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programs that are potentially on the chopping block. The plan was to eliminate the programs that are the least essential to the city.

Nevertheless, many have voiced opposition to some of the cuts, especially cable access. Several people attended Tuesday's meeting wearing T-shirts displaying their support for public access cable. Citizens also expressed concern about the cutting of neighborhood programs, which serve as a liaison between citizens and the city government, and downtown mall maintenance, which would eliminate cleaning and trash collection on the mall by the city's parks department.

Gleason also said 15 parks and public works projects totaling \$850,000 are being placed on an unfunded list until the city can raise new revenues to balance the budget. The new revenues could come from new taxes, he added.

Wages of city employees will increase by about 2.5 percent

this year, according to budget proposal. This represents an \$836,000 increase in employee costs for the city's general fund. The increase is generally considered to be the reason for the proposed budget cuts.

Gleason defended the salary increase, saying it is necessary to avoid losing any of the city's staff. Gleason said that the city staff is very efficient and productive, and that the city is neither overpaying its employees nor employing too many people.

The budget committee will receive subcommittee recommendations on the budget and will formulate its preliminary recommendations next month. Final recommendations will be made in May, and final approval on the budget is expected in late June.

The budget committee will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at City Hall to allow citizens a chance to comment on the city's proposed budget.

Muslim students rally

Members and supporters of the Muslim Student Association held a rally in the EMU Courtyard on Tuesday to protest Israel's role in the Gaza Strip and West Bank confrontations.

Rally participants questioned Israel's domestic and foreign policy by carrying picket signs and handing out fliers to passersby.

While there have been no specific recent events in the Palestinian-Israeli clashes motivating the MSA's rally, it was the result of the group's continuing efforts to "educate" the campus population on the issue, MSA Director Ahmed Zaidan said.

"There is no country in the world, including the United States, that is proving what is going on in the area," Zaidan said, comparing ethnic and social conflicts in Israel to those in South Africa.

There were no speakers or demonstrations at the rally, and Ahmed called the event "quiet."

"We want people to come by and just talk to someone here about what's going on," Zaidan said. "Turn the TV off and ask 'Wait a minute.'"

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polling areas in Oregon were accessible to the physically handicapped. By the 1986 general elections, 43 percent were accessible.

"As of last week when we got our new figures for the primaries, we have 69.9 percent," she said. "I feel good about that, I think it's a big move. What I want to do is something about the other 30 percent."

Roberts said voting hours

also have been expanded. Oregonians can now vote from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., giving voters 13 hours to cast ballots, she said.

Despite her support for increased accessibility to the polls, Roberts said she opposes voting by mail. She explained such votes may not be as secret as voting is meant to be. The elderly and the less fortunate may be tricked or threatened into voting against

their preferences, she said.

Roberts said her job also entails compiling and producing the Oregon Voter's Pamphlet. She said the state was the first in the nation to begin publishing a voter pamphlet to aid citizens at the polls.

Before accepting questions, Roberts said the voter registration deadline for the upcoming primaries is April 26 at 5 p.m.

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