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**IN BRIEF**

**Playwright joins student group for rehearsal**

The University's Asian Pacific American Student Union is hosting an up-and-coming San Francisco playwright today. Artist Melinda Corazon Foley will hold a rehearsal for her play "Down and Out" from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with a performance following from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in 115 Lawrence.

The play is open to the public, with students and community members encouraged to read and perform. Foley, born in the Philippines, has worked with several organizations including Oakland's La Peña Cultural Center and San Francisco's Asian American Theater Company. "Down and Out," which focuses on the trials of one family, has been submitted to the San Francisco 2005 Hip Hop Theater Festival.

— Ayisha Yahya

**Senate gives PFC more time to submit budget**

The ASUO Student Senate on Wednesday extended the deadline for the Programs Finance Committee to submit its budget to the Senate for approval.

Initially due Wednesday, the PFC's budget has been slowed by injunctions the ASUO Constitution Court placed

against three of its members, which prevented the PFC from legally holding meetings to hear groups' budgets. The budget is now due Monday, March 7 by 5 p.m.; the Senate will review it March 9.

PFC Chairwoman Persis Pohowala apologized for the budget's lateness, saying "extenuating circumstances" such as the injunctions, the PFC exceeding its funding benchmark and problems with some PFC meetings' audio tapes, have slowed the process.

Senators granted the ASUO Women's Center about \$668 in surplus funds to allow representatives to attend a conference in New Orleans on March 11-13.

Also at the meeting, senators voted to refer two resolutions condemning the court's recent injunctions to the Senate Rules Committee for review.

— Parker Howell



James Harrison, co-counsel to John Gilmore, presents his opening arguments in a moot court session that was held Wednesday evening at the Knight Law Center.

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**Trial: Questions of anonymity central to case**

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said, who earned his undergraduate degree from the University in 1994. "The judge can take you in so many directions; that's why we're practicing."

The panel — made up of Weinerman, Lessley, University law professor Keith Aoki, University political science professor Julie Novkov and a third-year law student — focused on search and seizure laws when questioning Harrison and Simpich about the case.

Many questions focused on whether the right to travel in the United States is an actual right and whether anonymity when traveling should be synonymous with such a right.

Harrison focused his argument around the lack of available documentation for the law that

mandates identification be shown when traveling.

"Our best argument is the secret law argument," Harrison said.

Simpich argued as acting defense attorney that the identification requirement is in place because it is a fundamental way of ensuring weapons and other dangerous items will not make it onto an airplane.

Panel members questioned the constitutionality of the government's "No-Fly Lists," lists that Simpich said are part of the reason for mandatory showing of identification.

But Harrison argued that searches can be conducted to locate any weapons, and it is not necessary to know the name of the individual being searched, saying Gilmore's right to

travel in the country had been hampered by the identification laws.

"The best thing is to recognize that ID-based security systems don't work," Harrison said.

Panel members questioned where the right to travel anonymously existed in the constitution and also questioned reasons behind the government's need for identification of all travelers.

Novkov said the lack of administrative procedures about reviewing the right to travel makes the case especially difficult to win because nothing concerning the right is on record.

"Gilmore's going to have an uphill battle," Novkov said.

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