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OSL budget grows $800

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Reversing a Wednesday decision, the Incidental Fee Committee voted 5-2 on Thursday to approve about $800 extra for the Oregon Student Lobby, increasing its budget to the original request and the ASUO recommendation of almost $20,800 — a five-percent increase over this year's program subsidy.

"I don't agree with giving them a $3,800 pay increase over the next two years, even if other Oregon professionals in their field are getting raises," said IFC member David Gibson about the precedent-setting vote. If the IFC gives raises for professional services to one group, it will have to approve increases for other such groups, Gibson said.

But IFC member Steve Baldwin, who voted for the increase, asked why the IFC should not pay OSL employees what other professionals receive.

Primarily because of the increase for the OSL, the IFC has approved more than $2,700 above the ASUO recommendation through Thursday's hearing. About $2,300 of the extra $5,000 discovered in projected incidental fee revenue remains.

The committtee, in a 4-3 vote, also approved a budget increase of almost $250 for a telephone for the Physically Limited Union of Students.

However, the PLUS director, Chester Faller, said he wanted all funds to be used for a lawsuit, not for a phone, said IFC member Katcha Phinney.

The IFC will probably approve a motion to reconsider the rest of the PLUS budget, said Xavier Romano, IFC vice chairer.

In other reconsideration action, the committee voted unanimously to rehear the Foreign Student Organization's budget and 6-1 to rehear the YWCA budget.

In regular business, Legal Services received more than $31,000, $700 less than it requested. Program director Charles Spinner requested a $1,240 pay increase for a secretary, but the committee approved a $540 raise instead in unanimously approving the budget.

The Office of Student Advocacy received its requested five-percent increase in a budget of about $29,000. The increase is going for a director's pay raise and a new administrative assistant, which is needed because the OSA is handling three times as many cases this year as it has in the past four years, said director John Moore.

Women in Transition, receiving $2,100, or almost as much as they got this year, was allocated $60 more than an initial ASUO recommendation.

The Association of Student Chapters/American Institute of Architects received about $600 — about $300 less than its request — but about $75 more than than this year's funding.

The Rape Crisis Network and Students for a Nuclear Free Future both received budgets at the ASUO recommended level. The IFC granted them about $1,200 and $220, respectively.

The Oregon Computing Association, a new University group, was allocated more than $220 and had its four goals approved. The IFC also approved the American Society of Interior Designers' request for about $140.

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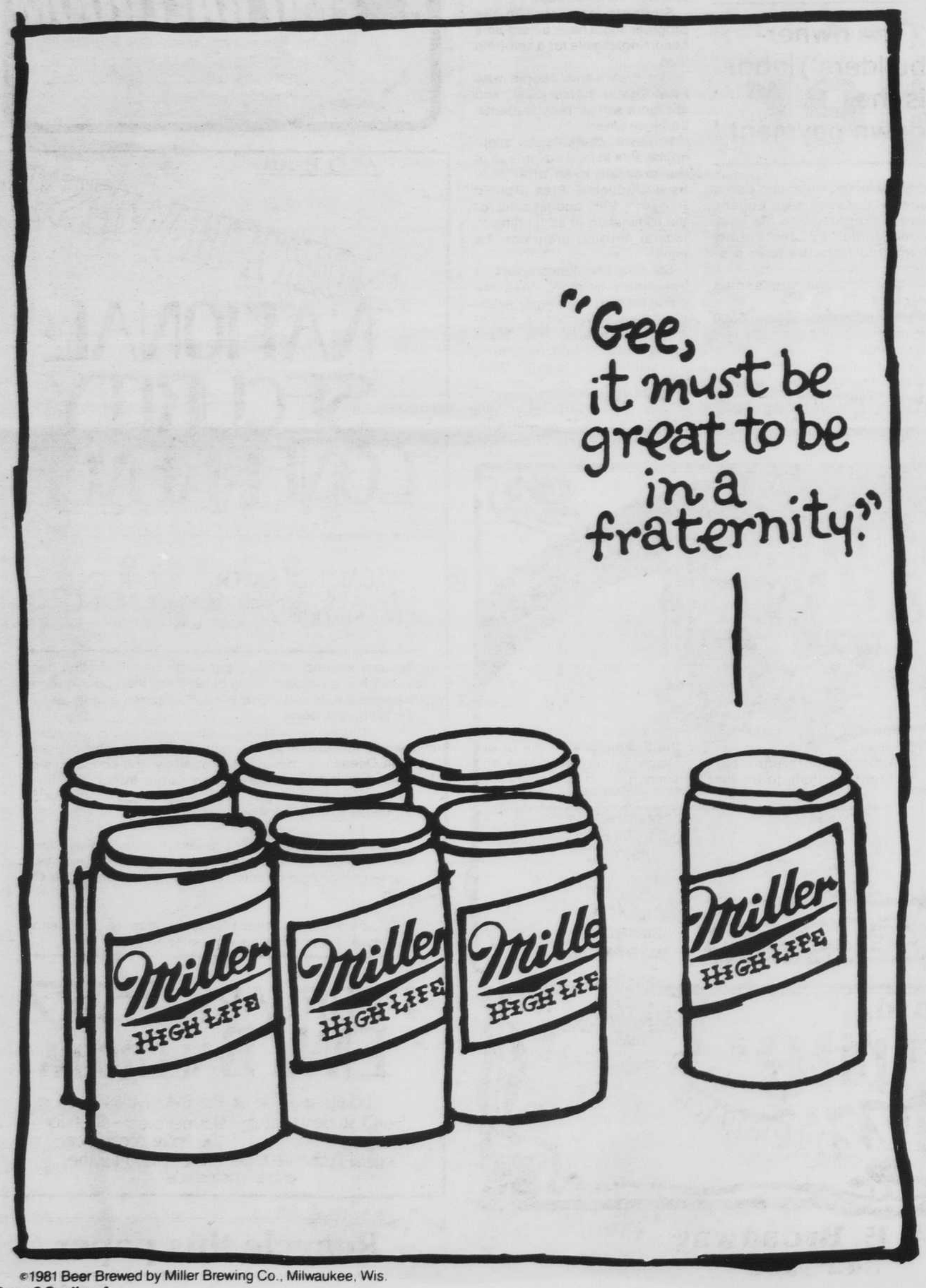

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