

Student groups make bid for more funds

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Six student organizations requested nearly \$12,000 in supplementary funds during the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) meeting Wednesday night.

No decisions will be made on the requests until the next IFC meeting Nov. 10.

The Student University Affairs Board (SUAB), represented by

chairer Andrea Gellatly, requested \$7,675. This sum includes \$5,775 to be used for monthly salaries for the 15-member board. The board will use \$1,400 to hire two "expert" lobbyists on University and state and local affairs and \$500 will be used to hire additional work/study employees.

The IFC will consider the efforts of ASUO Vice Pres. Mark Cogan

and the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) before allocating money for additional lobbyists. The OSL was established to coordinate all student lobbying activities.

The SUAB asked the IFC to approve salaries for its members because of the time and effort involved in serving on the board and because the board's accountability has been formalized. Any student can now bring a SUAB

member before the ASUO constitutional committee for removal.

Action Now, represented by director Mark Staley, requested \$1,600. This sum includes \$1,200 to re-stock the Agate Street Tool Library and \$400 for office supplies.

Staley called his organization's present tool stock "ludicrous and an embarrassment." The tool library was begun two years ago with a \$400 grant and hasn't received any money since. Staley said \$1,200 will raise the tool library's stock to the level of "an average middle-class American's garage." ASUO vice pres. Jamie Burns noted a dramatic increase in the number of students using the tool library since Staley assumed control.

The OSA, represented by Chalmers, requested \$880.50. This sum includes \$475 to pay for telephone installation and service charges, \$240 to pay work/study assistant Molly Brady, who has al-

ready been hired, and \$165 for letterhead and printing costs.

Chalmers said he hired Brady because OSA handles "at least 12 cases a day" on behalf of students in difficulty with the University administration. He said the letterhead is essential in making a good impression on the administration.

PACE, represented by Jim Davis and supported by faculty advisor Judy Coffey, asked for \$805 to hire himself as PACE's graduate teaching fellow.

Davis said PACE, a student academic advising and counseling program, "needs a graduate teaching fellow to solidify the service and establish student/faculty liaisons. Davis said he sees "no future for the program without a GTF."

The University ski team, represented by coaches Eloise Garson and Steve McClain, requested \$520.

Bus pass rate hike crosses Main Desk

Students began paying \$1 more for Lane Transit District (LTD) fast passes sold at the Main Desk this month. The rate change cancels any savings made by purchasing the fast passes on campus. Now, passes purchased from either the EMU or LTD both cost \$12.

The rate change can be viewed two ways. Marcia Hudspeth, Main Desk manager, says the price went up because LTD increased the bulk rate for the passes by \$1 on Nov. 1. Passes sold at the Main Desk are purchased for \$11 each in bulk. To qualify for the rate, the Main Desk must sell 100 passes each month. It now averages over 100 passes a month, including the summer months and December, she says.

LTD manager Fred Dyer sees the rate change from a different perspective. He says LTD decreased its discount to the EMU and Lane Community College (LCC) by \$1 on Nov. 1. "We used to discount the passes sold to the EMU and LCC to \$10, now we

discount them to \$11," he says.

The price of the fast pass, valid for the month issued, decreases on a sliding scale as the month progresses. On days 1 thru 3, passes sell for full price, with the price decreasing by 40 cents per day thereafter. The fast pass is sold for \$1 on the 30th and 31st of each month.

Leaving for Christmas vacation? LTD will buy back the pass

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for its value on the day it is redeemed. The Main Desk will not buy back passes; they must be returned to the LTD booth or office for refund.

In the past, the ASUO subsidized the purchase of fast passes, allowing students to enjoy a discount. Last year, the Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) budgeted

the Main Desk on the basis that the desk made \$1 on every pass sold. In order to keep within its budget, the Main Desk had to increase the price of the passes \$1 over the bulk rate, even if it meant a loss of savings for students. LCC makes a 50 cent handling charge on fast passes. They are now sold for \$11.50 at LCC, according to Dyer.

Now, Hudspeth is concerned that the price increase might hurt sales as students purchase passes elsewhere. "I hope people will continue to patronize the Main Desk (fast passes) on the basis of convenience," she says.

Dyer says he "senses no further alteration in fares," but notes that the board of directors make those decisions. Dyer has the power to make recommendations to the board. "The only way I would recommend an increase is if we are faced with rampant inflation," he adds.

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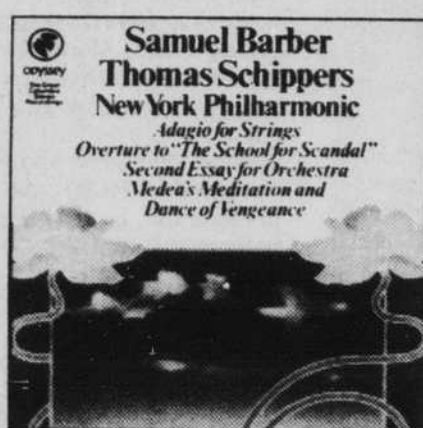
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