

DDS probation: ASUO will monitor for one year

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drinking didn't work for DDS; they were asked by an employed driver to help with dispatching. Loschiamo said if the driver cooperates with investigators he probably won't be fired.

"My understanding is that he said, 'You all are helping me out; there can't be any drinking here; you're just dispatching me to wherever people need a ride,'" Loschiamo said.

DDS Director Travis Edwards said he has "absolutely no comment," but he later told the Emerald "nobody knows exactly what's going on right now."

As of Tuesday evening, Loschiamo said Edwards had not yet contacted Student Judicial Affairs, which is handling the punishments.

Last year, DDS Co-Director Katy Lang, who stepped down not long after the incident in May, met with Student Judicial Affairs to find a solution to the problem.

"The first steps need to be taken within a group to reconcile whatever problems they have," ASUO President Adam Walsh said.

The University administration, Student Judicial Affairs, ASUO and the EMU are involved in the investigation, Goward said.

He said the ASUO will monitor DDS for the next year to ensure it is following ASUO guidelines, state law and "just basic common sense."

"If they are not abiding by the Green Tape Notebook, not abiding by their mission statement or bringing bad press to either the

ASUO, that program or the University, we will be stepping in this year to prevent that from happening," Goward said.

If DDS is not cooperative or if the problem arises again in the next year, the DDS director will be asked to step down and the ASUO will hire an interim director to determine the organization's problems and find solutions, Goward said.

"This is a new step on how we will handle programs this year," he said. "Basically after one strike, you're on probation. Two strikes: Things are going to change," he said.

Walsh said because he wasn't ASUO president last year, he will handle only offenses that occur this year. Given the history of DDS, the ASUO will be stepping in immediately, he said.

"Once a group stops functioning in the way they're supposed to, it gives us authority to manage that group," he said.

To assist the ASUO in monitoring DDS, Goward said, students who have a complaints should notify him by calling 346-0627 or emailing asuoprog@uoregon.edu.

"I recommend any time that a student feels they have not been served adequately, treated respectfully and served in a consistent manner by any ASUO program ... that they do come in and talk to me," Goward said.

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Tough: Boyle inspires new generation

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Boyle's parents founded the company in Portland in 1938 after fleeing Nazi Germany. Although it is publicly traded, company control remains with Boyle and her son, Tim Boyle. It is this relationship, featured in Columbia's "Tough Mother" ad series, that she said brought the company national recognition.

When asked about her biggest achievement, she answered without hesitation that it is her family.

"I've raised three kids that have never been in trouble," she said. "They all went to University of Oregon and got good educations and are just good kids."

Tim Boyle is still active with the University as vice chairman of the fundraising effort Campaign Oregon.

Boyle told the mostly female audience that they were lucky to live in a time when gender is not a liability.

"As far as I can tell, today, there's no difference between male or female," she said. "There's just talent, dedication and drive."

Audience members said they found the talk — and Boyle herself — inspiring.

"Your background and your experience don't matter. If there's something you believe in and are willing to take a chance on, the possibilities are endless," said Cassie Pruet, the business administration and international studies senior who introduced Boyle to the stage.

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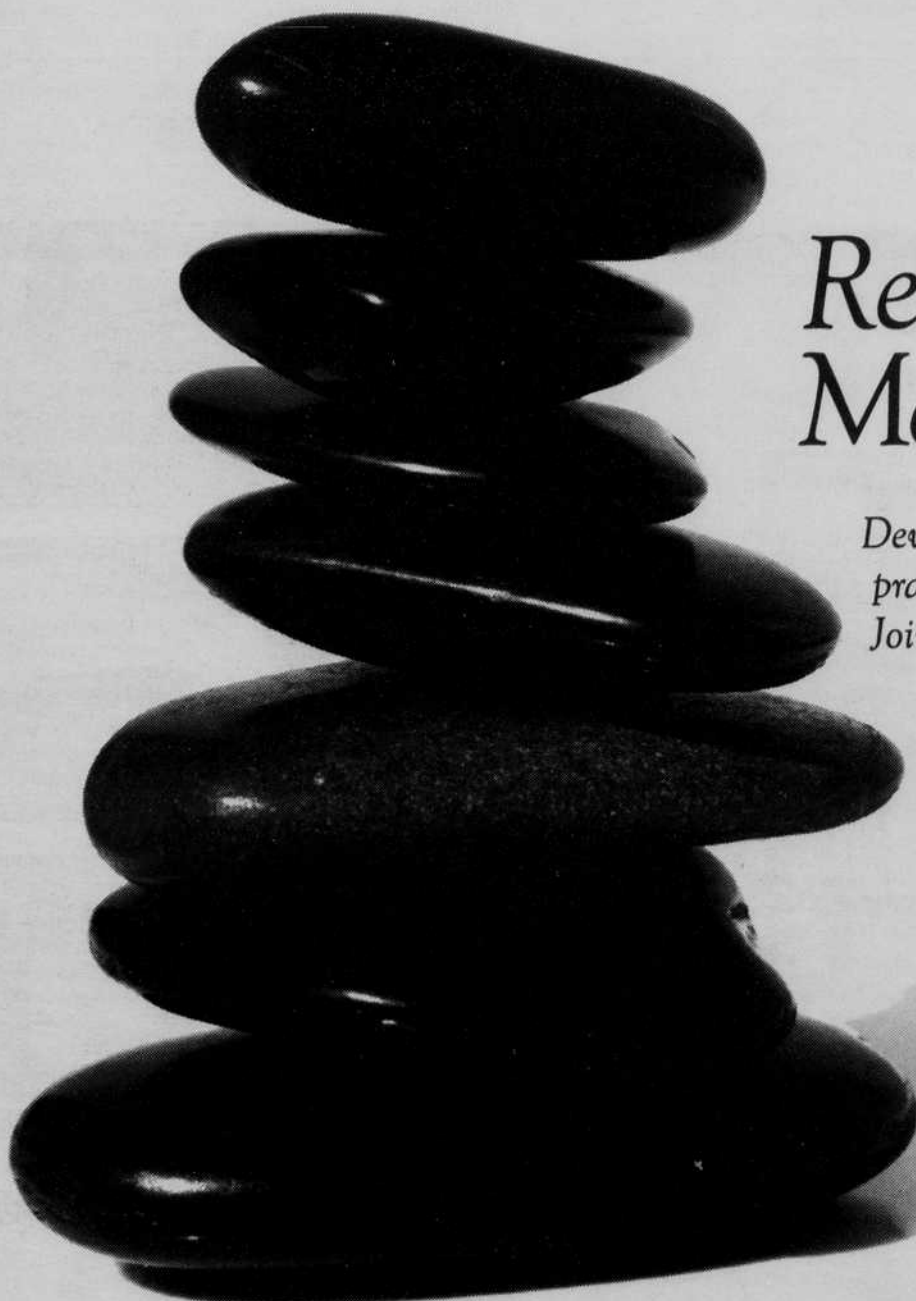
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