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Smoker benefit canceled

The Smoker Boxing Exhibition was called off this year after it failed to turn a profit last year

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More than 30 years ago, Phi Kappa Psi, a fraternity no longer housed at the University, started the Smoker Boxing Exhibition. Fraternities and sororities on campus carried out the annual event, which has raised

thousands of dollars for local organizations over the years.

This year, Smoker was canceled.

Greek community leaders said they canceled the event, normally held around this time of year, because last year's event was plagued with disorganization

and failed to generate enough money to turn a profit.

Last year, nonprofit organization Boys & Girls Club of Emerald Valley was selected to receive funds raised at the event.

Greek Life Coordinator Shelley Sutherland said the event didn't generate enough money to break even.

"To put on an event of that size takes work, lots of money and time," Sutherland said. "It's hard to sell enough tickets to pay

for the event. The idea was there to hold the event for charity, but we didn't make any money. We might have made money the first year, but after that we either broke even or lost money."

The group failed to turn in a final report after last year's event, making it difficult to obtain more detailed information about the event.

Witnesses said a fight also broke out between members of

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Education board to decide fee increases

If the Fee Book is approved, the fees for three University programs would rise significantly

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The State Board of Higher Education will decide today the degree of fee increases for University students in its vote on the Oregon University System's Academic Year Fee Book for the 2005-06 academic year.

If the book, which dictates the amount of nearly every institutional fee that OUS students pay, is approved, students will see substantial program fee increases from the School of Architecture & Allied Arts, the Robert D. Clark Honors College and the Law School.

The Oregon Student Association, a lobbyist group that represents OUS students statewide, has balked at the concept of program fee hikes at all OUS institutions. The group doesn't necessarily disagree with the University's need for money, said spokeswoman Courtney Hight, but it considers the rising fees to be back-door tuition increases.

"They should be calling it what it is and trying to get that money from the legislature," Hight said. Tuition increases require legislative approval.

Students in the School of Architecture & Allied Arts may shoulder the highest percentages of program fee increases in the proposal. Majors in that college would be split into studio-based and non-studio-based. Students in majors such as digital arts and architecture, which require studio work, would pay 150 percent more next year, with per-term program fees increasing from \$50 to \$125. Students who don't do studio work would pay 50 percent more, with their fees increasing from \$50 to \$75.

Law students who are admitted next year would pay \$600 more per semester over the

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Burning the midnight oil

Fewer than seven hours of sleep a night can have negative effects on mental and physical health

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With Finals Week just around the corner, some students will be working late into the night trying to catch up on their studies or to finish a project. But pulling all-nighters may not actually be the best way to pass classes.

Lack of sleep can have significant negative short-term and long-term effects on mental and physical health.

Adults need at least seven to nine hours of sleep per night, according to the National Sleep Foundation. However, in the nonprof-

itization's 2005 Sleep in America Poll, American adults reported sleeping a nightly average of 6.8 hours on weekdays and 7.4 hours on weekends.

"Seven (hours) is about as little as we should be getting," Dr. Vickie Skellercf of the University Health Center said, adding that sleep needs vary from person to person.

But not getting enough sleep can affect one's ability to concentrate, as well as one's coordination and memory.

"Your thinking is not as clear," Skellercf said, adding that it is harder to stay organized and on track.

For instance, Skellercf said sleep deprivation has been the cause of many automobile accidents because people are not as alert as they should be. At least 4 percent of those who participated in the NSF poll reported accidents or near accidents because

they were tired while driving, and 60 percent stated that they have driven while drowsy.

Students who stay up all night cramming for an exam may actually be putting themselves at a disadvantage.

University Health Educator Ramah Leith said the chances of remembering things after a night

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TIPS FOR GOOD SLEEP

- Try to sleep and wake up the same time every day, even on weekends.
- Try to adopt bedtime rituals such as a hot bath or light reading to relieve anxiety and tension.
- Avoid caffeine, alcohol, chocolate and spicy and sugary foods before bed.
- Avoid exercising right before bedtime.
- Use the bed only for sleep and sex, not for working. Make sure bedding is comfortable.
- Make sure the room has a comfortable temperature and is free from distracting noise and too much light.
- Keep a to-do list near bed and list all concerns that might prevent sleep, then let them go until morning.

