

Funds: Kelton takes back ballot proposal

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discourse on this University that if they were not here, might not be here," she said.

PFC chairwoman Susan Anderson said debate about the content of the *Commentator* would not be permitted because this is not a valid reason for zero-funding student groups. After establishing this rule for the meeting, the debate shifted to the *Commentator's* request for a 28.3 percent increase.

The publication requested this increase partly because of rising printing costs. Like other student publications that are printed at the *Springfield News*, the *Commentator* faces several six percent printing increases over this and next year.

PFC members asked the *Commentator* to switch to different paper, in order to defray some of these costs.

Commentator editor Farrah Bostic said this could potentially make some of Lyons' claims about the publication's quality true.

"It's going to mean I can't print graphics; I can't do color," she said. "Nobody's going to pick up something that's printed on a napkin."

After more than an hour of debate on the subject of printing, the PFC funded the *Commentator* at \$11,837, an 8.4 percent

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

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	% CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
ASUO Constitution Court	\$1,153	-12.1
<i>Commentator</i>	\$11,387	+8.4
UO Crisis Center	\$17,034	+7.6
Women's Law Forum	\$3,971	+10.8

Money given this week: **\$34,417**
Money given to date: **1,172,637**

increase.

Bostic said she was happy with the increase, but will still have to scramble to produce 15 issues next year.

"I'm glad I got an increase," she said. "I'm glad we're still funded."

ASUO president Jennifer Williamson also attended the hearing. She said she thought the hearing was fair and the funding issue was handled appropriately.

Not present at the hearing was ASUO vice president Zachary Kelton. On Feb. 7, Kelton wrote a letter to the *Oregon Daily Emerald* stating that he would veto a PFC-approved budget and bring up the group's funding as a spring ballot issue.

Kelton also submitted a letter to Monday's hearing. In this letter, he states a different opinion, saying that "I do not, in a personal or professional capacity, want to see the *Commentator* budget placed on the ballot. To do so would be an admission of failure in our process, a process which I hold in the highest regard." Kelton also stated he would be comfortable with whatever the PFC decided.

The PFC also heard four other budget requests at the meeting. The University Crisis Center, Associated Students of Historic Preservation and the Women's Law Forum all received budget increases. The ASUO Constitution Court requested and received a decrease.

Election: ASUO has not endorsed a candidate

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However, he said the primary elections would probably not be a major event at the University. Many students are Democrats and the Democratic primary is basically already decided, he said.

Scotten also said mail-in balloting may be more difficult for students. Most students move fairly often and many forget to re-register at their new addresses.

The ASUO will not endorse any presidential candidate for the primaries because there are simply too many people to sort through. However, it will probably endorse a candidate for the November final election, ASUO President Jennifer Williamson said.

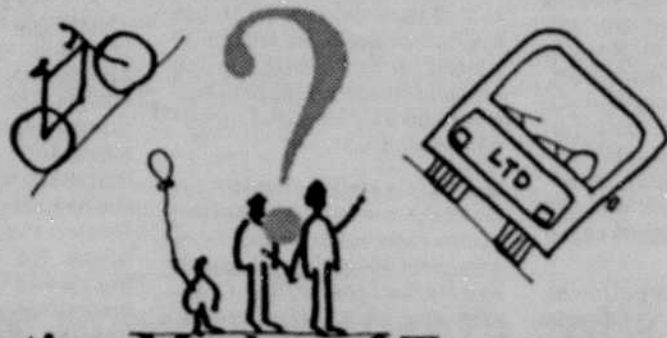
"At that point [the primaries], there's just way too many people floating around out there," she said.

The ASUO is also hesitant to endorse a political candidate because that necessarily alienates any other candidate. This is more of a problem on the state level, as evidenced by the recent Senate elections, she said.

"At the presidential level it's much more removed," she said. "But we'll try to stay away from endorsing for now."

Spring term will also be more politically active than usual. Apart from the primary, the University will see Congressional and State Representative elections, an OSPIRG voter drive and a student primary, Scotten said. Because of this, it is important for students to register and vote on "everything coming down the chute," he said.

If students are registered at their current addresses but don't receive ballots, they should call Lane County Elections at 687-4234.



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