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Examining ASUO

Student leaders break promises

Punishments imposed on ASUO members following conduct code violations on the Sunriver retreat appear to have been neglected

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Student government members who violated the Student Conduct Code during an October finance retreat to Sunriver appear to have not completed their self-imposed punishment of 100 hours of community service by deadline.

Although ASUO leaders who participated in the Oct. 8-10 retreat agreed to complete 100 hours of community service by the fifth week of spring term, ASUO President Adam Petkun, who previously told the Emerald he might supervise the community service, said on Friday he was "not aware of very much community service from ... attendees of the retreat at this time."

ASUO Student Senate President James George, who led the retreat with Vice President Mena Ravassipour, declined to comment in an e-mail to the Emerald on Monday.

Ravassipour said retreat members have been doing service and the punishments "should be done," but she didn't know what was finished. She also said she couldn't say which group members were in charge of specific aspects of

the punishment.

The students also pledged to create a "dos and don'ts" video and other retreat guideline material by March 10 and to each hold 10 extra office hours by May 25.

Retreat participants formulated the punishment for themselves after taking group responsibility for retreat attendees who smoked marijuana and drank alcohol on the trip, refusing to disclose their names or how many of the 39 students who went on the retreat committed violations.

Student Judicial Affairs Coordinator Chris Loschiavo approved the punishments. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

Retreat attendees initially proposed paying back all of the incidental fee funds used on the trip in addition to other punishments. While Loschiavo approved of the committee, video and community service, repayment was not finalized as a punishment because ASUO officials said it would not be feasible to raise the money or determine how much money would be necessary because most of the activities on

the retreat were productive.

Petkun previously said there was no formal plan for who would record the hours, although he would likely supervise the community service.

"I might probably do it, since I'm kind of an outside party. So I'll be going along for the ride and doing the community service because I think it's a good thing for the community anyway, even though I wasn't in the retreat," he said in a Feb. 1 Emerald article. "So that way I can also kind of, from afar, keep track of who has (done service)."

Petkun said Friday he has not kept a log of the service.

"I inquired about it at the conclusion of last term and was told that there were student senators that had organized an event, if you will, but I was not given specifics and I'm not certain whether or not they followed through on it," he said.

He said he was concerned that the punishment might not be completed.

"I'd like to think that when the group agreed on it, they meant sincerely that they wanted to actually see it to conclusion, and I think everyone can agree that the terms laid out were fair and were realistic," he said.

He added that he had no specific plans to enforce the community service.

"Ideally, I would create a day, again, to have people come out and do it," he said. "I've been thinking that it would be wise to check in with Chris Loschiavo about ... how he would play into it if people don't actually do the hours."

But Petkun emphasized that government members have been "working on their jobs," providing a "really valuable service to the students, especially ... in light of the fact that the PFC took much longer to conclude than it normally would have."

"But given the space we're in the year, I'd like to see more of a commitment from those individuals, which will also take more of a commitment from me to make sure that that happens," he said.

He said the lack of activity might give students a negative impression of student government.

"If people are paying attention, I think it should (have a negative impression), honestly. Again, I do have a responsibility in making sure this happens so I'm not trying to blame people that haven't done the community service," he said.

The goals "set to accomplish were valuable

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IN BRIEF

Alumni couple donates \$1 million for scholarships

The University announced Thursday that a California couple pledged \$1 million for a scholarship fund for needy students.

Joel and Colleen McCloud, of Torrance, Calif., both University graduates, said in a University press release that they will donate the money because they believe everyone deserves the opportunity to get a good education.

"We both came from working class families that had great difficulties trying to help us through school," said Joel McCloud, who got his MBA from the University in 1967. "We were luckier than the kids today. Tuition back then cost only \$300 a quarter."

Colleen McCloud graduated with a degree in speech in 1967.

The McClouds made their donation as part of Campaign Oregon, the University's \$600 million fundraising drive, which reached the \$300 million mark in January.

According to Ed Dorsch, associate director of the office of development and Campaign Oregon spokesman, the money the McClouds donated will transfer from their possession after their deaths. At that time, the UO Foundation will set up an endowment fund with the money.

The UO Foundation, an entity that operates independently from the University, invests money in the hope that the interest can be used to pay for scholarships in perpetuity.

The scholarship will be need-based rather than merit-based, Dorsch said.

Campaign Oregon began in 2001 and is expected to continue through 2008. A total of \$322 million has been raised, according to the most recent status report released at the end of March.

Joel and Colleen McCloud met at a Friday night dance at the EMU and later married in 1968, according to the press release. Joel McCloud is president of McCloud Property Acquisitions. Colleen McCloud is retired executive vice president of Foote, Cone and Belding Advertising Agency's Los Angeles office.

— Adam Cherry

Defining JESUS

Campus Crusade for Christ put up a board on which students could post their interpretations

BY SHELDON TRAVER
NEWS REPORTER

"I think Jesus is ... ?"

This question was the center of discussion Monday when a campus Christian group erected a 12 feet-by-8 feet message board and allowed students to post their viewpoints about Jesus and who he is to them.

Campus Crusade for Christ sponsored the board, which brought students from all over campus to read and write on 3-by-5 cards to express their opinions on the often



TIM BOBOSKY | PHOTOGRAPHER

Students contribute to and read comments on the "I Think Jesus is ..." board set up near the EMU Amphitheater on Monday afternoon.

controversial figure.

CCC Coordinator Andy Wheeler said the group wanted to make a statement without standing on a soapbox.

"We want to open up dialog for faith-based

discussion," Wheeler said. "We want people to think about who Jesus is."

People gathered around the board to read what was being posted and to post messages

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UO professor published in Science

University psychology instructor Jennifer Freyd was an author of an April 22 nationwide article addressing child sexual abuse

BY EVA SYLWESTER
NEWS REPORTER

A University psychology professor was the lead author of an article that was recently featured in Science, the nation's leading peer-reviewed journal, on child sexual abuse and proposed governmental and research initiatives to combat the problem. Jennifer Freyd collaborated with six other professionals from the fields of

medicine, law, psychiatry, psychology and political science on the article "The Science of Child Sexual Abuse," published April 22.

"It's a topic that makes people extremely uneasy," Freyd said. "It makes me uneasy. It's not that I like to talk about it. It's that we need to. The silence is part of what allows it to keep happening."

Freyd said child sexual abuse can be defined

most simply as unwanted sexual contact when the victim is a child. She said children may not realize abuse when it occurs because of the power the perpetrator has over them and added that any sexual contact between a child and someone at least five years older is considered abuse.

According to the article, abuse involving sexual contact between an adult and a child has been reported by 20 percent of women and 5 to 10 percent of men worldwide, and the actual prevalence may be higher because of underreporting.

Article co-author Frank Putnam, professor of

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