. But before the Senate acted on the agenda item, Pilliod appeared at the meeting and said the Executive had decided to withdraw its request.

"We felt we could have done a better job preparing," Pilliod said, adding that the Executive wanted more time to chip away at the election deficit.

Although the request has been withdrawn, that hasn't stopped senators from expressing concern over the state

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Plan would curtail tuition waivers

The Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee may make a \$30 million cutback in fee remissions in 2003-05

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Repeatedly cast as the underdogs in an epic higher-education funding battle, students in the Oregon University System could stand to lose even more financial aid options in

the next budget biennium.

The state Joint Ways and Means Committee co-chairmen have proposed a \$30 million cut in fee remissions at Oregon universities as part of their 2003-05 budget plan, which was released last month.

Fee remissions, called a "critical recruitment tool" by University administrators, are reductions in tuition offered to needy or highly achieving students used to recruit students and provide better access

to education.

The University alone would stand to lose \$10 million of the \$30 million cut, plus the potential of an additional \$5 million in lost tuition revenue that could result from more than 1,600 students leaving, according to University officials.

In a letter to Sen. Kurt Schrader, D-Canby, one of the two chairmen of the committee, University President Dave Frohnmayer opposed the fee remission cuts, citing "unin-

tended consequences" of the decrease. Frohnmayer said fee remissions are not an expenditure of state general funds — which are used to help fund universities — nor do they represent income that OUS could receive if fee remissions were removed.

"The impact of this proposed financial aid cut seriously damages our best programs to recruit Oregon's best and brightest students

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Dangerous situations



After a man refused to stop harassing a student, DPS officers found he was on parole for several sex offenses.

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Playing it SAFE

SASS officials stress safety education as an important tool in combating potentially unsafe situations

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She said "no" several times. She said "no thanks" to the walk home, to writing down her phone number

and to telling him her room number. But what appeared to be an innocent conversation gave a sex offender enough information to attempt to locate a female student at her residence hall room.

Thanks to her persistence, the help of resident assistants and the diligent action of campus officers, the paroled suspect was prevented from finding the student, who

was given the chance to set a valuable example for the rest of the campus community.

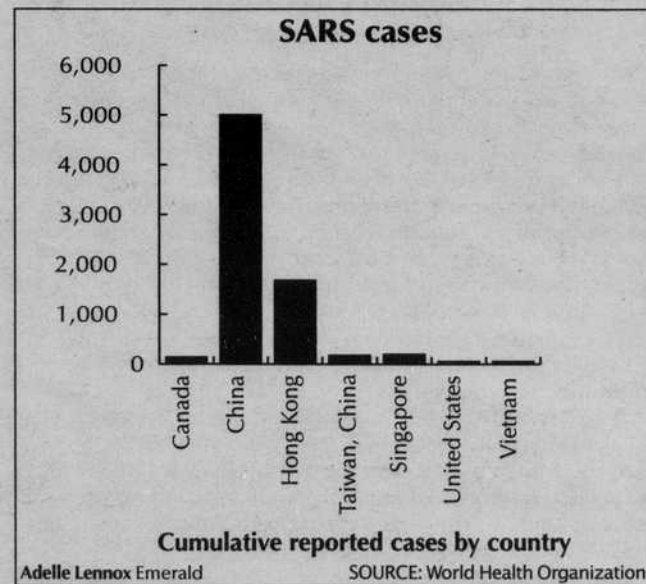
In late April, the student had attended the spring term French Film Festival, which was coordinated by the Romance Languages Department and ended at about 11 p.m. As people were leaving after the last film, the student said a man approached her and asked

her to coffee and a discussion about the film.

"He seemed a little sleazy," she said, "but not at all dangerous."

She originally thanked him for the offer and declined, but the man persisted and pointed out how moving and emotional the film had been. She agreed with him and changed her mind.

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University will not restrict admission of students from SARS-stricken areas

UC Berkeley has restricted some students from SARS-affected countries, but the University says it has no plans to follow suit

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University officials said they are not restricting admission of students from countries with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreaks, even though the number of cases of SARS has been steadily rising.

University of California at Berkeley recently made headlines by deciding to

restrict all incoming international students from SARS-affected countries. The decision was made because university officials said they could not adequately provide care and evaluation for so many students.

In a May 10 press release, UC Berkeley announced that it will only lift restrictions for about 80 students. Special housing will be established to monitor the students' health.

"We are updating our policy in appropriate ways to accommodate as many students as possible from SARS-affected areas without compromising the health of any member of the Berkeley

community," UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert M. Berdahl said at a campus press conference.

University spokeswoman Pauline Austin said the University has no plan to follow Berkeley's example. Students from affected areas, as well as any travelers affiliated with the University, will follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines for monitoring symptoms.

CDC has imposed specific guidelines for schools and universities that instruct officials how to monitor students exposed to SARS. Students are asked to watch diligently for symptoms such as a

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