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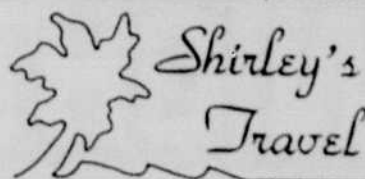
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Finance committee allocates budgets

Pat Daly
Oregon Daily Emerald

For the second time this week, a student group going before the ASUO Programs Finance Committee left upset with the committee's proposals.

Thursday night the Asian/Pacific American Student Union had its budget hearing postponed because of time constraints stemming from a prolonged debate.

The committee will hear APASU's budget request again next Thursday, Feb. 9, at 8:45 p.m. APASU is requesting a budget of \$10,770, a 19 percent increase from its current budget.

Members of the committee made several recommendations, each containing cuts rather than increases to the group's budget.

APASU co-directors Jan Harada and Brandon Sugiyama compared the size of their budget to that of other student programs, including those of the Black Student Union, MEChA and others. Harada mentioned the Jewish Student Union's 60 percent budget increase, saying she felt it was unfair that APASU receive a decrease, considering their group's increased campus activity.

Both Harada and Sugiyama declined comment.

Last Tuesday the committee allocated the Hawaii Club \$300, nearly \$4,000 less they asked for, because of a new Senate ruling limiting funding new groups are eligible for.

However, the committee will hear Hawaii Club's budget

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The 7-member ASUO Programs Finance 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
ASUO Women's Center	\$99,588	+ 1.9 percent
OLSPIF	648	- .3
Oregon Voice	3,463	+ 164.9
Solar Energy Center	2,648	0
Vietnamese Student Assoc.	3,210	- 1.5
AVENU	3,477	- 8
Hawaii Club	300	New program
SETA	160	+ 100
Singapore Students Assoc.	3,031	0
Amazon Co-Op Family Center	30,743	+ 0.2
Westmoreland Tenants Council	1,045	- 4.3
Amazon Community Tenants Council	2,049	+ 100

Money given this week: **\$40,805**
Money given to date: **195,616**

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request again because that Senate ruling doesn't apply to this budget season, according to committee member and student senator Sarah Keech.

In other budget committee activity Thursday, three student community housing groups presented budget requests.

The Amazon Co-op Family Center, formerly Amazon Co-op Child Care, paraded nearly a dozen children, along with their parents, before the committee to request \$1,700 more than they received last year. The committee however allotted the program only a small increase, allocating \$30,743.

The Amazon Community

Tenants Council, representatives for students living in Amazon Family Housing, received \$2,098 from the committee. That budget appears as a 100 percent increase from last year's budget because the council got its funding last year from the Student Senate. The council actually received a small decrease from past budgets.

The Westmoreland Tenants Council asked for twice their current budget, seeking funds for playground improvements. Instead, the council's budget was cut by more than 4 percent, with committee members suggesting the council make a special request for funds to the Student Senate.

Rutgers University president apologizes for racist remarks

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — A university president apologized Wednesday for "the damage and the pain" he caused by implying blacks lack the genetic background to score well on standardized tests.

President Francis L. Lawrence of Rutgers University said he had misspoken and that such views were wrong. He refused to resign despite demands from some 500 student protesters who marched across campus Wednesday.

School officials said they don't plan to discipline Lawrence.

"To the depths of my soul, in no way have I ever thought these things, believed these things," Lawrence said.

He also issued a statement to be given to all students and said he would meet with students over the next few days.

Demonstrators chanting "Lawrence must go!" marched through the center of the main campus Wednesday, held a brief sit-in, then advanced to the building that houses the president's office. Speakers used a megaphone.

"We as students demand to be respected as human beings. Your words have revealed a subconsciously racist ideology," said Otis Rolley, 20, a junior and one of the march leaders.

Lawrence, who became president in 1990, was not in the building at the time.

Speaking in November to faculty members, Lawrence described his views on the use of such

exams as the Scholastic Assessment Tests to judge student performance.

"The average SAT for African-Americans is 750," he said. "Do we set standards in the future so that we don't admit anybody with the national test? Or do we deal with a disadvantaged population that doesn't have that genetic hereditary background to have a higher average?"

A recording of the speech was distributed by the faculty union; the remarks were reported Tuesday in *The Star-Ledger* of Newark.

In addition to student governments and the student newspaper, the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has demanded Lawrence's resignation.

Lawrence said he could not "explain a remark that said precisely the opposite of my deeply held beliefs."

"I want to issue a public apology for the damage and the pain that I know that my widely published remarks have caused," his statement said.

"The idea that intelligence levels differ based on ethnicity and that minorities are genetically inferior are monstrously perverse," he said.

Some students didn't believe he simply misspoke.

"A slip-up? You slip and fall. You don't slip and call somebody genetically inferior," Celestine Chukumba, 22, told the campus rally.

About 31 percent of the state university's 40,000 students are minorities.

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