

ASUO halts budget increases

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The ASUO programs finance committee kicked off the budget allocation season last week giving four student groups no increase in their budgets.

The groups will survive next school year with the same amount of student funds they received this year. The finance committee has announced that it will grant few budget increases as it attempts to stem the growth of the incidental fee.

The Philosophy Club and the Literary Society both asked the committee for increases over this year's budget, while the Committee for Musical Arts and Dance Oregon asked for no increase. All the budgets are under \$5,000.

"The finance committee seems pretty adamant that they don't want to give out increases," committee president Joey Lyons said. The Student Senate, which must approve the finance committee's lump-sum recommendation for all ASUO programs, in Novem-

ber set a zero-percent "benchmark" for growth. Lyons explained that although some groups will receive budget increases and others decreases, the committee hopes to keep the total allocation under the benchmark amount.

"Four or five groups didn't submit budgets, so we can give out some increases," Lyons said. "Groups that really show a need for growth and groups that show they can't provide the same level of service as they did this year without an increase can hope for larger budgets next year," he said. Lyons estimated that the committee will save \$15,000 from no-show groups.

Dance Oregon co-president Kristin Hapke said the committee's unambiguous no-increase message encouraged her group to cut fat from its budget.

"We're learning how to spend our money more efficiently. We wanted more funds for our costumes, so we reallocated from other areas such as printing and advertising," she said.

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Groups are not guaranteed a zero-percent change, however. Student Senator Sarah Keech, who sits on the finance committee and voted against the Philosophy Club's budget, said she wanted to give the club even less.

"Last year they didn't spend half of their speaker's line item, and they hadn't spent any of their administration line-item. They haven't spent any money this year, and it makes it seem like they are having trouble getting started. Giving them that money would be like throwing it away when other groups could use it," Keech said.

Friday night fever hits with ballroom dancing

Leonard Plumlee
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

The dance in Gerlinger Annex on Friday nights is probably one of the biggest entertainment bargains on the University campus. A great evening of entertainment is just a \$2 admission fee for students and \$3 for the general public.

It's highly unlikely that those who do attend will be a wallflower. The usual crowds are comprised of people that come to dance and may need partners, so be prepared to be asked. And be ready to dance, dance, dance.

The Friday night event begins at 7:30 and ends at 11:00 p.m. During the first hour the dance instructor, Elizabeth Wartluft, teaches everyone all the dance steps that will be used throughout

the evening. By the time the lights are turned down an hour later, those who attend should be OK to solo on their own.

The music played is taken from the "Big Band Era" and Latin music is also played. The waltz, cha-cha and rumba are the dance steps used throughout the evening. As the evening progresses, it becomes more apparent what Elizabeth means when she says, "Put all your attitude into this one," especially when songs like "Take it to the Limit" are played.

"This all started last spring, and it is a safe place to be; also it's smoke and alcohol free," Wartluft said. "It's something you can do with a friend or by yourself, and the nice thing about it is that you don't have to be 21 to get in."

Group trying to legalize hemp, replace school funds

Regina Brown
For the Oregon Daily Emerald

A group called Pay for Schools by Regulating Cannabis (PSRC) is claiming that hemp is a versatile plant that can be used to make at least 50,000 different products ranging from paper to car fuel.

"Anything that can be made from paper or plastic can be made from hemp," said board member Amy Pincus.

PSRC wants to replace school funds lost by property tax limitations by legalizing the commercial and private use of hemp. They are now trying to gather 70,000 signatures to place the Oregon Cannabis Tax Act on the November 1996 ballot. PSRC says the act would replace \$500 million by allowing the state to tax the sale of hemp buds.

"What's exciting to us is that we're going to fund our schools without raising taxes across the board," Pincus said.

Other parts of the hemp plant would be available for commercial use.

PSRC claims this would benefit Oregon communities economically and environmentally. Group members say legalization of hemp could ease the strain on Northwest forests by replacing wood products with hemp products. Members say a new hemp industry could jump start the job market.

The group also claims that hemp also has a number of medical uses. It is known, among other things, to reduce some of the side effects of cancer treatments and alleviate some of the symptoms of AIDS.

People who would like to help gather signatures or who are interested in volunteering can meet in the Ben Linder Room of the Erb Memorial Union on Tuesday from 6 to 10 p.m.

PSRC has scheduled a news conference today at 3 p.m. in front of the Weyerhaeuser Co. at 785 N42nd St. in Springfield.

For more information, contact Amy Pincus at 345-4588.

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