Source: University Health Center



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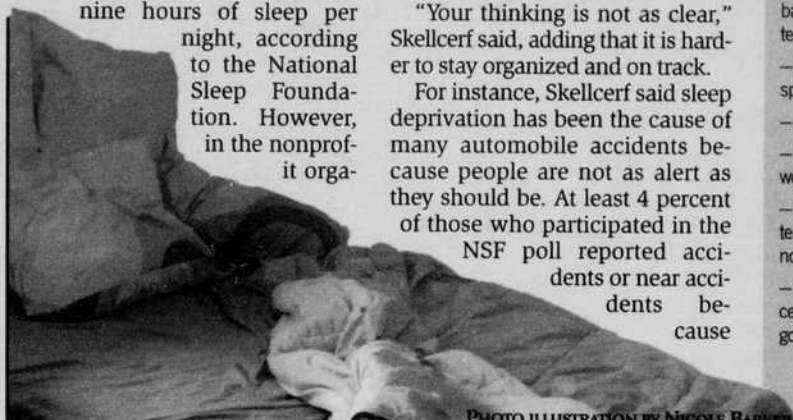


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Walsh selects former political rivals for ASUO posts

Ashley Rees and Nick Hudson, who ran for president in this year's election, are among the new hires

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New ASUO President Adam Walsh has tapped several former political rivals for top positions in his cabinet as part of preparations for next year that include the creation of new advocacy positions for greek and nontraditional students as well as the environment.

Former presidential candidates Ashley Rees and Nick Hudson, along with former vice presidential candidate David Goward, will fill administrative slots in the Walsh executive. Rees, Walsh's top competition during the election, will continue her lobbying efforts as federal affairs coordinator. As finance coordinator, Hudson will help form the executive's recommendation for groups' budgets next year. Goward will approve and monitor student

groups as programs administrator.

Walsh said any hard feelings were left behind after the race.

"For most of the race it was pretty friendly," he said. "Toward the end ... it can get contentious at times, but I don't think there were ever any hard feelings between anyone over anything that was said or anything that was promised or not promised as soon as the results were in.

"Both Nick and Ashley are very well-qualified for the jobs that they applied for. They're going to be an asset to student government."

Walsh said he and Vice President Kyla Coy were warned to avoid accusations of "cronyism" by having multiple people on their hiring panel but decided to do the hiring themselves.

"I think the staff that we came up with really shows that we were

capable of picking the best people for the job in each case," Walsh said. "Really, if it was about being friends with somebody or having hard feelings about anything, I'm sure that Ashley would be the last person that applied to get hired. ... Just because we were supported or not supported by someone ... wasn't a deciding factor by any means."

The greek advocacy position, to be filled by former senator and current Delta Sigma Phi member Barrett Volkman, will help create an "all-inclusive student government" and will aid the transition in the Greek Life Office as Greek Life Coordinator Shelley Sutherland departs, Walsh said.

"Greek students are regular students, but ... at the same time they're a different section of campus, I guess, so just like any group on campus they have special needs and they're large enough ... that we felt that it was right to make sure that there was that representation as well," he said.

Walsh called the greek system a

"great place to be advertising for the different events on campus and to get active participation from."

"Hopefully with the special attention that we're giving them, and as volunteer organizations at their root, there will be a reciprocal response," he said.

Members of the Nontraditional Student Union expressed concerns about their reputation in student government, prompting Walsh to create the non-traditional advocacy position. He said former President Adam Petkun advised him to create the position, which will be filled by Italian major Stephanie McLaughlin, and said that Petkun had planned to create it but that it fell through.

"We wanted it to be included because we want all student voices to be heard," Walsh said.

He added that he encouraged the Nontraditional Student Union to make at least one person from the union apply.

Although Walsh said Coy will be

overseeing new environmental advocate and former ASUO controller Rosie Sweetman, he said Sweetman will coordinate environmental groups and events on campus.

"It was something that Kyla definitely was interested in from the start of our hiring process," he said. "Also, the UO has a reputation as a very green campus, as a very green school, but as far as student government goes, we don't necessarily have someone set aside to be working on environmental issues on campus."

Walsh said he looked for applicants with an "honest desire to learn something new" and who didn't appear to be applying just to pad their resumes.

"We hired people from inside the ASUO, but there's also people we hired that blatantly say they don't have any real experience with student government or even with organizing," he said.

The elections coordinator position

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