

ASUO funding fight continues

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The second round of the annual fight between the ASUO government and its member organizations over how much of the incidental fee the organizations will receive began Wednesday night when the Incidental Fee Committee began hearing program reactions to former ASUO President Bill Wyatt's budget recommendations.

But who won the first round?

If the judge is the ASUO executive budget recommendations, it appears the organizations won. They only receive \$936,924 of the \$1.2 million they requested, but, it was a \$62,814 increase over last year's allocations.

The biggest winner was the EMU. It received \$84,494 more than last year, for a total of \$481,682.

Wyatt pointed out in a letter to the Incidental Fee Committee, that the increase reflects increased operating costs for the new addition and wage and salary increases.

The athletic department was also a big winner, at least on paper. They received \$150,000, an increase of \$15,000, but Wyatt said the ASUO should discontinue its present setup of giving the athletic department a guarantee of student funds. Under this set-up the ASUO guarantee that students will give the athletic department a specified amount each year through ticket sales and incidental fees, and if they don't the ASUO will pay the difference. Wyatt estimated the difference might be \$25,000 this year.

ASUO programs may be the biggest losers. Instead of totalling 40 per cent of the budget as they did last year, they will total only 33 per cent this year if the ASUO executive recommendations are adopted.

Eight programs, with budgets totalling \$41,017, would be terminated. They include three programs, the ASUO Child Care and Development Center, Illahe School and the Migrant Labor Project, which have previously received funds from the State 4C's program. That program itself is faced with an uncertain future because of changes in the federal government's spending pattern.

With the draft scheduled to be terminated June 30, the executive recommended that funds to the Draft and Military Information Center be terminated then.

Other programs losing their funds are KWAX, Canterbury Center, Action Now and Willamette Student Housing.

Six new programs won Wyatt's approval for a recommendation of funds, \$10,787 was made for these. They include the Asian American Student Union, the Chinese Student Association, the Gay People's Alliance, the National Student Lobby, the Oregon Prisoner's Coalition and the Community Video Access Center.

Wyatt recommended that other organizations, the Black Graduate Student Council (BGSC) and the Cosmopolitan Student Association (CSA), be combined with other programs. The BGSC was combined with the International Education Center, according to the former executive.

Ethnic and minority student programs, along with programs for the disadvantaged lost part of the fight. Last year they received \$39,827, but this year's recommendations are for \$35,189. The termination of the Migrant Labor Project accounts for most of the reduced funding.

The Student Educational Programs (SEP), containing Project Life, Project 75, Project Continuation, SESAMEX and the Native American Tutorial Program, received funds although the University administration has reorganized them under the Educational opportunities Services structure. The executive recommended that \$13,000 be budgeted for all SEP projects and allocated according to the size of each project based on fall enrollment. Each program director shall divide the project allocation into two parts: 1) Direct grand aid 2) Emergency loans."

The foreign student related groups, CSA, Foreign Student Organization, Chinese Student Association and the International Education Center lost their round in the funds fight. Last year they won \$14,907 but garnered only \$13,685 recommendation this year.

The first round of the fight is over. None of the judge's final decisions have been made. And neither Howard Cosell, the Incidental Fee Committee, the ASUO executive, nor the organizations wanting the money can predict the winner. But no matter who wins, the students will pay for it either in program service or out of their pockets next year.

House approves lottery bill

SALEM (Special) — The House reversed itself Thursday and approved a bill which, if approved by Oregon voters, would amend the Oregon Constitution to establish a state-operated lottery and allow charitable organizations to hold fund-raising raffles.

The measure (HJR 60) had been narrowly defeated Wednesday when it received only 27 favorable votes — four less than the majority needed to pass a bill. But Rep. Curtis Wolfer (D-Silverton), a sponsor of the bill, moved that HJR 60 be reconsidered Thursday. The measure received 33 favorable votes in the House.

DA seeks 'body shop' ban

District Attorney J. Pat Horton has proposed an ordinance to the County Commissioners that would prohibit "sexually-oriented massage parlors," also known as body shops.

Horton said that since the cities of Eugene and Springfield already have ordinances forbidding this type of establishment "the need for uniformity in this area of law enforcement" is indicated.

Horton said that an investigation by his office has made it "apparent that the presence of such establishments may serve to attract and encourage the spread of crimes of violence and organized criminal activity."

Horton said that though local citizens may find it hard to believe that there is organized criminal activity in Lane County, "It is here and we have to face that as a fact." Horton declined to specify what organized criminal activity exists here saying it might jeopardize pending investigations.

