

# KWVA receives increase in funds

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The General Manager of 88.1 KWVA will see a \$3,600 increase in their salary next year.

This 200 percent increase in pay was just one addition to the campus radio station's budget, which went before the ASUO Programs Finance Committee meeting Tuesday night.

KWVA, which requested a 26 percent increase in its total budget, was allocated a 6.8 percent increase in funding, raising its 1995-96 budget to a total of \$51,793.

Even though this figure fell nearly \$9,000 short of the station's original request, KWVA General Manager Jay Pierson said that he was satisfied with the finance committee's final decision.

"I know the station will survive," he said. "But it won't necessarily grow the way I want to see it grow."

Pierson said what was most important to him was the station's \$13,394 request for funding of one time only purchases of equipment which will allow the studio to comply with Federal Communication Commission standards. The finance committee,

although not meeting KWVA's request, increased its equipment budget by \$3,787, to \$11,500 for the 1994-95 year.

"The stipend raise still does not reflect what ultimately will be required to fund a general manager for the station," said Pierson, who explained that at most other schools the position is held by a professional, such as a non-teaching faculty member.

KWVA depends on student incidental fees for nearly 80 percent of its total budget, Pierson said. He said the other 20 percent comes from grants, fund raising efforts and the sale of advertisements.

Pierson said that he is working on a plan to eliminate student funding of the radio station within five years.

KWVA was not the only group at Tuesday night's finance committee meeting to receive a large budget increase. The ASUO Child Care Subsidy was allocated an additional \$10,525 for the next fiscal year to put toward subsidizing a percentage of higher education for low income parents.

This increase came at the expense of zero-funding the now inactive Family Center, which

may be reorganized next year and require some of the subsidy funds to start up services again.

Audrey Bonades, acting chairwoman of the Child Care Task Force, said that the increase in subsidy funding would allow the program to provide aid for at least five more parents currently on the waiting list. She said that this year the program served 210 families, out of the 647 that could apply for the kind of aid the program provides.

"Right now student parents are being priced out of higher education," she said.

The Child Care Subsidy program saw a 5 percent increase in its total budget, which will be \$225,301 for the 95-96 year. The program now receives one of the highest student fee allocations, second only to the ASUO Executive.

But the Chinese Student Association, an organization for Taiwanese students, was not as fortunate. It received an 8.5 percent decrease in funding. Their total budget for the 1995-96 year was set at \$4,854.

The Survival Center received a .99 increase, making its budget allocation \$13,862 for next year.

# Budget increases passed for two University groups

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The EMU Budget Committee unanimously passed budget increases for the Child Care Development Center and the Outdoor Program during its meeting Monday night.

The center's budget request was for \$711,197, a 4 percent increase from last year's budget. The additional 4 percent increase of \$27,577 remains almost \$5,000 under the mandated increase, a fact ASUO Senator Zack Kelton was quick to point out.

"I don't see how we can argue with their request for \$27,577 since it is less than the mandated increase of \$32,345," Kelton said.

Both Kelton and EMU Chair Stephanie Dixon spoke about the center's dire need for the additional funding.

"I took the hour and a half tour of the centers, and they could all use the renovation," Dixon said.

The Child Care Development Center runs seven programs for children between the ages of 12 months and 6 years old. Their major reason for requesting the higher budget is to enable the Westmoreland Center to remain open during the eight-week summer session. Other increases in the budget include mandated payroll increases and a new postal expense for mailing monthly bills to parents.

The University's Outdoor Program has not had an increase in professional staff levels since the mid 1970s. During that time the Outdoor Program itself has grown eight times larger and their inventory has expanded 20 times.

Their budget proposal requested the addition of one new staff member, which translates into \$16,732. The Outdoor Program will offset \$3,500 of this expense by increasing revenue, leaving their total request at \$13,332.

## BRIEFS

The Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society received a \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to support research of multiple sclerosis.

"We are grateful to the Oregon Community Foundation for recognizing that MS is a disease that needs to be stopped," said Cheryl Shepard, director of development for the Oregon chapter. "The Oregon chapter does not receive any funding from United Way or other organizations, so support from research and all of our services must come from other sources such as the Oregon Community Foundation," she said.

The Oregon Chapter provides services to more than 3,500 individuals in the state

of Oregon and Clark County, Wash.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks a person's nervous system.

More than 30 sidewalk access ramps in downtown Eugene will be upgraded this spring to comply with new federal standards.

Work will begin Feb. 13 and will take about three months. The project areas include the intersections on Olive, Willamette, Oak and Pearl Streets between 7th and 10th Avenues. No significant traffic obstructions or delays are expected during construction.

The \$47,000 project is being funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

# Project supports rural communities

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Grassroots organizer Marcy Westerling suggested ways for communities to organize against right-wing extremism in a lecture Tuesday.

Westerling founded the Rural Organizing Project as a response to the Oregon Citizens Alliance-backed Ballot Measure 9 in 1992. The organization focuses on creating awareness of human rights issues such as discrimination and bigotry.

"We're building a base for communities," Westerling said. "There's no shortage of work to be done."

According to Westerling, the Rural Organizing Project aims to give communities experiencing discrimination or bigotry support.

"We support people and help them make sense of chaos," she

said. "We try to understand where our opposition makes sense so that we can be effective."

Legislation such as Ballot Measures 9 and 13 and other electoral issues were the motivation for Rural Organizing Project campaigns, but do not limit its work.

"We have moved away from the electoral [issues] and toward education in rural communities," Westerling said. "We're dealing with communities that haven't been politically aware."

"We are continuing to monitor what's going on in small communities politically," she said. "We found out that many people didn't even know who sat on their school board or who their city commissioners were."

The lecture, held at the First Congregational Church in Eugene, was the first in the "Contract On America: What's Wrong with the Right" series

presented by the University Research Interest Group on the Right. The series is designed to connect community researchers with University researchers, both faculty and students.

University alumni John Lunsford said Westerling's work in the Rural Organizing Project is important.

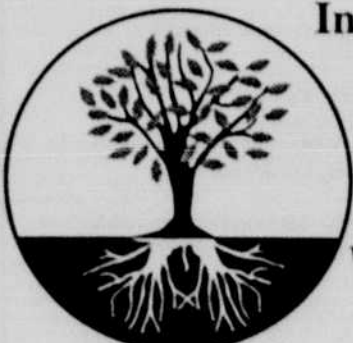
"[Westerling] shows how the democratic process is being threatened and how dangerous it is. People are choosing the gun box over the ballot box," he said.

University graduate student Diane Dunn said studying rural areas is important to better understanding the issues.

"If we understand the culture of rural areas better, then activists in urban areas will be able to work more effectively instead of feeding into the divisive tactics of the Right," she said.

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