

# Last night for PFC; six budgets approved

**FUNDS:** Law group receives one of the largest increases this year

By Kristin Bailey  
Student Activities Reporter

The ASUO Programs Finance Committee met for the final time this term Thursday night in the EMU Board Room.

The Oregon Law Students' Public Interest Fund (OLSPIF) received what may have been one of the biggest budget increases for 1996-97. The group, which supports students and public interest law, received \$1,590, a 140 percent increase. Some line items that received increases in funding included printing and duplication, postage and office supplies.

The PFC also approved the budget of the Returning Students Association (RSA), a group that helps non-traditional students.

"We try to keep non-traditional students from feeling alienated," RSA Chairwoman Valerie Stilwell said.

The group received \$7,991, an increase of 26.6 percent. Much of the increase will go toward a paid position for the group's chairperson and toward future group undertakings, including a twice-yearly newsletter.

## 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
Returning Students Assoc.	\$7,991	+26.6%
Forensics	\$14,850	+6.2%
Pre-Law Society	\$220	+1.3%
Oregon Marching Band	\$94,241	+17.9%
Minority Law Students Assoc.	\$1,775	+4.0%
OLSPIF	\$1,590	+140.0%
Money given this week:	\$212,773	
Money given to date:	\$1,804,129	

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"We're trying to set long-term projects," Stilwell said. "We're trying to keep people connected even after the University."

The PFC also approved a 1996-97 budget for the Oregon Marching Band for \$94,241, a 17.9 percent increase.

The Pre-Law Society will have a budget of \$220 next year, a 1.3 percent increase. The group originally requested a 156 percent budget hike, however, committee members said they could not justify such a boost.

"They don't fund raise and I think maybe we can cut corners,"

PFC member Sean Martin said. "I feel uncomfortable giving them an increase at all."

The Forensics group had its budget approved for \$14,850, a 6.2 percent increase.

The PFC also approved the Minority Law Students' Association's budget as requested for \$1,775, an increase of 4 percent.

In other business, the PFC agreed to grant a new co-director line item to Students for Choice, thus allowing the group to fully fund both co-directors. The modified budget is \$1,810, a 58 percent increase over this year's budget.

# Commissioner Rust to run for Senate seat

**CAMPAIGN:** Candidate said he will fight for education and natural resource issues

By Melissa Lebahn  
Community Reporter

A candidate for the United States Senate said he wants to do something for Oregon and for the United States.

Lane County Commissioner Jerry Rust officially announced Thursday afternoon in City Council Chambers that he is running for Senator Mark Hatfield's seat.

Rust's campaign consists of fighting for education, natural resource issues and prevention strategies for troubled youth.

Today, the younger generation is paying for the older generation's social security benefits, but by the time the younger group will need social security there probably won't be benefits to give them, he said.

"The least we should do in this society is guarantee a loan to every student who wants to go to college in the United States," Rust said.



Besides protecting our nation's educational system, the federal government has another role — protecting our nation's waters, Rust said.

As an example he described the Willamette River's water quality. The area near Waldo Lake and Northfork is the cleanest body of water along the river because the United Nations has used it as a clean-water testing site, but as the water travels to Portland it becomes dirty and polluted, he said.

Rust said he wants to reauthorize the Clean Water Act and ban logging in watershed areas.

Although using natural resources is an important issue, so are families, he said.

He said the 250 billion dollars that Republicans' want to give in tax breaks to America's wealthy be invested instead in prevention strategies for America's youth.

"We can't win the war on drugs and alcohol with jails," Rust said. "Let's do something about this problem that is killing the American society."

As Lane County Commissioner for the past 20 years, Jerry Rust said he has been working as hard as he can and plans to work just as hard in the Senate.

"I want to win strictly on merits of my ideas and what I stand for," Rust said.

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