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High: 57 Low: 39 Precip: 30%	High: 61 Low: 49 Precip: 60%	High: 57 Low: 40 Precip: 80%

IN BRIEF

Student Senate allocates majority of surplus

The ASUO Student Senate has just \$4,795 remaining in surplus funds after approving almost \$16,000 in special requests Wednesday night.

Senators voted 12-2 to approve \$6,580 for an art and lecture series presented by the Multicultural Center in May. The series will feature hip-hop, spoken word, lectures and art.

The Senate also voted 11-1 to approve \$5,000 for the International Student Association's annual International Week, April 18-24.

The Women's Water Polo Club received \$4,407 to attend the national competition at Texas A&M University on May 6-8. The club's A Team placed first in the conference play 22-2.

The Senate denied a special request for about \$3,600 by the House of Film club to promote its new film at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival. Senators voted 9-3 to hear the request, failing to meet the three-fourths margin needed to do so. Club member Daniel Epstein said that the club, which is no longer incidental-fee funded, will pursue funding through other ASUO avenues.

Also at the meeting, Senator Michael Sherman said he will present plans next week for the special committee designed to allocate money to groups who lost stipends during the recently completed Programs Finance Committee process.

— Parker Howell

Man in Tenn. arrested in Wash. hit-and-run case

PORTLAND — A 31-year-old Idaho man accused of paralyzing a Vancouver, Wash., woman during a road rage highway incident has been arrested in eastern Tennessee.

Butch Smith of Lewiston was arrested Monday along with his father, Bovil Bruce Smith Jr., 56, who is accused of helping his son flee prosecution after the Sept. 19 crash. He is facing assault and hit-and-run charges.

Butch Smith is accused of cutting in front of a sport utility vehicle about 13 miles west of Boardman on Interstate

84 and slamming on his car's brakes, causing the SUV to swerve and roll, according to Oregon State Police reports.

Smith had been tailgating the SUV and he became angry when driver, Sandra Sturdevant, tapped her brakes, said Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen.

After the SUV rolled, Smith fled and waited for his father to pick him up and help him leave the state, Allen said.

One passenger in the SUV, Jennifer Truver Middleton, 35, broke her back when she was ejected. She has been paralyzed below the chest since the crash. Sturdevant and another passenger suffered minor injuries.

Oregon State Police investigated but had no suspect until they received a tip about the Smiths in late January, Oregon State Trooper Dan DeHaven said.

Investigators used mobile phone records to learn where the father and son were living, Allen said.

Butch Smith was being held in the Marion County Jail in Jasper, Tenn., on a \$500,000 bond, Officer Scott Rogers of the jail said.

He now faces a hearing on extradition from Tennessee, Allen said.

Governor issues strategy to fight global warming

GRANTS PASS — Gov. Ted Kulongoski wants Oregon to get tough on global warming, arguing that promoting renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions will be good for the local economy.

The governor released a strategy based on a report by a panel of experts and interest groups that recognizes global warming as a threat to Oregon's economy due to far-reaching climatic changes, such as reduced snowpacks resulting in less water for hydroelectric production. It promotes steps that are in line with efforts being undertaken by the governors of Washington and California.

The advisory panel suggested getting emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases under control by 2010, posting a 10 percent reduction by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2050.

The governor will appoint a task force to develop stricter emissions standards for vehicles, and a working group to develop a schedule for utilities and other large producers of carbon dioxide to reduce emissions.

— The Associated Press

Facing the RIGHT



LAUREN WIMER | SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

College Republicans member Thomas Albright listens to ASUO Executive candidate Ashley Rees speak at a meeting Tuesday.



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ASUO Executive candidate Adam Walsh speaks at a College Republicans meeting Tuesday.

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