

Student 'sits in' for ASUO summer Senator

The committee heard requests from the ASUO multicultural advocate and the Women's Center

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The Senate Summer Committee held its third meeting Wednesday in the Alsea Room of the EMU. Senators in attendance included Sara Hamilton, Reynier Heyden, Monica Irvin, Tyrel Love and Jessica Nair of the Summer Committee as well as Mike Filippelli, who is not on Summer Committee.

Spencer Crum was absent, but an old roommate, Kyle Baisch, signed in as the missing senator. Finance Coordinator and former senate Treasurer Nicholas Hudson said Crum will still not be counted as in attendance for having someone sit in for him, but that it shows some initiative on his part to designate someone to come and take notes.

Crum later said in a phone interview that he did not tell Baisch to take notes, "I told him to be Spencer Crum."

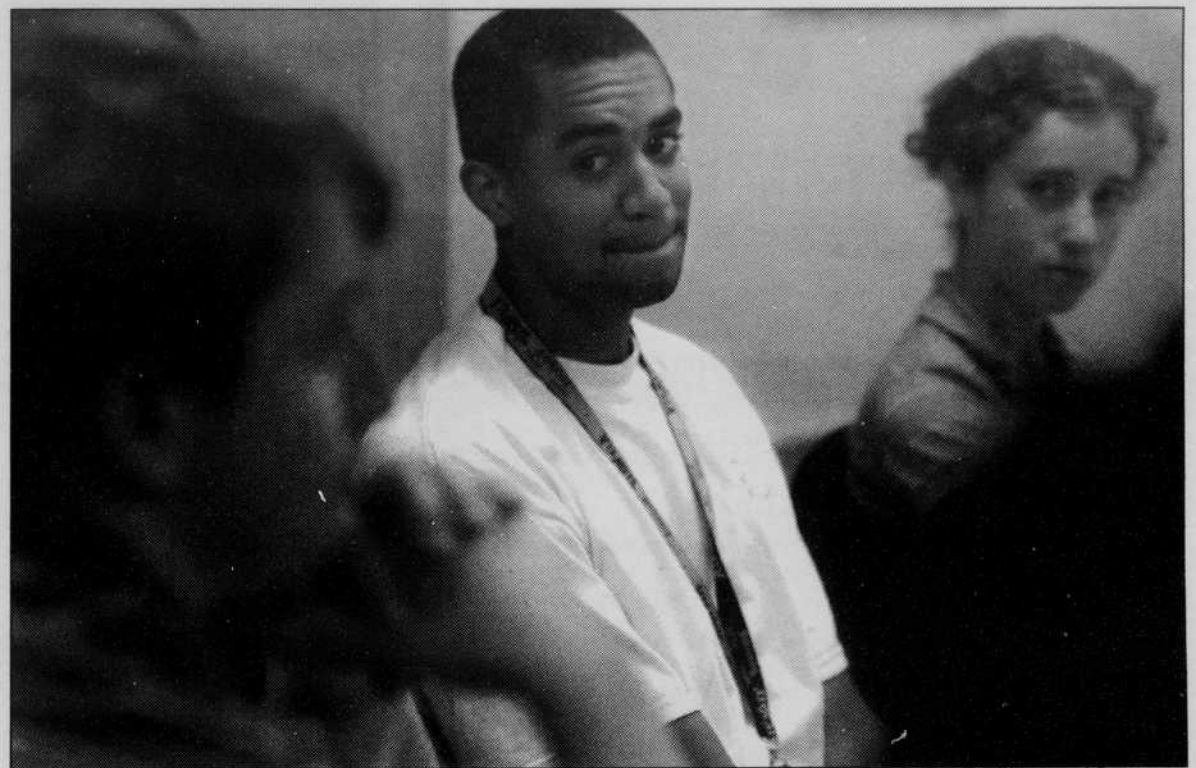
"If there is something to be voted on, vote how I would because we

think alike," Crum said he told Baisch. He also said ASUO President Adam Walsh told him that making quorum was all that was important. Walsh was unavailable for comment.

Crum regretted not attending the meeting, but said "there's no possible way for me to get down there at those times. They made it sound flexible when I signed up (for Summer Committee), but it's really not," Crum said.

The first item on the agenda for senate was to hear a special request from the new ASUO Multicultural Advocate Ty Schwoeffermann. Although his request form was submitted the day of the meeting, instead of the five days advance required by the ASUO Greentape Notebook, Senator Filippelli's signature made the request legitimate.

Schwoeffermann requested \$1,757 to be allocated to Weaving New Beginnings for the food, drinks and catering of an October event.



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At Wednesday's summer senate meeting Ty Schwoeffermann, the ASUO multicultural advocate, requested money to fund a multi-cultural event scheduled for fall term.

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IN BRIEF

Mother, daughter deployed to serve in National Guard

SALEM, Ore. — Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Berrios and Sgt. Karissa Smith never leave home without their beauty products, not even when the mother and daughter are bound for Kuwait, as part of their deployment with a Salem-based Oregon National Guard unit.

"We're girls' girls," said daughter Smith, 24.

"We always put makeup on and do our hair," her mother, 43, added.

Oregon National Guard officials are unaware of another mother-daughter team that has deployed together.

"You hear stories about husbands and wives or brothers going together, but I personally have never heard of

mother and daughter going," said Capt. Mike Braibish, a spokesman for the Guard.

Steve Berrios, Brenda Berrios' husband and Smith's stepfather, who spent 20 years in the Army, shook his head when he heard the women talk about the brightly colored bedsheets they are taking with them to the combat zone.

"When I was in the service, I was thinking, 'get a blanket and go,'" he said.

But his wife has packed a snazzy set of pink and purple sheets, to remind her of home.

The two are headed to a U.S. military base in Kuwait, where U.S. soldiers are processed to and from the theater of war.

Neither imagined they would be deploying together. Berrios originally didn't think she was eligible, and Smith was in another unit. But soon

after Smith volunteered for deployment, Berrios received news that she had been cleared to go.

They will be gone for at least a year, a long time given that most military families deal with the departure of only a single loved one.

"It's a little more comforting that they are not going to Iraq or Afghanistan," said Doug Beddor, Berrios' father and Smith's grandfather. "But you never know."

Their 47-soldier company will spend 70 days at Fort Bliss, Texas, where they will undergo combat training required for all deploying soldiers.

Once in Kuwait, the company's mission will be tracking soldiers' records, including promotions, insurance forms and emergency notifications.

As much as they will miss family and friends, both women

said they are excited about the adventure ahead.

"It'll be great years from now," Smith said. "She'll talk to her grandkids and say, 'Your mom and I were deployed.' And we'll brag about who saw the first camel spider."

Police search for man who escaped from jail

THE DALLES, Ore. — Police are searching for a man who escaped from the Northern Oregon Corrections facility in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon.

Springfield resident James Edward Anderson, 35, was arrested in Hood River County on July 17, and is facing charges of theft, resisting arrest and assaulting a public safety officer.

Officials first learned of his escape when two women arriving at the jail to visit another inmate said they had spotted a man jumping off the

prison's roof.

Jail Commander Capt. Larry Lindhorst said Anderson apparently cut through a plasterboard ceiling, got into a crawl space above the ceiling, then pushed out an air vent to get on the roof. He was last seen heading toward some nearby railroad tracks.

Anderson is the third person to have escaped from the jail since it opened in October of 1999.

While one of the previous escapees made it no further than across the street, the other one, an Immigration and Naturalization Services detainee, has never been located, Lindhorst said.

Anderson is a white male with brown hair and brown eyes, weighs approximately 195 pounds and is six feet tall. He is also a registered sex offender.

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