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## NEW DUCKS



Student Orientation Staff member Missie Barker directs incoming freshman Nate Beilby from Corvallis to his check-in near the EMU Ballroom during IntroDUCKtion Monday. **Jared Paben** Editor in Chief

## A visit to campus

*Summer IntroDUCKtion sessions provide guidance to parents and new students*

**BEN BROWN**  
NEWS REPORTER

IntroDUCKtion began Sunday, and with more than 90 percent of the incoming freshman class signed up for one of eight sessions, this is the best-attended orientation in the last 10 years.

This year, 2,850 students are slated to learn about the University through the IntroDUCKtion program. This number is significantly more than last year's 2,600, a fact that Director of Student Orientation Programs Cora Bennett attributes to the ability to register online. Online registration was available for the first time this year.

Several two-day IntroDUCKtion sessions, organized by Student Orientation Programs, will take place during the next month. Bennett said these sessions are designed to familiarize students with the campus and to assure them that they have made the right choice of college.

Bennett said IntroDUCKtion has three goals: to teach students and parents about programs the University offers; to ensure that students meet

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*Student Orientation staffers help students navigate all aspects of campus life*

**OMIE DRAWHORN**  
NEWS REPORTER

It's that time of year again. The EMU is buzzing once again with activity as wide-eyed and curious incoming freshmen and their parents roam the halls, register for classes and attend interest sessions.

For some, this transition from high school to college can be difficult. That's where the IntroDUCKtion Student Orientation Staff comes in.

IntroDUCKtion is an intensive two-day experience for freshmen and transfer students, during which students register for classes, become more familiar with the University, ask questions and meet other incoming freshmen.

"It's a chance for students to get their feet wet," said Angie Meinig, one of the program's 15 so-called "SOSers."

Meinig said going through IntroDUCKtion as a freshman was a positive experience for her. Both of her parents had passed away and she was having a hard time, but during IntroDUCKtion she met many students staying in

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## ASUO fills remaining Con Court vacancies

*The full Senate convenes this fall and will confirm the two appointees and other positions*

**MEGHANN CUNIFF**  
FREELANCE REPORTER

The ASUO Executive has appointed University students Adrian Gilmore and Charlotte Nisser to the ASUO Constitution Court, filling all remaining vacant court positions for the 2004-05 academic year.

The new appointees — who are both awaiting confirmation by the ASUO Student Senate — were tapped because of their experience with ASUO and the University, ASUO President Adam Petkun said.

The summer Senate committee has decided to wait until the full senate can approve the applicants because the ASUO Green Tape Notebook isn't clear on whether it can confirm them, Petkun said.



**Adrian Gilmore**  
Constitution Court appointee

Gilmore, who was a senator during the 2003-04 academic year, said that a dormant Constitution Court is not ideal but may be necessary until the full senate can meet. The Executive failed to appoint the justices before the 30-day June 25 deadline.

Petkun said it's difficult to find qualified applicants for the Constitution Court because only law students are eligible.

"During the summer there's not a whole lot of them around," he said, adding that the President of the Student Bar Association helped the Executive find candidates.

Last year, ASUO President Maddy Melton was summoned before the Constitution Court and called "unfit for office" for her failure to appoint a Constitution Court justice before the deadline.

"Adam and (ASUO Vice-President) Mena (Ravassipour) have done what they need to do by appointing people to their staff; the ball is kind of on the Senate to approve them or not," said Gilmore, who is a third-year law student and former chair of the Programs Finance Committee.

Nisser said she is "thrilled" about her nomination and is looking forward to putting her education and experiences to use as a Constitution Court justice. Nisser is second-year law student and KWVA campus radio general manager.

Two other Executive positions,

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## ASUO Student Senate tackles spending

*Facing last year's deficits, ASUO leadership cites a priority of 'fiscal responsibility' by Exec*

**MEGHANN CUNIFF**  
FREELANCE REPORTER

The ASUO Student Senate approved eight budget transfer requests from the ASUO Executive Thursday night to cover deficits left by last year's administration.

The Senate also approved ASUO President Adam Petkun's requests for \$11,000 in budget transfers. The Student Senate agreed it is important for this year's administration to start off on a clean slate, but also agreed something must be done about the recurring problem of Executive overspending.

The deficits the Executive is facing were inherited

from the 2003-04 fiscal year, Petkun said. He told the Student Senate it is one of his goals this year to ensure that such irresponsibility does not occur again.

"I am very committed to making sure that the ASUO Executive office is fiscally responsible and is an example for the rest of the ASUO," Petkun said.

The transfer requests included \$1,350 to cover last year's Executive phone bill and \$1,300 to cover a deficit in the office supply fund, spawning a barrage of questions from the Senate regarding how the deficits came about.

Petkun could not answer the questions because he was not in office at the time the deficit spending took place.

"I wish we could ask those questions to the past Executives," summer session Senate President Rodrigo Moreno-Villamar said. While it is

unfair to punish the new administration for mistakes from the past, something must be done to ensure this type of fiscal irresponsibility does not continue, Moreno-Villamar said.

Petkun told the Senate that his administration's goals also include promoting fiscal responsibility at both the campus and state level.

"If the most important thing we accomplish this year is making sure the (incidental) fee is more secure from legislative attacks and judicial attacks, I'll be pretty happy," Petkun said.

In other business, budget transfer requests totaling \$719 from the International Student Association were unanimously approved. The transfers were needed to cover unexpected costs resulting from International Night, group leaders told the Senate.

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