The proposed ordinance, which was initiated by Horton's office for presentation to the County Commissioners Wednesday, would specifically prohibit "any person to touch, fondle or manipulate the sexual parts of another for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the other party for a fee."

Horton commented that the proposed or-

dinance, which is almost identical to the one passed by the Eugene City Council, would carry penalties of up to one year in jail.

In his news release, Horton added that he would request an emergency clause attached to the ordinance to make it effective immediately.

The only establishment that would be effected by the ordinance is the Gentlemen's Retreat on River Road which lists itself as a massage parlor. Representatives of that business had no comment when contacted Friday.

Horton said that he was in no way saying that the Gentlemen's Retreat was involved in illegal activities or controlled by any criminal group, but said that the ordinance would effectively put the operation out of business.

All three Lane County Commissioners have expressed support for such an ordinance as has Lane County Sheriff Dave Burks.

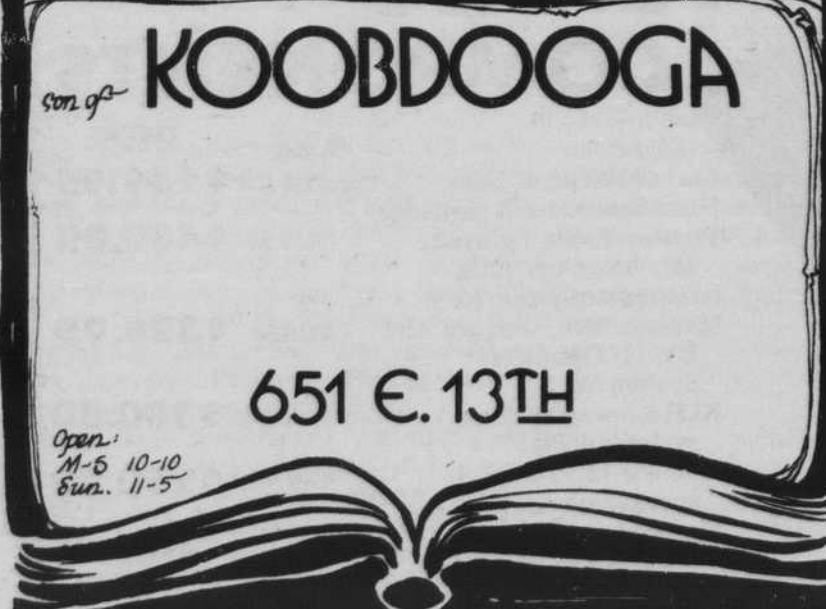
Burks said that there have been problems involving the Gentlemen's Retreat, including an assault on the premises recently.

Horton stressed that his intent was to "cut off this potential of criminal activity before it spreads and in fact to eliminate the very source of the problem before it multiplies."

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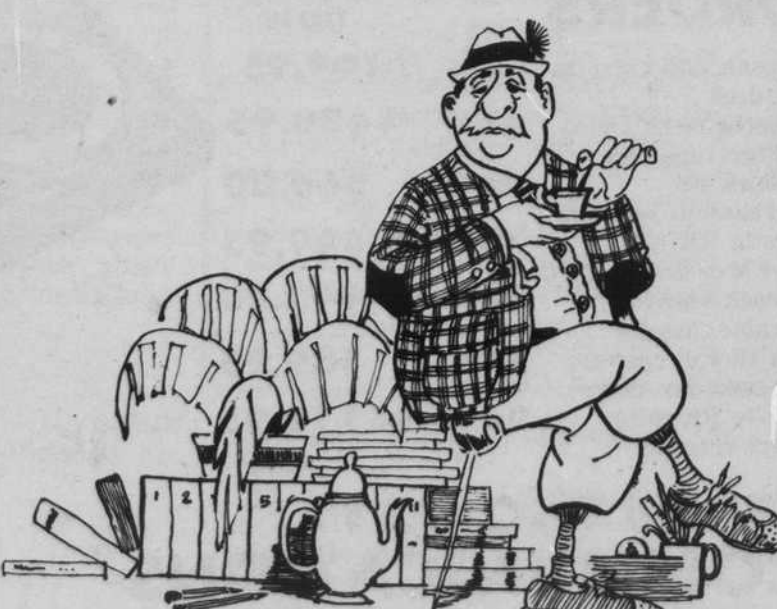
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