

## DRIVING

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go."

Kelley said drivers should keep their speed at about 20 mph when roads are icy and about 35 mph in other adverse conditions. In addition, drivers need to keep their distance from cars in front of them. Leave one-car length for every 10 mph, he said.

Paul Ferrigno, a state highway maintenance assistant who works near Willamette Pass, said most traffic accidents this year have been caused by people driving too fast in adverse weather conditions. A state highway vehicle was hit by a motorist who was traveling about 50 mph on black ice, he said.

"You just can't drive like that on black ice," Ferrigno said.

Ferrigno said another common cause of accidents is drivers not using required traction devices. When roads are bad, motorists are required by law to use chains or traction devices like studded tires. Too many people ignore the requirements until it's too late.

"The time to put chains on is when the sign says so and in the areas provided for it," he

said.

Kelley and Ferrigno advise drivers to brake lightly in winter conditions. Slamming the brakes causes the car to skid. Another helpful tip, Ferrigno said, is to watch for shaded areas, which are usually the iciest.

Ferrigno said the highway department sands icy and snowy roads as often as possible. But much of that sand gets pushed to the side by cars. He suggests that drivers use the shoulder or middle of the road where the sand collects.

"Don't be afraid to slow down and drive on the shoulder. The sand is there," he said.

The weather this year has been unpredictable so Ferrigno said drivers should always prepare for the worst.

"The weather has not been real cooperative," he said.

Motorists should always bring an emergency survival kit, Kelley said. Blankets, water, food, dry clothing and an extra coat are good items to bring along during road trips in bad weather.

Also, check with the Oregon State Police for current road conditions before traveling. The road condition number for Oregon is 976-7277.

## Black Women of Achievement get budget increase

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The ASUO Programs Finance Committee heard five budget requests Thursday night, recommending two increases and two decreases from the groups' current funding levels.

ASUO President Leslie Warren delivered her executive recommendation for Black Women of Achievement, asking the committee to grant the group a 28.8% increase. She recommended creating a \$1,000 line item for public speakers that the group had not requested.

"I didn't know we could have a separate line item just for speakers," said BWA member Zeenab Johnson.

"I think it was just an oversight last year that they don't have a speakers line item," Warren told the committee. The ASUO president delivers recommendations on all budgets, representing ASUO staff scrutiny of requests.

"How are they going to put on events with the amount they're asking for?" she said. BWA received \$100 for each of five events and \$1,000 for another.

Warren, who was a founding member of BWA, said that she is no longer involved with the group.

She justified the increase, saying that Men and Women Against Rape, a group that last year received more than \$1,000 of incidental fees, probably will not submit a budget this year.

"None of the [MWAR] members are active this year," explained Warren's employee,

### WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee is two meetings into the budget season. The 7-member committee, which includes three student senators, will recommend how incidental fees are allocated to student groups next year.

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	PERCENT CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Dance Oregon	\$4409	0%
Literary Society	4320	0%
Committee for Musical Arts	4190	0%
Philosophy Club	832	0%
Black Women of Achievement	4259	17.8% more
Pre-Law Society	200	20% less
Pre-Health Science Center	263	22.4% less
Star Trek Information Center	0	0%
Am. Inst. of Architecture Std.	592	12.3% more
Money given this week: <b>\$5,314</b>		Money given to date: <b>\$19,065</b>

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ASUO Programs Coordinator Jason Grigsby. "There is no activity at all. The group is defunct."

"It's bad fiscal policy to assume that one group won't get any money. And other groups should get a chance for those funds," said committee Chair Joey Lyons.

"I don't know where we're going to get this increase from," said committee member Matt McGinnis, after the committee passed a motion limiting the new line item to \$600. "[MWAR] is probably gone, but we also took on some new groups."

BWA, which consists primarily of Black Student Union members, became an independent group and was allocated its first budget last spring. ASUO

Women's Center Director Edwina Welch praised BWA's fund-raising efforts.

"There are approximately 244 African American students on this campus, of which only 160 are women. So when you look at the kind of fund raising that they do, it represents a really remarkable effort," Welch said.

BWA did not produce documentation, but said that fund raising included \$5,000 for one of several events.

The committee refused to grant funds to the Star Trek Information Center. STIC has not received funds in the past.

STIC member and Senate President pro tempore Martin Fisher, who delivered the request, accused the committee of being "controlled by Romulan sympathizers."



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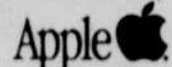
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