

NEWS BRIEFS

University's CSWS wins national research award

The University's Center for the Study of Women in Society will receive the Women Who Make a Difference award from the National Council for Research on Women, an alliance of 95 women's research and policy facilities.

The award will be accepted March 11 by CSWS Director Sandra Morgen at the sixth-annual awards dinner in New York.

The award, the first NCRW award CSWS has received, recognizes individual women and organizations whose work in academics, policy or corporate arenas improves the lives of women and raises the visibility of women's issues. The CSWS is being recognized for its work on welfare reform policy in Oregon and its effects on low-income families under the Women in the Northwest initiative.

"I am honored to receive this award for the CSWS, and it always feels good to have the hard work and dedication of all the researchers and staff involved," Morgen said.

The welfare reform research was



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CSWS Director Sandra Morgen (left) and GTF Lisa Gonzales discuss research findings about welfare restructuring in Oregon in the CSWS office Wednesday. The organization won a national award from the National Council for Research on Women.

the center prepared academic papers and policy reports and testified before the Oregon legislative committee.

This research resulted in the passage of legislation allowing some welfare recipients to meet mandatory work requirements by attending a college or university. The CSWS is also being recognized for its devel-opment of the Policy Matters series, which focuses on public policy toward women and emphasizes research affecting communities in Oregon and the Northwest.

We will continue to try to make CSWS on the top of research centers and institutes at UO and to use our resources for the immediate and shortterm good of the people of Oregon," Morgen said.

-Heather Crabtree

ASUO discusses plan for groups to use surplus funds

The ASUO Student Senate Rules Committee on Friday discussed formulating a process for student groups to ask the Senate for loans from surplus funds.

Senate President Ben Strawn said the Senate has given loans to student groups before, but the process for doing so isn't outlined in the Senate's rules.

ASUO Accounting Coordinator Jennifer Creighton-Neiwert said there may be some advantages to allowing student groups to take loans out of surplus.

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she saw the marriages as one step toward "eradicating discrimination." She has performed various unions between same-sex couples in her church for years, but Saturday's was clearly different.

This is a milestone because it is the first legal (same-sex) marriage that I've had a chance to perform," she said. "It's very exciting."

In many ways, Miller and Hendrickson's wedding was nothing like most weddings. A row of television cameras lined one wall and a small army of journalists took photos and notes during and after the ceremony.

"I think groups would take advantage of that and it would help bring down the (student incidental) fee, Creighton-Neiwert said.

The committee also discussed various ways of structuring rules to prevent student groups from profiting from events they host while still allowing them to raise funds to cover their expenses.

"I think we're trying to move toward that, (to) where all your revenues and expenses match for an event," Strawn said.

Strawn said the committee could enact a rule that would require student groups return to surplus any profits that exceed 20 percent of the event's expenses.

Committee members said they would like to clarify the Senate's rules to prohibit incidental fee-funded groups from charging for things other than events. Strawn said the proposed clarifications would clearly prevent the Student Recreation Center, for example, from charging for admission.

ASUO President Maddy Melton asked the committee to change a rule that requires student groups to offer students a 20 percent discount on event tickets. Melton said she would like to see the discount raised to 25 percent.

"I just feel like we could strike a better balance," Melton said.

The committee also discussed giving student groups enough time after events to complete paperwork while still adhering to Oregon Administrative Rules and Internal Revenue Service deadlines.

- Chuck Slothower

continued from page 1 After the ceremony, Colbert said support all of those who have been subjected to wrongful discrimination, and to eradicate such practices from our society."

After the ceremony, the couples met in the hallway outside the room to greet or embrace guests as they left. Jim Weldy, who has known the women for about eight years, stood in line to congratulate them.

"These are great events," Weldy said. "They love the opportunity to make that level of commitment publicly. That's just special."

Kate Kelly, another friend of the women, said they deserved to be able to marry each other. She contrasted their marriage against the "travesty" of Britney Spears' marriage, in which Spears got married in Las Vegas and had the marriage annulled 55 hours later.

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Also, Oregon American Civil Liberties Union Executive Director David Fidanque delivered the opening speech, speaking about the long political battle before Wednesday's decision by Multnomah County commissioners to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"Let all of us who are gathered here today commit to provide all of the necessary emotional and legal support to ensure the success of these two marriages," Fidanque said. "Let us also commit to do everything possible within the law and consistent within the basic freedoms entwined in our Oregon and federal constitutions, to

"These people have way more commitment and deserve to have it be made legal," Kelly said.

Max Headley, an eight-year friend of Miller and Hendrickson's son Doug Hendrickson, said that marriage would just create a more "warm, loving environment" in the house. Headley said for someone who's growing up, their household is already the best environment.

"I've always thought of them as always being married," he said.

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