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Running reflections

The long "over-due" rain didn't stop this Eugene runner, who enjoyed a few reflective moments along Pre's Trail. As a matter of fact, a lot of Eugeneans have been encouraged by the recent wet, windy Oregon afternoons.

With a light rain during most of the day today, after two days of fairly heavy precipitation, indications of a clearing trend were foretold by most of the weather bureaus.

But at two this morning, it was raining cats and dogs and a little of everything else.

ESCAPE pared almost 9 percent

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The Incidental Fee Committee handed the ESCAPE Field Studies Program an 8.4 percent cut in funding for 1982-83 Tuesday during another round of the committee's budget hearings. The cut reduced the program's 1981-82 budget of about \$16,400 to a new total of just over \$15,000.

The program serves about 1200 students each year, and one of every six seniors is in some way involved in the program, said program director Trudy Flanery.

"Don't deal a big blow to this organization all at once," ASUO Pres. Rich Wilkins told the IFC. "It serves a lot of students."

"There are a few ASUO programs which stand out as high quality," Wilkins added. "ESCAPE is one of them."

This year's budget was pared down about 15 percent from 1980-81, and the 1982-83 request of almost \$16,300 is the largest decrease the program could take and remain effective.

The IFC and ESCAPE would have to obtain a compromise in making a final budget decision, Wilkins said.

After hearing Flanery and Wilkins, IFC Chairer Karsten Rasmussen made his final recommendation of about \$15,000, a decrease of almost

\$500 from the original ASUO recommendation, with about a \$600 cut coming from the program expenditures, and a slight increase going to the payroll assessment fee.

The committee approved the decrease unanimously.

Flanery asked the committee after the vote to allow her to defend her original requests, saying she felt she hadn't had adequate opportunity to do so before the final decision was made.

The committee gave her ten minutes to do so, but subsequently made no changes. Flanery spent the extra presentation time discussing the necessity of having the funding to support the program's coordinator's manual.

The IFC also cut the budget of the Asian American Student Union Tuesday as it decided on a 3.5-percent cut in this year's budget, giving it almost \$4300 for next year. A budget footnote asking the group to arrange with student groups at other universities to help with airfare costs of guest participants who visit several on a tour will reduce the budget further.

Also receiving funding was the Council for Exceptional Children, to which the IFC allocated almost \$140. The figure is 43-percent decrease in funding from this year's level of almost \$250.

Anthony joins race for Weaver's seat

University economics Prof. Ross Anthony formally announced Tuesday his candidacy for the seat held by U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Oregon.

"Throughout the past 10 years I have walked thousands of miles under difficult conditions to get where I want to be," Anthony said. "I plan to spend the next 10 months walking and talking with all of the people of the 4th Congressional District seeking their grassroots support."

Calling himself a "moderate Republican," Anthony said "the most important thing to do is to balance the budget" so that interest rates will fall — essential for the housing, timber and wood products industries.

"However, I believe we must be careful to maintain a just society and not balance the budget at the expense of the unemployed and senior citizens."

Anthony said he would sponsor a one-year Housing Stimulation Program that would provide additional tax credits to stimulate new housing. He would also introduce a Timber Re-employment Enterprise bill that would advocate an "overall approach" of combining contract extensions with reduction of prices.

"As a trained economist, my knowledge in that field would enable me to contribute much needed expertise in the development of programs that would help get our economy moving again," he added.

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