

ASUO fiscal group begins review

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Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) State head Stephen McCarthy and other key members of OSPIRG gave a brief rundown of that organization's past and present activities at the Tuesday night meeting of the ASUO Fiscal Affairs Committee.

OSPIRG's appearance was the first in a series of program reviews slated to be heard by the fiscal committee this term. The program reviews are intended to serve as a preliminary to the budget hearings in order to provide Fiscal committee members with as much information as possible in making budget recommendations.

McCarthy began his presentation by telling committee members that the University was the first to fund OSPIRG and that he was glad to be able to return to the Fiscal Committee with a favorable report of OSPIRG's activities.

OSPIRG Environmental studies director Peter Sorenson said he thought the greatest benefit OSPIRG offered was its ability "to bring talent to bear on the problems." He cited environmental problems in particular.

OSPIRG Board Chair Robin Grove then listed programs underway. The included programs involve the Portland General Electric rate structure, retail loan obstacles to women, reforestation problems, inadequate consumer protection policies, Bell telephone rate increases, the Rock Mesa dispute over open pit mining, and others.

OSPIRG moves into an area and accomplishes things like no other group can, McCarthy said. The expertise of OSPIRG's members is equal to that of government consultants, and their academic backgrounds are equal, he said.

Following the presentation committee members asked questions on such topics as the Newbry amendment, student involvement in OSPIRG, and others. OSPIRG will appear again before the Fiscal committee at the budget hearings for more detailed scrutiny of its budget requests.

SEARCH representatives Jody Ruff and Gordon King then requested transportation costs to attend the National Symposium on Experimental Higher Education at Johnston College in Redlands, California on Jan. 25.

King told members that the symposium would enable SEARCH to experience new forms of experimental education and offer opportunity to make contact with educators in that field. Committee member Mike Marsh suggested that SEARCH's trip should be funded because he said it was "beneficial" and "one of those groups to which funds should be allocated."

SEARCH received the budget recommendation of \$211. This fee was agreed upon after consultation with established travel allocation guidelines.

Canterbury Center's Christine Coleman then requested \$250 for the printing of 2500 Community Service Handbooks. The sale of these would pay Canterbury Center's rent and phone bill for a year, she said.

Committee member Mike Marsh said, however, the last year the center had printed up the handbooks but had not even been able to give all of them away and that it seems unlikely that the center could sell 2500 this year. Committee Chair Peggy O'Farrell moved that the budget recommendation be \$100 and that motion was passed.

The last item on the agenda was a request by Russell Pate, a graduate student in the P.E. Department, for transportation funds to attend a meeting of the Scientific Section of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in Las Vegas.

Pate said he was invited to present his master's thesis, "Biomechanics of Running — An Analysis Using the Harmonics of Motion" at the meeting.

In women's reclassification delay

OSEA charges discrimination

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The Oregon State Employees Association (OSEA) has charged the State Personnel Division with perpetuating sexual discrimination by delaying the reclassification of domestic workers.

OSEA made that charge at a strategy meeting held Tuesday evening on the OSU campus. The meeting was attended by more than 90 domestic workers, most of them women, who wish to be reclassified as custodial workers. Fifteen women employed by the University were present.

Les Strickler, vice president of OSEA Chapter 29, announced that a House Joint Resolution would be submitted to the legislature sometime in the next few weeks. If passed, the resolution would force the Personnel Division to review all job classifications and revise them so that all arbitrary barriers to equal employment are eliminated.

Domestic workers are presently paid an average of \$100 less than custodial workers who are predominantly male. Studies performed by the Office of Civil Rights have found no significant differences in the duties performed by domestic and custodial workers. A comparison of tasks performed did not justify the difference in pay scale, he said.

This practice has not yet been corrected by the State Personnel division and classification proposals made by the State Personnel Division drew heavy criticism at Tuesday's meeting.

"We propose that the Personnel Division's proposal is a continuation of sex discrimination in which men and women perform much the same work at different scales of pay," stated Everett Stiles, OSEA's Assistant Executive Secretary.

The Personnel Division's proposal failed to eliminate pay differences based on light and heavy work which tend to divide

men and women into separate classes, said Stiles.

Strickler said that if there is to be equal pay for equal work there can be no distinction between light and heavy work.

Several women expressed concern over having to do heavy lifting in order to receive equal pay. Other women stated that they already are performing the same labor men perform at the lower pay scale of Domestic Workers.

Cheryl Williams, OSEA salary analyst, briefly compared

OSEA's proposed revision of class specifications with those proposed by the Personnel Division.

Williams said that the OSEA proposal offers adequate pay. (The Personnel Division offered approximately \$100 less per class category than OSEA.) She also said that their proposal offers opportunities for promotion.

"Presently there is very little opportunity for promotion because the present basis for distinguishing class is the type of labor performed."

Visiting scholar finishes religious talks tonight

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"It's a beautiful piece of mother earth", said Alfonso Ortiz, an associate anthropology professor from Princeton University. Ortiz was commenting on his first impression of the Willamette Valley.

The University's Department of Religious Studies annually brings a distinguished scholar to the University as part of its Distinguished Visiting Lecturers Program. Ortiz was this year's choice to present a series of three lectures dealing with the "Native American Vision of Life".

Ortiz, a Native American Indian of the Tewa Tribe of the Pueblos, is an expert of Native American Religions and his lecture will center around the Native American faith and view of life.

Today will be Ortiz's last day on campus. He will be at the Koinonia Center, 1414 Kincaid, for a conversation period at 3:30 p.m. University students, faculty and friends are invited to meet Ortiz and speak with him at that time.

The last of the three lectures, tonight, will be "To Carry Forth the Vine: The Power of an Oral Tradition" and will be in the EMU Ballroom as have the previous two lectures. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Ortiz's opening lecture Tuesday night had "Look to the Mountaintop: Native American Visions of Life" as its topic. Ortiz began with a half hour slide show of Southwestern United States which gave his audience a little insight into the area of the country which the Native Americans his lectures would center around inhabit. New Mexico and Arizona are the homeland for the Tewa and other Pueblo Tribes.

Mountains, according to Ortiz, are very important to Native Americans, "mountains are alternate symbols and metaphors of Indian's greatest accomplishments and deepest beliefs."

"Look to the Mountaintop also means look to the North . . . the beginning of the beginning of all beginnings, for we began life in the North," said Ortiz.

Wednesday's lecture topic was "Pueblo Indian Ritual Drama: Some Roots of Faith".

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