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IN BRIEF

Senate approves justices, Club baseball tournament

The ASUO Student Senate on Wednesday approved the ASUO Executive's appointment of junior political science majors Mark Griffin and Spencer Hardy to the ASUO Constitution Court. The decision fills two of the spots recently vacated by justices who will graduate this year.

The meeting marked the last Senate session for most Senators, who will leave office May 24.

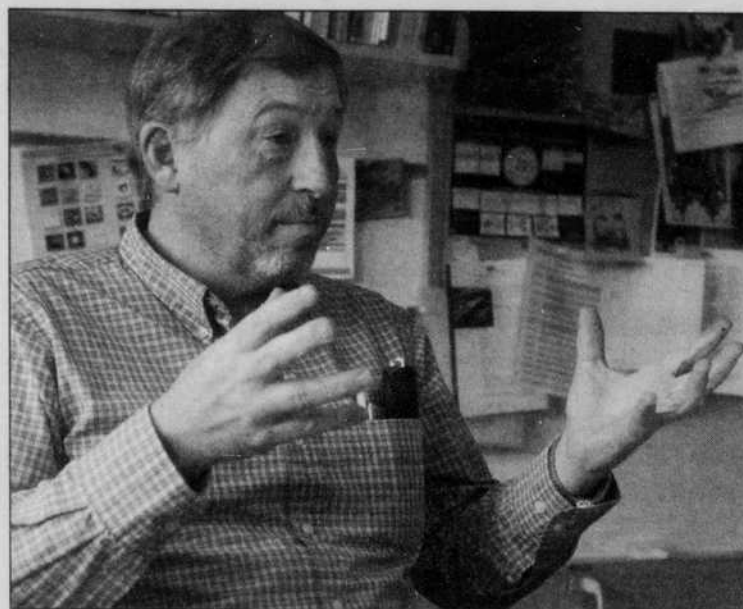
Senators also unanimously allocated \$2,812 in surplus funds for EMU Club Sports baseball to attend its national tournament this month. The team is the most recent of several clubs to progress to national competitions this year.

Senator Michael Sherman said the Club Sports program may eventually need to set limits on the number of players who attend national conferences because of recent increases in special requests for funding.

But Club Sports Coordinator Sandy Vaughn said not sending players who contributed to the team is the "antithesis" of the program's mission.

The Senate was unable to vote on changes to its rules because low attendance prevented the three-fourths vote required to revise rules.

— Parker Howell



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Physics professor Jim Brau will give a lecture tonight in honor of World Year of Physics.

Brau: Lecturer 'breaks down' composition of the universe

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astronomy sees the effects, and we're trying to bring the two together," Brau said.

Another mystery is dark energy. Brau said the universe has been expanding for 14 billion years after the Big Bang arose out of a very small concentration of matter and energy. Brau said that according to the laws of gravity, the universe should be coming back together, so it is hypothesized that a force of dark energy is pushing the universe outward.

"It turns out we can calculate it," Brau said.

Dark energy is three times larger than dark matter. This makes the composition of the universe about 25 percent dark matter, almost three-quarters dark energy, and about 5 percent regular matter and energy, Brau said.

"The universe is overwhelmingly built out of stuff we haven't yet

figured out what it is," Brau said.

Brau's lecture is part of the University's celebration of World Year of Physics 2005, which previously included a lecture by California Institute of Technology physics professor Kip Thorne. World Year of Physics 2005, a United Nations-endorsed event, commemorates the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's "Miracle Year," during which he published papers on the theory of relativity, quantum theory and the theory of Brownian motion, according to the World Year of Physics 2005 Web site.

Brau said Einstein's theory of gravity, general relativity, shows that the presence of matter and energy distorts the fabric of space, resulting in the motion of planets around the sun, and this applies to more recent findings involving the distortion of dark matter.

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