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PFC members squabble during 'invalid' session

The Jan. 13 PFC meeting included an executive session that was opened to the public following the filing of a grievance

By Chuck Slothower
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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee discussed a range of issues and exchanged bureaucratic attacks during an improperly called executive session on Jan. 13.

Governmental boards have the ability under Oregon Public Meetings Law to call an executive session — on which journalists are discouraged from reporting — in a narrow range of circumstances, such as discussing personnel matters.

PFC did not follow proper executive session procedure, however, ASUO Student Senate Ombudsman Mike Sherman said. Sherman declared the session "invalid" after the Emerald filed a grievance against PFC, and he opened the meeting's record to the public.

After an intense discussion of PFC issues at the Jan. 13 meeting, the committee voted 5-0, with two members absent, to enter into executive session.

The executive session included discussion on a variety of topics, including the individual responsibility of each committee member to properly allocate incidental fees.

"I think every committee member should make it their own personal mission not only to approve budgets appro-

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Student Senate: PFC violated meetings laws

The ASUO Student Senate ruled last week that the ASUO Programs Finance Committee was in violation of Oregon Public Meetings Law when it entered into executive session at a Jan.

13 meeting.

In a statement to Emerald Editor in Chief Brad Schmidt, Senate Ombudsman Michael Sherman said the executive session was invalid because "Executive Session procedures were not properly followed."

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Genesis Juice to close its doors later this month

The co-op, open since 1977, refuses to comply with FDA regulations that require juice pasteurization

By Caron Alarab
Senior News Reporter

As the Food and Drug Administration continues to force small juice companies to abandon their raw practices, the oldest local non-pasteurizing juicer has opted for closure instead of compliance.

Genesis Juice Co-op — Eugene's only raw, organic juice company since 1977 — will close this month after failing to find a legal loophole in federal juicing regulations.

"Watch out because the federal government just keeps coming down on the people," Genesis Juice Co-op President Benjamin Cutler said to local supporters.

Genesis refuses to comply with the Juice Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point, or HACCP Law, which prohibits the distribution of juice that isn't pasteurized or "sanitized."

The law states that small juice businesses that don't sell directly to consumers must have complied with the FDA regulations by January 2004. On Jan. 29, Genesis' four company owners gave letters to the other 18 employees, stating that the cooperative was closing on Feb. 13 because of the new rules. They also gave copies to customers to thank them for the support.

The co-op's more specific reason for closing, however, is because some retailers, including organic food industry leader Wild Oats, have voluntarily pulled Genesis Juice from their shelves.

"We're all screwed," Genesis co-owner Melissa Druck said. "We'll get unemployment and the company goes for sale. That's just how it is."

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Sophomore center Matt Short reacts to No. 2 Stanford's rapid scoring that closed up Oregon's 19-point lead and eventually won the game. Erik Bishoff Photographer

Stanford ducks Oregon upset bid

Despite a 19-point first-half lead, the Ducks couldn't pull out a win against Stanford

By Hank Hager
Sports Editor

First, it was all about getting the offense started, shaking off the first-half doldrums that held No. 2 Cardinal to 27 percent shooting.

Then it was the time to strip down the

19-point deficit. Next came the necessity to get within single digits.

After that, and a 17-3 scoring run, it was time to get the game to within one, 67-66. Then, a free throw was all that was needed for a tie game and the chance to remain undefeated.

Stanford didn't stop there. It took the lead with 3:49 remaining in the game for the first time since the 19:46 mark of the first half. Thirteen points and less than four minutes later, the evolution of Stanford's

game against Oregon came full circle.

The Cardinal scored on its last 15 possessions en route to an 83-80 victory over the Ducks on Saturday in front of a raucous, sold-out McArthur Court.

"That was quite a second half by our guys," Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery said. "Oregon is a great basketball team. They play with a lot of emotion, but there is something about our guys. They never give up, and they

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Post-Biscuit fire plans debated in Southern Oregon

In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the USDA Forest Service proposes up to 1.02 billion board feet of logging in the post-fire Siskiyou National Forest.

Courtesy
Siskiyou
Project



The Siskiyou Project, a forest protection group, is rallying to prevent roadless logging in the Siskiyou National Forest

By Aaron Shakra
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The Biscuit Fire, which engulfed most of the Siskiyou National Forest in the summer of 2002, left nearly 500,000 acres of burned forest in its wake. The

blaze, caused by lightning, burned in Southern Oregon and parts of Northern California for 120 days, and it is estimated to be the largest forest fire in Oregon's history.

The USDA Forest Service will soon finalize the details regarding its post-fire plans for the forest, including the possibility of salvage logging. Opponents of the proposal aren't taking its potential effects lightly.

"This is leaps and bounds in orders of

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magnitude (more) than anything that has been proposed in modern history," said Rolf Skar, campaign coordinator of the Siskiyou Project, a grassroots

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