

Tickets: ASUO works with Athletics Dept.

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paying a fifth of the membership price for a community member, they still pay more than students.

"We want to bring consistency to the policy so fee-paying students can maximize the benefits they're paying for," Walsh said. "Otherwise, why not be consistent and give all other benefits to non-students?"

Walsh said that this is a big change for graduate and non-traditional students, such as those who: are part time students, work full time while enrolled, considered financially independent, dependent on a spouse, single parents, without a high school diploma and those with delayed enrollment.

"Almost three-quarters of undergraduates are in some way 'nontraditional,'" according to the Nontraditional Students Union Web site.

The past argument that approved this spousal equivalency program was based on situations in which

the spouse and student share income, and are therefore directly or indirectly responsible for the payment of incidental fees.

"But when it comes down to it, it's one incidental fee and one student," Walsh said.

"If the Athletics Department gave us 200 free tickets, we would give them out. But the tickets we get are not free," Walsh said.

Associate director for Internal Operations of the Athletic Department Steven McBride said that the issue for the Athletics Department is just one of function. Because ASUO negotiates with the Athletic Department for the amount of tickets given to students, the only role of the Athletics Department after an agreement is distribution of those tickets.

"It's the ASUO that determines the eligibility for tickets," McBride said.

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Certification cards are issued to students who can show a Declaration of Marriage certificate, Declaration of Domestic Partnership agreement or at least three of the following:

- Joint mortgage, lease or rental agreement
- Evidence of joint savings or joint checking account that has been in effect for at least six months
- Title and registration of joint ownership of an automobile
- Evidence of joint use of and liability for credit cards
- Certified copy of a life insurance policy naming domestic partner as the beneficiary
- Evidence that domestic partner is a beneficiary under subscriber's deferred compensation or retirement plan
- Evidence of durable powers of attorney or health care or financial agreement
- Evidence of last will and testament listing domestic partner as a major recipient of estate proceeds

Spirit: T-shirts help fund cheerleaders, bands

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For the past two years, University staff members have come up with the slogans. This year, however, the trademark and licensing department wanted to involve the community in the process by holding a contest to write the slogan for the shirt.

"This year was the first time it was open to the community," University Bookstore marketing coordinator Alma Hesus said.

A committee judged more than 2,000 entries and selected the winning slogan, which was written by Springfield resident Todd Crump.

"We wanted something that would show action and excitement," Nickell said.

Entries came in mostly from the local community, although there were entries from across the country and even Canada.

"I'm just really glad that everybody — the community — was able to come and participate in that," Hesus said. "I think there are so many great ideas out there."

Crump won a \$200 Duck Shop gift certificate and a pair of football season tickets. First runner-up Dave Hoff

of Vancouver, Wash., won two tickets to a PAC-10 football game as well as a \$100 Duck Shop gift certificate. Second runner-up Becky Stringfield of Eugene won a \$50 Duck Shop gift certificate.

"I think that made the community get really excited about it," Nickell said. "We hope next year will be even more fun."

The shirts are bright yellow to create a more visible and imposing presence when fans wear them in the stadium.

"For one thing, it's very visible when it's a televised event," Nickell said.

Hesus said it's "a way to intimidate the other team."

Nickell said stands full of fans wearing yellow goes right along with the slogan, which emphasizes teamwork.

"We want our school to look like we have a great support system in our stadium," Nickell said. "The Michigan game was an excellent example of that."

Hesus said stands full of fans wearing yellow highlights how few fans are in the stands to support the

visiting team.

"It's really bright, and it's really fun," Hesus said. "It's so exciting. It really stands out."

The T-shirts cost \$7. Making them affordable is a crucial part of the strategy of getting as many fans as possible to wear the shirts.

"It's a nice quality T-shirt and we use a local screenprinter so that stays in the community," Nickell said.

In addition, \$1 from every shirt goes directly to the University's cheerleaders and bands.

"So it's a fundraiser as well," Nickell said.

In years past, the fundraising aspect of the T-shirt sales has been very effective.

"It's enabled our cheerleaders to be in a competition they couldn't have been in because they didn't have the funds," Nickell said.

In the two and a half weeks since they've been on sale, this year's shirts are selling well also.

"They've been doing pretty good," Hesus said. "I've seen them all over Eugene."

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Furniture: Kingsburys delve into their new business endeavor

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"We retired a couple of years ago, and we do have a little more time now," Mr. Kingsbury said.

Thus was born a business, of sorts.

"We did a lot of garage sales and estate sales to get quality furniture that's in good condition," Mr. Kingsbury said.

"We have enough furniture to completely furnish five apartments," said Mrs. Kingsbury.

So for \$450 or two payments of \$245, the Kingsburys will provide the furnishings for a two-bedroom apartment.

"We want to do it at a low cost for students as service," Mrs. Kingsbury said. "We're going to deliver it the day they come or the day they get to their apartment and pick it up when they leave."

The delivery has proved to be somewhat of an obstacle for the retired couple.

"It's been a little harder than we thought it would be to move it around," Mrs. Kingsbury said.

Nonetheless, they said they are excited about their fledgling endeavor.

"We just got our first person," Mrs. Kingsbury said.

"We haven't even done our brochures yet," Mr. Kingsbury said.

Depending on demand, the Kingsburys may continue to buy more furniture for more apartments.

The Kingsburys hope to recoup their costs in a year and a half.

They say they're glad for the chance to do something that will make it easier for international students to come to the University. Having international students has a positive impact on the learning community in general.

"With all the terrorism and strife ... this is a way of rectifying that," Mr. Kingsbury said.

"So much of prejudice is based on a lack of familiarity," Mrs. Kingsbury said.

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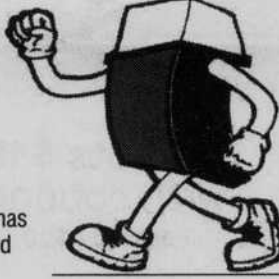
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