

IN BRIEF

Third senator resigns from ASUO this year

The Student Senate tallied its third resignation of the year Sunday after treasurer and ASUO Athletic Department Finance Committee member Spencer Crum stepped down in order to pursue journalism and write for the Emerald as a freelance sports reporter.

"Sports is just so much more to me than politics and I think that being a journalist is so much more to me than being a politician," Crum said.

Crum called the situation a "super-dilemma," because Emerald policy prohibits printing news articles

by students who are simultaneously involved in student government.

Crum said he regrets not continuing with the Senate because he wanted to challenge the doubts expressed by other Senators during officer elections earlier this term. Some controversy accompanied Crum's election after he failed to attend the majority of summer Senate meetings, which provides grounds for termination.

"When elected treasurer, I felt an extreme need to prove people wrong because it infuriated me that people doubted me," he said. "I understand that I missed Senate meetings during the summer, but I wanted to be here," Crum said. Crum worked as a swim coach in Portland during the summer.

Senator Rob Craig, law and graduate student representative, resigned Sept. 28 because of a time conflict. Senator Khanh Le, a PFC representative, stepped down effective Oct. 12 because of time commitment issues.

The Student Senate will also be filing a grievance to the ASUO Constitution Court asking that Senator Rahmat Rahmat be removed because he has not attended any of the five meetings this term.

Senate President Stephanie Erickson advised Crum to make the decision quickly as to not impede the upcoming Programs Finance Committee budget season, during which the treasurer acts as chairman to help allocate incidental fees to student programs.

— Nicholas Wilbur



PARKER HOWELL | EDITOR IN CHIEF

Senator Kyle McKenzie outlines a proposal to curb "unclassy" fan behavior at football games. Senators voted 5-6 against letting him draft a "strong recommendation" to University officials, with Senate President Stephanie Erickson (right) breaking a tie.

Senate: Debate to continue at next week's ADFC meeting

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pay the incidental fee, they should get the tickets they paid for."

Senator Dallas Brown disagreed, arguing that one fire, fight or thrown bottle, which the ADFC considered "major" offenses, is grounds for removal.

"If it is harming other students ... you don't need two times to be removed," he said.

ADFC Senator Kyle McKenzie said any student kicked out of one game has already paid less for access to all football games than non-students pay for a single football game.

He argued against increasing security because of the long lines it would create and the increased cost to the University. He said the ADFC proposal would affect 1 in 5,000 students, whereas hiring more security would affect everyone.

"I'm not saying that this is for all students. Not all students smoke weed, throw beer on people and burn bears," he said. "It is showing that we're taking a stance and that

these stupid, stupid people will not be tolerated in public."

McKenzie said students can be denied the right to student activities if they violate the student conduct code. Currently, Hamilton said, non-student fans violating certain expectations at Autzen Stadium are not allowed to purchase tickets in the future.

"I'd like to go back to the drawing board. I don't necessarily think we are the ones who should think of this great idea that will solve all the problems," Senator Monica Irvin said. "Creating more student opinions is definitely a must-have in any decision that is created."

Student Senate requested feedback from the student body over this issue via phone at 346-3749, e-mail atsenate@uoregon.edu and attending the ADFC meeting next Wednesday. The Emerald plans to report the location and time of the meeting.

Contact the campus and federal politics reporter at nwilbur@dailyemerald.com


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