

Child Care Center faces budget cut, survival problems

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How to survive financially for the rest of the fiscal year while facing a 20 per cent budget cut is the problem facing the ASUO Child Care and Development Center.

The 20 per cent cut is the amount predicted by Dick Reynolds, EMU director. The exact amount will not be determined until printouts are received by the Center. The cut came when the Department of Human Resources in Salem made a \$557,396 cut in the State's 4-C Community Coordinated Child Care programs.

The cut means that the ASUO Center gets \$43,925 for the fiscal year. As of the end of September, only \$30,486 was left. The Center predicts that this money, along with the tuition from paying parents and from parents on welfare, will last only until March.

The Center's steering committee has come up with two tentative ways to make up the loss in funds. The first is to make cuts in several aspects of the program. The hot lunch program which is currently included in the tuition cost will probably be cut. The steering committee predicts that this will save \$3-4,000. Various program improvements that were planned for this year will also be cut, saving about \$800 more. The hours will probably be changed, so the centers will open at 8 a.m., instead of 7:30 a.m. according to a steering committee spokesman.

After the proposed cuts are made, the Center predicts it will take about \$6,300 per month to stay in operation. The 4C program will provide \$5,400 per month. The Center also receives funds from the ASUO and donations, but the total still falls short of the needed amount.

The only way to make up the deficit, the

steering committee feels, would be to start charging extra tuition winter term. Currently, parents pay about \$77 per child each month, depending on the number of days the Center is open.

Under the new plan, starting in January, parents under the 4C program would pay \$10 more per month. This would give the Center an additional \$2,100 by the end of winter term. Beginning spring term, parents would pay \$20 more per child each month. The Center predicts that this increase would give them sufficient funds to operate through the end of the fiscal year.

The big question mark seems to be what the Center will do after July. If more funds are not obtained, the size may have to be cut, and only paying parents accepted, but plans are still uncertain.

Board meets to study 4-C's

The problems of Oregon's day care centers will be discussed at a meeting of the State Emergency Board this morning beginning at 8:30 in Salem.

The state's 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care) day care program faces a \$557,396 cutback as a result of provisions in the new federal revenue sharing bill recently passed by Congress.

Jacob Tanzer, head of the State Department of Human Resources, will present plans for budgetary adjustments in the social service programs financed with federal money. Tanzer had talked earlier about a \$2.4 million cut for the 4-C's program, but this proposal brought loud protests from users of the centers.

The Board, which meets today and Friday, will also consider a request for \$115,000 to remodel Straub Hall.



Photo by Peter Grant

This mud spattered bicyclist has found that mudslides don't just wash out highways and houses—they wash away bike paths too. Torrential rains have acted on new landscaping along the Willamette River bike paths east of the foot bridge to make bicycling treacherous there. Patches of slippery mud and pools of water will probably plague cyclists until next summer.

Student input wanted by planning committee

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What do the University students think this campus needs—new buildings, new academic programs, etc.—as it completes its first 100-years?

Nobody cares what the students think—right?

Wrong—the Needs and Priorities Committee not only cares what the students think but wants to hear from them.

Great—now what is the Needs and Priorities Committee?

The Needs and Priorities Committee, a recently organized University committee, is beginning the process of drawing up a list of University projects to be keyed to a planned Centennial fundraising drive. Meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Office of Development in Susan Campbell Hall, the panel requested that student, faculty and employee suggestions regarding projects be made available to them.

Upon completing the list of Centennial projects, they will then attempt to raise the necessary funds to complete the projects.

At the present time the committee is still in the process of identifying campus needs and has not begun on the projected list nor are any official channels for student input open as yet. Fred Loveys, ASUO vice-president, is a member of the committee but was not present at Wednesday's meeting. In his absence it was decided to ask him to chair a sub-committee to investigate student suggestions.

However, the committee would like to have the list completed prior to the first of the year.

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OSS advisory

Committee seeks applicants

The ASUO is now accepting applications from students for positions on a new committee which would be advisory to the University's Office of Supportive Services (OSS).

And the deadline for students to apply for the positions is Monday.

The new committee has three charges:

- "Review of the present structure and performance" of OSS.
- "Development of new (OSS) designs."
- "Acquiring of additional non-public funding support."

According to ASUO Administrative Assistant Paige Jackson, the new committee is the only University committee with student members which does not have the student members appointed yet.

She said that there are four student positions on the committee: one each for a Black, Chicano, Native American and White student. Applications can be picked up in her office, 307 EMU.

The committee has 11 members total. Six are faculty, four will be students, and one will be an ex-officio, non-voting member.

Vernetta Caldwell, OSS director, will serve as a voting member of the committee and Donald Rhoades, dean of student administrative services, will serve as the non-voting, ex-officio member.

The committee was set up as an advisory board to the OSS. Recently, the OSS changed its name from the Office of Supportive Services to "Student Educational Programs."

A federally-funded office at the University, the OSS has five programs which are designed to help disadvantaged and minority students obtain an education. The five programs are Project Continuation, Project Life, the Native American Program, SESAMEX and Project 75.

The OSS has undergone considerable controversy during the past month, concerning the centralization of the five programs under OSS director's office. Disagreement among the five program directors and the OSS Director came to the surface when the Native American Student Union and the Native American Program (NAP) decided to disband the NAP because of bureaucratic problems.

Final election totals
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